

**LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY AUGUST 10, 2020**

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Monday, August 10, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The following attended:

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

Mr. Robbins-Absent

Mr. Toth announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES:** Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the June 8, 2020 and June 29, 2020 meeting minutes and Mr. Toth seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:** No Visitors

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on N. Valley Sewer Main Replacement Project**—Mr. Wagner gave an update on the project which is now complete, and we are now in position to close this project out. As you recall we received a PA Small Sewer & Water Grant in the amount of \$419,000. He said Mr. Camburn issued a letter on August 4<sup>th</sup> outlining the recommendation for the payment of \$490,431.28, this is an increase of approximately \$70,000. The cost increase was due to the field charges for the sewer installation, an inactive lateral at the corner of Buchert Road & N. Valley, encountering rock while digging and an unmarked water main. This increase also reflected blacktop cost for the project. Mr. Camburn, Mr. Watson, and Gus concurred with these changes.

Mr. Camburn recommended to approve the change order #1 on August 4, 2020 for \$70,731.28 which reconciles the final costs of the contract. Mr. Vlahos motioned to approve the Change Order #1 for \$70,731.28 and Mr. Toth seconded, and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Vlahos motioned to approve the final payment of \$490,431.28 to Joao & Bradley Construction Co. Inc. subject to the Solicitor and Engineers review of the contractor's final documents and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded and all unanimously approved by 4-0 vote.

**Update on Woodland Drive Sewer Main Replacement Project**—Mr. Wagner gave an update on the Woodland project which began on July 6<sup>th</sup>. They were experiencing a good amount of rock & concrete while installing the first new manhole at Woodland and N. Adams St. They projected one day for the manhole, but it took approximately 6 days. They are requesting a payment # 1 of \$72,062.10, the breakdown of these costs is outlined in Mr. Camburn's letter of August 6, 2020. The main items are 245lf of new 8" main and the installation of two new sewer

manholes are the bulk of what they are asking for tonight. Mr. Vlahos motioned to approve the payment of \$72,062.10 to A.J. Jurich, Inc. and Mr. Pence seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

**Update on Grinder Pump Installation 2397 Villa Drive**—Mr. Wagner reported that the grinder pump project has been completed at 2397 Villa Drive. Mr. Koloch submitted a paid invoice for the work completed and would like the reimbursement of \$10,000 as outlined in the agreement previously approved by the Authority. Mr. Pence made a motion to pay the \$10,000 agreed upon to Mr. Koloch and Mr. Vlahos seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by 4-0 vote.

**Discussion on Borough Authority July 16, 2020 meeting**—Mr. Wagner stated that the LPTA hosted the meeting via Zoom. He said the dryer status is still unknown, but the Borough is hoping to have it commissioned by the end of the summer. The major issue is the percentage of drying which in turn is raising the price of the sludge since the dryer is not up to 90%. When the drying percentages increase then the belt breakdown. We have stated numerous times that we should receive a bulk credit which is now up too to \$350,000 in added sludge costs. A discussion ensued amongst the Board members. It was determined that Mr. Wagner will find out more at the next meeting on what steps the Borough was planning to take and report back at the September meeting.

Mr. Wagner reported on the WWTP % Year Capital Improvement plan stating that according to Brent Wagner the operator for the Borough he does not foresee any large expenses within the next 5 years. Mr. Wagner said that overall, the Capital Improvement was light. Mr. Camburn brought up the Clarifier stated that they are proposing one in 2022.

**Developers Discussion & Update--CAP/CMP Report # 31 and Engineering Report:**

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

**CAP / CMP**

- Prepared monthly CAP/CMP report.
- Reviewed flow meter data
- Continued analysis of flows for I/I reduction evaluation and program performance for future flow-credit request to PaDEP
- In June SSS televised 1,741 LF of sewer main in the Sunnyslope & Southview Dr. areas and in July televised 1,287 LF of sewer main, installed 21 cured in place pipe repairs
- Developed smoke testing map for LPTA staff
- Reviewed SSS data, reports, and videos
- Reviewed SSS Payment Applications 41 for \$3240.00 and 42 for \$9,225.45 are recommended for approval and payment.
- A total of 20 sewer inspections were performed in June 2020. All passed.
- A total of 23 sewer inspections were performed in July 2020. All passed.
- There are currently 113 EDUs available
- There were two significant rain events, one wet weather SSO observed on 7/11/20 near Kepler Road and intersection of Sunnybrook Road which was caused by heavy precipitation as well as a blockage of rags/wipes in the sewer main.
- Continue to work on the January through June semi-annual CAP report

## **Capital Projects**

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

Penn Dot is in the design phase of replacing the S.R. 422 bridge over Sanatoga Road. As part of the replacement the piers will be relocated, which will require the Sanatoga Interceptor to be relocated as well. We have reviewed the engineer's plans and issued comments for revisions.

## **Developments**

- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 1)**-Lot plans for 54 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 12 of 77 houses have been approved.
- **Sanatoga Green-(Phase 1)** Townhouses received conditional Final Approval on 12/3/18. Revised Phase1(131 Townhouse Units) received conditional Final Approval on July 6, 2020. On June 30, the PaDep confirmed it is satisfied with the O & M agreement. The BOC approved the Sewage Facilities Planning Module application on July 6 and was submitted to PaDep. The PaDEP has not yet issued an approval. A sewer review letter for the revised Phase 1 final plans was issued on August 4, 2020.
- **Sanatoga Green-Phases 2 & 3**—Revised Phases 2 (MOBs) and 3 (Apartments) received conditional Preliminary/Approval on 10/7/19. Plan and sewer reviews of Phases 2 and 3 plans and reports were issued on February 18, 2020. We are currently awaiting revised documents.

**Pump Stations-** Discussed under New Business

## **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. A review of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module was received on Jun 23, 2020. The applicants engineer is working on the required changes for submission.
- **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 Sewer Operation and Maintenance Agreement was recorded on July 20, 2020. The property owners are working on securing the necessary permits to install the sewer system.

## **Grants**

- **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. The project was not on the County's July list for proposed grant funding.

**August 10, 2020  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**I. TREASURERS REPORT:**

Mr. Vlahos read the Treasurer's report of August 10, 2020:

<b>SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$4,687,865.24</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>

A motion was made by Mr. Pence to approve the Sewer Revenue account only and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded, and all unanimously approved 4-0.

**II. BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Kalis read the Bills for Payment as Presented:

**CAPITAL BILLS  
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE PLGIT**

<b>215 SECURE-Alarm System</b>	<b>\$ 1,496.50</b>
<b>BURSICH ASSOCIATES-I&amp;I CONTRACT</b>	<b>\$ 11,165.50</b>
<b>BURSICH ASSOCIATES-N Valley Rd</b>	<b>\$ 2,062.25</b>
<b>BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Woodland Dr</b>	<b>\$ 3,524.25</b>
<b>BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Misc. Capital</b>	<b>\$ 1,845.88</b>
<b>JOAO &amp; BRADLEY, CONST-N Valley</b>	<b>\$ 490,431.28</b>
<b>GEORGE &amp; MARYANN KOLOCH-2397 Villa Dr</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN-Headworks/Bar Screens</b>	<b>\$ 55,263.00</b>
<b>SACKS &amp; SONS-VALLEY</b>	<b>\$ 27,271.00</b>
<b>SEWER SPECIALTY-Payment #41</b>	<b>\$ 3,240.00</b>
<b>SEWER SPECIALTY-Payment #42</b>	<b>\$ 9,225.45</b>
<b>TRENCHLESS LINE CO-SUNNYBROOK&amp;KEPLER</b>	<b>\$ 965.00</b>

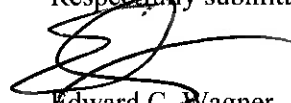
**OPERATING ACCT PAYMENTS**

<b>BURSICH ASSOCIATES</b>	<b>\$ 549.87</b>
<b>FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP</b>	<b>\$ 1,615.00</b>

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

There being no further business. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm. The next scheduled meeting is September 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Edward C. Wagner  
Authority Manager