

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY JUNE 8, 2020

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Monday, June 8, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. The following attended:

James Toth-Chairman	Edward Wagner, Manager
Cody Robbins-Vice Chairman	Chad Camburn, Engineer
Mark Loshnowsky-Secretary	Stephen Kalis, Solicitor
James Vlahos-Treasurer	Kathy Kurtas
Sean Pence	

Mr. Toth announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the May 11, 2020 meeting minutes and Mr. Vlahos seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: No Visitors

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Sanatoga Green Development O & M Agreement—

Mr. Scott Drumbore from H & K Engineering spoke on behalf of the Sanatoga Green Project with regards to the O & M Agreement and is working to address the PADEP comment letter for the planning module. Mr. Drumbore said that we understand since the last meeting that Mr. Camburn has put together a memo with regards to the analyzes of maintenance and an escrow amount. Mr. Drumbore then turned the discussion over to Mr. Camburn, Mr. Wagner, and Solicitor Kalis to hear what LPTA had to offer to move forward with the project. Mr. Camburn who reviewed the layout of the project and gave a summary on where the gravity lines are and where the grinder pumps are required. He stated that currently the design is to have one grinder pump per building. He said it was discussed last Thursday with staff that another alternative would be one grinder pump per unit in order to simplify with respect if there was ever a problem we would know where it originated as opposed to the current design where there is only one pump per building. He stated that he reached out to Mr. Drumbore after discussing with staff and I believe we all agree that the best option would be the single grinder pump per unit. Mr. Camburn said he also reached out to PADEP by phone as well as email to get their concurrence as far as the ultimate responsibilities of these pumps if the developer were to choose to go with that route. He said he has not heard back from PADEP yet but that is where we stand as of right now.

A lengthy discussion ensued. It was determined that since the Authority needed more information from the PADEP and until they hear from them on this matter there can be no decision made tonight. The Authority did agree to have a special meeting to discuss the project with the Sanatoga Green Representatives when they get the results from the PADEP.

Mr. Wagner will schedule a time for the meeting via Zoom once he has a date that is agreeable to all involved.

Update on N. Valley Sewer Main Replacement Project—Mr. Wagner gave an update on the N. Valley Sewer Main Replacement project and the final step is to apply 2” blacktop along N. Valley Road and Valley Court. As you may recall the project was estimated at \$420,000.00 for Joao & Bradley and we budgeted \$500,000. I was able to get a price quote from Sacks & Sons for \$55,476.00 to do the complete overlay. Mr. Vlahos made the motion to approve Sacks & Sons to do the full overlay on N. Valley and Valley Court and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion. Mr. Robbins abstained from the vote. 4-0

Update on Woodland Drive Sewer Main Replacement Project—Mr. Wagner gave an update on the Woodland Drive Sewer Main Replacement Project. He said they had the preconstruction meeting with AJ Jurich on May 14, 2020 and it was determined the start date would be July 1, 2020. They have agreed to send out the letters to the homeowners to inform them of the exact construction date.

Discussion on HRG Peak Hydraulic Evaluation Amended Allocation Cost—Mr. Wagner reviewed the previous costs that the municipalities were willing to pay to have the HRG Peak Evaluation with the Authority members. He explained that in working with the Borough they increased their contribution to pay 42% which will be \$11,863.00 and if we keep with our same contribution of 26.28% our cost would be \$7,400.00 so for another \$4,400.00 this project will truly benefit us. Mr. Wagner would like to move forward with a motion to approve this project.

Mr. Robbins made a motion to approve the \$11,863.82 for the project and Mr. Vlahos seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by 5-0 vote.

Discussion on Borough Authority June 11, 2020 meeting—Mr. Wagner stated that we will be hosting the meeting to be held on June 11th at 8:00 am via Zoom if anyone would like to join the meeting. He said there was a great amount of discussion at the May 14th meeting regarding the headworks and bar screen project and reviewed the increase in costs by approximately \$90,000 because outside contractors were hired by the Borough. The cost may increase between \$100,000-\$150,000 which will be paid back in 2021. He said Mr. Kalis reviewed the agreement as he was asked but found no violation. Overall, the main discussion was the dryer and he referred to the spreadsheet supplied to the Authority and said since the dryer was not commissioned back in September, they have incurred a cost of approximately \$199,000. He asked the Borough Officials to go after dryer manufacturer and get our 26.28% back as a credit because of the additional sludge hauling that had to take place because the dryer was not commissioned as promised

Developers Discussion & Update--CAP/CMP Report # 30 and Engineering Report:

Mr. Camburn read his CAP/CMP and Engineering Report for the month of June 2020 updating the Authority Board on the sewer projects in the Township. He highlighted the following:

CAP / CMP

- Prepared monthly CAP/CMP report.
- SSS, Inc. televised approximately 1,735 lf of sewer main during May
- There were 10 sewer inspections completed in May 2020, All passed.
- Currently there are 97 EDU’s to allocate
- Payment 41 for SSS \$3,240.00 has been submitted for review once approved

the remaining contract cost will be \$339, 200.00.

- There was one significant rain event over 1” on May 23rd.

Capital Projects

- **North Valley Road Sewer Replacement-PA Small Water & Sewer**
Discussed under Old Business
- **Woodland Drive Sewer Replacement**
Discussed under Old Business

Developments

- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 1)**-Lot plans for 51 of 59 houses have been approved.
- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 2)**-Lot plans for 33 of the 42 houses have been approved.
- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 3)**-Lot plans for 8 of 77 houses have been approved.
- **Sanatoga Green**-(Phase 1) Townhouses received conditional Final Approval on 12/3/18. Revised Phase1 final plans and escrow estimate are currently under review. The Authority staff continues to coordinate with the developer to address the PAPADEP’ s O & M Agreement comments for discussion with the Board.

Proposed Connections

- **Rita’s Water Ice**- The owner is proposing to connect to the public sewer system located within an easement in the Pottsgrove School District property by installing a grinder pump and a low-pressure force main along School Lane. The Sewage Facilities Planning Module Resolution was passed by the BOC on May 4, 2020. The packages will be returned to the design engineer on May 6, 2020 for submission to the PAPADEP.
- **351 Kennedy Court & 1630 Orlando Road**—The owners are proposing to connect to the existing sewer main on Continental Drive through the lands owned by the Southview Development. The PAPADEP is requiring either separate force mains servicing the individual properties, or an Operation and Maintenance Agreement between the property owner and the LPTA. A draft agreement has been completed and was forwarded to the PAPADEP ‘s council for review.
- **2020 CDBG**-Authority staff has identified the replacement of 450 LF of sewer mains in the Sunnyside Avenue for a grant application. The estimated project cost is \$232,000 with a grant request of \$200,000. The application was submitted on April 23 for potential funding in 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to authorize to agreement Jacobs/Wright---Mr. Vlahos made a motion to authorize the execution of a Sewer Maintenance and Operation agreement for Jacobs/Wright and Mr. Robbins seconded the motion and all unanimously approved 5-0 vote.

Mr. Toth asked if there was any other new business. Mr. Wagner responded that we received the final reconciliation numbers from the Borough today and it looks like we will get a credit of (\$30,229.00) for the operation costs for 2019.

June 8, 2020
FINANCIAL REPORT

I. TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Vlahos read the Treasurer's report of June 8, 2020:

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$4,175,090.30
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$ 491,629.78

A motion was made by Mr. Pence to approve Treasurer's Report and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 5-0 vote.

II. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Wagner read the Bills for Payment:

CAPITAL BILLS
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE PLGIT

BSI-LIGHTING UPGRADES	\$ 16,840.00
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-I&I CONTRACT	\$ 1,791.75
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-N Valley Rd	\$ 2,211.50
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Woodland Dr	\$ 1,088.25
FOX ROTHSCHILD- Woodland Dr	\$ 1,026.00
JOAO & BRADLEY, CONST-KEPLER RD EMERG	\$ 16,561.38
TRENCHLESS LINE CO-KEPLER RD EMERG	\$ 5,665.00

OPERATING ACCT PAYMENTS	
BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$ 4,239.25
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP	\$ 513.00
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP ESCROWS	\$ 3,053.75

Mr. Vlahos made a motion to pay the bills and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion, and all unanimously approve the bills for payment by a 5-0 vote.

There being no further business Mr. Robbins motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm. The next scheduled meeting is July 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward C. Wagner
Authority Manager