

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Monday, February 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm, the following attended:

James Toth-Chairman	Edward Wagner, Manager
James Vlahos-Treasurer	Chad Camburn, Engineer
Mark Loshnowsky-Secretary	Stephen Kalis, Solicitor
Sean Pence-Member	Kathy Kurtas
	Tim Watson, Sewer Operator

Mr. Robbins was absent.

Mr. Toth announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes and Mr. Toth seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Woodland Drive Phase 1 Sewer Main Replacement Project—Mr. Wagner stated that in the packet is payment request #3 for Woodland Drive which is \$134,273.03 leaving a balance of \$47,275.00. It is important to know that Mr. Meyer of Bursich is working on some credits. One of the credits is for hooking up the incorrect lateral at 618 Woodland Drive as well as work Sewer Specialties completed on televising the lines. There is a meeting scheduled for this Thursday pending snow at 1:00 PM to go over the final punch list items. Mr. Wagner asked if Mr. Meyers had anything to add, his response was just the issue of some traffic control since we closed the road for them.

Update on the Gryphon Dryer—Mr. Kalis said to the members of the Board that we are trying to schedule a meeting on the Gryphon Dryer with the representatives of the Pottstown Borough Authority. There were some dates proposed in fact for last week but there was not the ability to get together do to conflicts in schedules. At this point, we are still waiting to hear back from the Borough with some newly proposed dates. He said hopefully we will have an update for the Board at the March meeting.

Update on Sanatoga Lake Pump Stations Improvements—Mr. Wagner reported that in the packet is a construction schedule for the upgrades performed by H & K. They are supposed to start work this week pending the weather. There was a pre-construction meeting that Mr. Meyers and Mr. Watson attended last week at the job trailer at Sanatoga Green. Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Watson to explain what the plans are for the next few weeks. Mr. Watson stated that the plan for this week was to dig up the force main and install the bypass tap for the bypass pump and hook it up this week. The last he was told that they would work Tuesday and Wednesday and proceed pending weather by Thursday through the end of the week.

Update on the Hydraulic Capacity Evaluation at the WWTP-- Mr. Wagner reviewed the draft Hydraulic Evaluation. He said that there were 4 different options ranging from \$378,000.00 to \$110,000.00. They were going to do an alternative 5 option which would be an addendum to that which could be more cost efficient, but he has not heard from them yet. The goal is that we are only allowed to pump 11,800 GPM at Porter Road right now and we would ask for an additional 2,500 GPM which would bring us up to 14,300 GPM. Hopefully, this month I should get the alternate # 5 option at the monthly PBA meeting.

Discussion on Borough Authority February 11, 2021 Meeting—Mr. Wagner said he just received the additional costs of the Gryphon Dryer, and from October 2019 to October 2020 there is a total of \$584,000.00 because they were not producing the Class A sludge as per the contract. He said with our represent of 26.28% that equates to approximately \$153,000.00. In your packet are the Borough minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting where the Borough has pulled the Gryphon Dryer from the agenda and a brief discussion ensued.

Developers Discussion & Update--CAP/CMP Report # 37 and Engineering Report: Mr. Meyers read his CAP/CMP and Engineering Report for the month January 2021 updating the Authority Board on the sewer projects in the Township. He highlighted the following:

CAP / CMP

- Prepared monthly CAP/CMP report
- Reviewed SSS Payment Application 48 and prepared recommendation.
- 7 Sewer Inspections were completed in January 2021. All Passed
- Currently there are 112 IDU's available to allocate.

Capital Projects

- **Woodland Drive Sewer Replacement-Phase 1**
Discussed under old business
- **Woodland Drive Sewer Replacement-Phase 2**
The project includes replacing approximately 835 LF of sewer main, sewer laterals and manholes. The estimated construction was \$366,700.
- On January 28, 2021 ten (10) bids were received via Penn Bid. The apparent lowest bidder was Eagle Contracting Inc. with a bid of \$265,825.94. The second lowest bidder was Joao & Bradley Construction with a bid of \$304,980.00. The bid documents are currently being reviewed by their office and the Authority Solicitor.

Developments

- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 1)**-Lot plans for 56 of 59 houses have been approved.
- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 2)**-Lot plans for 35 of the 42 houses have been approved.
- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 3)**-Lot plans for 29 of 77 houses have been approved.
- **Sanatoga Green**—Phase 1 (147 Townhouse Units) received conditional final approval on 12/3/18. Revised Phase 1 (131 Townhouse Units) received conditional final approval on 7/6/20. Onsite sanitary sewer installation is ongoing and moving along rapidly.

- **Pump Stations**

A pre-construction meeting for the Sanatoga Lake Pump Station Upgrades was held on February 3, 2021. Mr. Meyers said that they are currently working to find the location for the metering pit which will need to be located between the tie-in for Sanatoga Green and the pump station itself. He said there has been a discussion on concerns on some hand towels that were found in the sewer system. He said that Mr. Wagner will address this with the management of Genesis. A discussion ensued about this issue and it was determined that Mr. Watson and Mr. Meyers would work on getting a price of a bar screen that could be installed and report back at the next meeting.

Proposed Connections

- **4060 Prospect Hill Lane**---The owners is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling. The house will connect to an existing public sewer manhole near the cul-de-sac of Prospect Hill Lane through a grinder pump and low- pressure force main. A pre-construction meeting was held on January 27, 2021.
- **1485 Sunnybrook Road**—The owner is proposing to build a single-family dwelling at 1495 Sunnybrook Rd. utilizing a shared access from the exiting driveway at 1485 Sunnybrook Rd. The house will connect to the public sewer manhole in Kepler Rd. via a gravity lateral. A pre-construction meeting was held on January 27, 2021.
- **1400 Beaumont Lane Grading & Stormwater Permit**--The owner is proposing to construct a single-family dwelling at 1400 Beaumont Lane, which is a private street. The house will connect to an existing public sewer manhole in the cul-de-sac of St. Andrews Drive. Under the CMP, one EDU will need to be allocated for the connection. Our grading review letter was issued on February 2, 2021.

Mr. Wagner reported he just received an update on 1485 Sunnybrook. The cost of connecting to the sewer line may be too high and they may want to go with an on lot septic system. He said he must see how far from the sewer main and if less than 150 feet they may have to hook into the sewer line.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review Bids on the Woodland Drive Phase II Sewer Main Replacement—Mr. Wagner went over the bids for the work to be completed for Phase II Woodland Drive Sewer Replacement. Mr. Kalis explained that since the lowest bid (\$265,825.94) from Eagle Contracting, Inc. of Chester Springs, PA had incomplete items in their bid documents and contained errors the LPTA can award the second lowest bidder (\$304,980.00) Joao Bradley Construction of Bethlehem, PA the contract. Gus Meyer will send out a bid rejection letter to Eagle Contracting, Inc. outlining the items that were incomplete in their bid submittals documents. Mr. Pence made a motion to approve Joao Bradley Construction as the contractor for the Woodland Drive Phase II project, and Mr. Toth seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

Motion to allocate 1 EDU to 1400 Beaumont Lane to Build Single Family home—Mr. Pence motioned to allocate 1 EDU to 1400 Beaumont Lane, and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Vlahos read the Treasurers Report dated February 8, 2021:

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$3,977,029.30
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$ 583,947.30

Mr. Loshnowsky made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Pence seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Mr. Kalis read the bills for Payment as presented:

CAPITAL BILLS

SEWER CAPITAL VICTORY

BURSICH ASSOCIATES-I&I Contract	\$ 4,242.00
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Misc. Capital	\$ 3,547.50
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Woodland Dr. #1	\$ 199.50
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Woodland Dr. #2	\$ 3,541.00
A J JURICH, INC. Woodland Dr. Payment #3	\$ 134,273.03
MONTCO FENCE-Porter Rd. Shed	\$ 5,415.00
SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES-Payment #48	\$ 64,413.00
SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES-Woodland Dr.	\$ 4,785.50

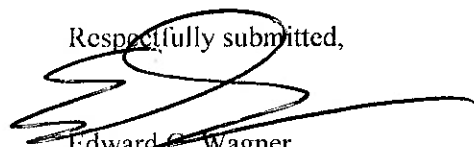
OPERATING ACCT PAYMENTS

BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,501.50
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP	\$ 2,364.83

Mr. Vlahos made a motion to pay the bills as read and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion, and all unanimously approve the bills for payment by a 4-0 vote.

With there being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm, the next scheduled meeting is on March 8, 2021 via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward C. Wagner
Authority Manager