

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY APRIL 9, 2018

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018 the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The following attended:

James Toth, Chairman	Edward Wagner, Manager
Cody Robbins, Vice Chairman	Stephen Kalis, Solicitor
Mark Loshnowsky, Secretary	Chad Camburn, Engineer
Jim Vlahos, Treasurer	Kathy Kurtas
Dave Richards	Bruce Foltz, Commissioner

Mr. Toth announced that the meeting was being recorded.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. Vlahos questioned the minutes from the previous meeting in March in regards to the Porter Road Pump Station. A discussion arose on this matter and Mr. Wagner agreed to re-review the minutes again to further clarify the incident at the Porter Road Pump Station. Mr. Toth said that the minutes be tabled until the next meeting for approval.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: Mr. Drauschak and Mr. Callahan of Sanatoga Green attended as a visitor to discuss proposed upgrades to the Sanatoga Lake Pump Station. Mr. Drauschak referred to the agreement in place to upgrade the pump station that was approved by the PADEP. He said there was an active DEP permit from 2010 obtained by the township which since has expired this month. The township will need to apply for a new permit in order to allow us to continue the process knowing that the application had been filed. Mr. Drauschak said that Bursich is prepared to file the application and it was discussed to increase the impellor size on the pumps to create more capacity flow for the pump station. Mr. Camburn said only if DEP is amenable to that. Mr. Callahan asked how long to get their approval and Mr. Camburn responded that DEP could not give him a time frame and it could be at least 3 to 4 months because of their work load and their backlog. He said Mr. Wagner attempted to extend the permit but DEP would not allow this due to the length of time from the original permit. They want to make sure all permits are up to current standards.

Mr. Drauschak suggested that in order to keep things moving he offered to pay the permit fee not to exceed \$5,500.00 and then credit them back to him. After a discussion amongst the members it was decided that the Authority will pay for the permit which is the normal procedure. Mr. Drauschak asked is there anything else and Mr. Camburn replied to keep moving on with the Planning Module. Mr. Drauschak responded that they are resubmitting final land development on April 20, 2018 which will be in time for the planning commission meeting in May. Mr. Drauschak and Mr. Callahan expressed there thanks and the board also thanked them for coming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Porter Road Pump Station Incident—Mr. Wagner reported that in the Authority packets were copies of all the quotes and invoices from the suppliers in regards to the related costs for the repairs of the diesel pumps that failed. All the information needed was outlined and proposals were sent to our insurance company Travelers Boiler. Mr. Gest who is handling our claim suggested submitting a request for half of the lost up front. Our insurance deductible is only \$1,000.00. He will keep the Authority posted as things unfold. We have 60hp rebuilt pump that is in place now and the other 60hp is to go in this week to be repaired. Lewis Environmental came out the week of March 26th and sanitized the area for better working conditions.

The Water Quality Permit Extension— Mr. Vlahos motioned to authorize Bursich Associates to start the DEP Water Quality permit process and in essence the Authority will pay the costs of the permit not to exceed \$5,500.00 and keep Sanatoga Green informed and expedite the process. Mr. Robbins seconded the motion and all unanimously agreed 5-0 vote.

Update on the PBA Agreement Presentation April 17th—Mr. Wagner referred to his email to Justin Keller at the Borough and said he is on board with both Mr. Kalis and Mr. Wagner attending the April 17th PBA meeting as a visitor to address some of the comments in regards to the agreement. Mr. Kalis said that this is just a quick presentation to introduce some of the changes and at a later date it will be discussed in depth when the other participating municipalities can attend as well.

Resolution 2018-114A PA Small Water & Sewer Grant—Mr. Wagner reviewed the PA Small Water & Sewer grant with the Authority members and said that originally the grant was for repairs at North Valley Road but in the process of applying for the CBDG we were looking at the Sunnyside Avenue area because that is considered a low mod area. He referred to the map showing these areas in great need of repair which were televised by Sewer Specialty Services who found various sags and breaks under the creek. Mr. Wagner offered the video showing the sags and breaks via drop box if any members were interested.

After meeting with Mr. Camburn on this matter we decided to contact the state and to ask if the N. Valley Grant could be changed to Sunnyside Avenue where the need is greater at this time. We received the approval from the state but we would need to pass a new resolution outlining the estimated amount of \$474,080.00. Mr. Camburn agreed that the need is greater because of all the leaks in the Sunnyside Avenue area sewer main. Grant monies could possibly be funded in July but we may not receive them till September or October.

Mr. Toth asked how serious the actual problem out there was and Mr. Camburn said he feels this is very serious because of the location and the amount of I & I found. Mr. Camburn explained that right now we are looking for two grants, the CDBG and the PA Small Water & Sewer. Mr. Vlahos said if we wait for September or October then our additional cost is to process at the Pottstown Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Discussions arose on whether to pay for repairs now for Sunnyside Avenue because the need is now or change the grant from N. Valley to Sunnyside Ave or just leave the grant in place for N. Valley Road. After discussion amongst the members it was decided that the N. Valley Road grant remain the same and Mr. Wagner get some estimates on the worst sections and report back to the board at a future meeting. Mr. Wagner will schedule a meeting with Mr. Watson and Sewer Specialty Services (SSS) to review the video and come up with an estimates cost estimate to repair a portion of the sewer main.

Developers Discussion & Update--CAP/CMP Report # 8 and Engineering Report:

Mr. Camburn reported some of the highlights of his CAP/CMP and Engineering report that is provided to the Authority:

1. **CAP / CMP**

- Reviewed Sewer Specialty Services work through the middle of March.
- 33,084 lf of mains were televised and inspected 23 laterals, roots were found in 8 laterals and alignment changes in 17 others.
- 18 Sewer Inspections were performed and all passed
- Logged SSS completed work and results of televising into database.
- No exterior property inspections were performed in March 2018
- Updated I/I work progress map and reviewed with the Authority

- Reviewed and processed monthly flow data.
- Reviewed storm events from past years where flows approached 11,800 gpm to respond to PBA concerns.
- Currently we have 197 EDU credits to be allocated

2. **I/I Contract**

A meeting was held on March 29 with the LPTA Manager, Operator, and our office to review work completed and plan future I/I work. We also reviewed SSS invoice #27 and prepared a recommendation for payment.

3. **Grants**

Per LPTA staff's direction, an application is being prepared for the replacement of sewer main in Sunnyside Avenue. The LPTA Operator worked with SSS to televise the main on April 5 and we prepared a cost estimate for the planned work. The application is due by April 16.

4. **Julie Road and Country Drive Sewer Repairs (CDBG)**

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5. **Developments**

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- Coordinated with the LPTA Solicitor regarding the Remediation Contribution Fee Area map.
- Reviewed PBA's draft Reconciliation fees, previous percentages, calculations for financial costs versus flow percentages, monthly anticipated costs.
- Coordinated with PBA Finance Director for additional information and supporting data.
- Discussions with LPTA staff regarding Sanatoga Lake PS failure.
- Discussions and visit to Porter Road PS regarding PS failure and dry well flooding.
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NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to authorize Authority Manager to execute documents associated with sale 2404 Brown St.--

Mr. Wagner stated that the settlement for 2404 Brown Street is this Friday at 11:00 am at the township office. They hired Parkland Abstract of Allentown to handle the settlement, we are waiting on the settlement sheets that Mr. Kalis will review as well.

Mr. Loshnowsky motioned to authorize Mr. Wagner to sign on behalf of the Authority both the settlement statement, deed and all related closing documents associated with the sale of 2404 Brown Street and Mr. Robbins seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote.

Resolution 2018-115 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)--Mr. Wagner explained that this is the grant to do some of the work needed for the Sunnyside Project area and needed a motion to approve this resolution. The Grant amount is \$145,255 with a 20% local match. Mr. Toth asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2018-115. Mr. Loshnowsky motioned to approve Resolution 2018-115 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Mr. Richards seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

I. TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Vlahos read the Treasurers Report dated April 9, 2018:

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$4,335,256.58
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$ 803,997.46

A motion was made by Mr. Loshnowsky and seconded by Mr. Richards and all unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 9, 2018.

II. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Kalis presented the following bills for payment:

CAPITAL BILLS

SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE PLGIT

BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$ 8,420.97
SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES	\$ 18,856.80

OPERATING ACCT PAYMENTS

BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$ 4,593.88
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP	\$ 1,027.37

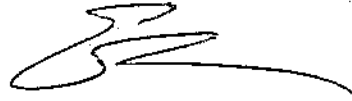
A motion to approve Bills for Payment was made by Mr. Richards and seconded by Mr. Loshnowsky and all unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Toth if he could reschedule or cancel the May 14, 2018 due to a conflict he had that evening. Mr. Toth said if something comes up we could reschedule and Mr. Wagner will keep them posted.

Mr. Loshnowsky asked if we updated our service area remediation map. Mr. Wagner responded yes and Chad has prepared a map update and we are working on the fee calculations. Mr. Kalis said that when that the map is completed we will put together a new resolution addressing the language that we discussed as part of that project.

There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm. The next meeting is Monday, May 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Wagner', written in a cursive style.

Edward C. Wagner
Manager