

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY March 8, 2010

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The following attended:

Robert Lindgren, Chairman
James Toth, Vice Chairman
David Richards, Treasurer

Rodney Hawthorne, Manager
Stephen Kalis, Solicitor
William Dingman, Engineer

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. James Toth motioned to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010 and Mr. David Richards seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Developers Discussion & Update (CAP) and (CMP)**---Mr. Dingman handed out the CAP/CMP report #34 and reviewed the Ringing Rocks School flows and calculations with the Board. The School is looking to increase their flows to 1200 GPD. Mr. Dingman also reported that all items are complete on our consent order list for DEP. Mr. Hawthorne reported on the revised letter in the packet concerning our inspection of homes for our lateral program. Mr. Hawthorne asked if the letter was acceptable so that he could start the process of sending letters out and setting up inspections. Mr. Lindgren wanted Mr. Hawthorne to send a copy out to Mr. McGeehan and Mr. Loshnowsky first for their approval. All were happy with the letter. We will wait to hear from Mr. McGeehan and Mr. Loshnowsky on this matter.
2. **DEP Consent Order & Agreement-Cap Report** –See Old Business # 1
3. **537 Plan Update**---Mr. Dingman reported on the 537 Plan for both pump stations and the new force main. DEP has advised Mr. Dingman that we at LPTA will need approval by the Borough Council for the new force main to the Borough treatment plant. Mr. Dingman, Mr. Hawthorne and Solicitor H. Kalis will be attending a meeting on March 9th at the Borough to discuss this issue. DEP also brought up concerns about some of our areas like Pruss Hill Road area and Park Road area in the township that do not have sewer service. They would like to see sewer available there at some future date. Mr. Dingman felt DEP will want a firm answer on our intentions on what our plans are in the future for those areas.
4. **Capital Projects Borough of Pottstown Treatment Plant**—Mr. Hawthorne received an answer from the Borough on the capital projects list submitted to him last month. The information was in the Boards packets for their review. If any

questions call Mr. Hawthorne or we can discuss next month. Mr. Lindgren asked about Mr. McGeehan's question concerning a post audit. Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Dingman and Solicitor H. Kalis will be attending a meeting at the Borough and have this question answered.

5. **Pilot Program with the Borough of Pottstown---** Township staff will be meeting with the Borough Authority staff to discuss the Pilot Program and work out details. We will report back to the Board. This type of program will greatly cut down the number of delinquent property owners who have not paid their sewer bills.
6. **Revised Letter for Exterior Property Inspection----**See Old Business #1
7. **The Geissler Group Requests (1) Additional Edu----**Mrs. Heather Geissler was in to discuss her new business and her capacity use for the new beauty salon which she wants to open. Mrs. Geissler presented a sealed engineering report with explanation of water uses along with a cut sheet for a new water saver toilet of 1.28 gallons per flush. The Authority staff and board feel the existing building has adequate capacity for DEP planning purposes and complies with the township regulations in regard to billing. Motion to approve the additional Edu was made by Mr. Toth and seconded by Mr. Richards. All approved.
8. **Emmaus General Authority---**Solicitor H. Kalis has issued a response letter to the staff and Board concerning the use of the \$351,500 set up in a reserve fund by the township. The Township wanted to know if they could remove this money from the reserve account and put it into the operating account for the Authority to use at our discretion. Solicitor H. Kalis has been in touch with Gordon Walker and Tim Frey (Bond Council) and they advised us that the \$351,500 cannot be moved until the loan is paid in full.
9. **Falls at Pruss Hill (Sukonik)---**Mr. Hawthorne explained we received a check for \$84,306.60 from Sukonik builders the Authority has the money in a special account. Mr. Hawthorne wanted approval to start the process, the same as we did for the Spring Valley Development. The process allowing the township to use the \$84,306.60 to pay bills that the Authority incurred in upgrading the Porter Road and Sanatoga Pump stations. Motion to approve the process was made by Mr. Toth and seconded by Mr. Richards. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Gordon Walker of the PFM Group Discussion (Financing of New Force Main)--** Mr. Hawthorne explained he would like to contact Gordon Walker for the purpose of bringing Mr. Walker to an Authority meeting to discuss financing and RFP's to finance out 6.1 million dollar force main to the Borough treatment

plant. Mr. Dingman added we will need a financing plan for our H2O grant which we are submitting by July 1st 2010. The Board agreed and directed Mr. Hawthorne to have Mr. Walker come to the next available meeting to discuss financing RFP's and options.

2. **Vertical Pedestal Mounted Pump**---Mr. Hawthorne has received a quote from Bucks Environmental Systems Corp. for a new 6x6x17 NSWV model 200 vertical pedestal mounted pump. The quoted price is \$20,708.00. Mr. Dingman has submitted a memo dated 3/8/10. The memo explains the replacement of the 60HP pump at Porter Road Pump Station. This is a one of a kind project other manufacturer's bare pump would not fit and so it is the only source for this pump replacement and does not need to be replaced. Mr. Dingman recommended that we accept the quote of \$20,708.00. Mr. Richards motioned to approve the pump and Mr. Toth seconded the motion. All approve.

INFORMATION:

1. Mr. Richards wanted to compliment Mr. Rich Yoder for his dedication to his job as he is always at the pump station and also Mr. John Fogel for his snow plowing effort in the township. Mr. Lindgren added we have done a much better job than other municipalities.

March 8, 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT

I. TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Richards motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, as reported by Mr. Richards and Mr. Toth seconded the motion. All approved

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$1,402,723.99
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$ -0-
DEBT SERVICE RES EMMAUS LOAN	\$ 351,500.00
WATER FUND	\$ 66,712.32
DEVELOPERS CIP ACCOUNT	\$ 147,198.97
DEVELOP TREATMENT CAPACITY	\$ 32,786.47

II. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. S. Kalis presented the following bills for payment, Mr. Toth motioned approval for payment and Mr. Richards seconded the motion. All approved.

CAPITAL BILLS

SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE PLGIT

BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$	6,961.00
BURSICH ASSOC-ACT 537	\$	146.00
BURSICH ASSOC DIESEL PUMPS	\$	381.00
BURSICH PORTER RD FORCE MAIN	\$	2,905.50
JWC ENVIRONMENTAL	\$	26,432.00

REQUISITIONS

#246 BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$	2,828.00
#247 FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP	\$	7,607.05

WET WEATHER SEWER SYSTEM CONVEYANCE CAPACITY

BURSICH ASSOCIATES(Sanatoga)	\$	117.00
BURSICH ASSOCIATES(Porter Rd)	\$	3,360.50

****Porter Rd Emergency 12/26/09 Expenses**
Paid to Vendors To Date: \$ 72,377.21

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Monday, April 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Rodney P. Hawthorne
Manager