

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017 the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The following attended:

James Toth, Chairman	Edward Wagner, Manager
Cody Robbins, Vice Chairman	Chad Camburn, Engineer
Dave Richards, Treasurer	Kathy Kurtas
Jim Vlahos	

Mark Loshnowsky, Secretary (Absent)
Stephen Kalis, Solicitor (Absent)

Mr. Toth announced that the meeting was being recorded.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. Robbins motioned to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017 and Mr. Vlahos seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion with Sanatoga Green on Water Records—Mr. Mike Engle, H & K Group Engineer for Sanatoga Green Development attended the meeting to discuss a proposal to reduce the proposed flows for two of the proposed uses (Apartment and Hotel) in the development based on some industry water usage records. Mr. Engle handed out his proposal for Authority members to review as Mr. Drauschak joined the meeting at 6:35pm. Mr. Drauschak said they were here to give an update on the project as they continued through the planning process. They have received recommendation from the Planning Commission on their 17 SALDO waivers. He said they have resubmitted the drawings to the township engineer based on those waivers and the zoning variances that have previously been granted. They expect to appear before the Planning Commission next Tuesday February 21st and again before the BOC on Thursday, February 23rd. Mr. Drauschak conveyed to Authority members the project is progressing and moving forward and have provided water usage records from other facilities to try and define what the water statistics will look like for their project. Mr. Drauschak would have water saving restrictions devices such as low flow fixtures in order to reduce consumption rates between 10-20 percent. For example, Mr. Drauschak pointed out that the water records for the hotel that they are proposing is an extended stay hotel and not a transient hotel which will produce less water consumption.

Mr. Drauschak then turned the presentation of the water records back to Mike Engle. Mr. Engle went on to explain the proposal of water records that he had accumulated through different industries to compare how the Sanatoga Green project will use less water according to their analysis of the EDU's. They are proposing a reduction based on the current resolution EDU calculation of 594 to 404.5 EDU's. Mr. Engle explained the chart he prepared showing the difference in the EDU's based on the water usage records he presented this evening.

Approved EDU Calculations

Townhomes	1EDU per unit	157 EDU
Apartments	1 EDU per unit	343 EDU
Hotel (1 EDU per 2 Rooms)		54 EDU
Medical Office Bldg.		40 EDU
1 EDU per 1500 sq.ft.		

Proposed EDU Calculations Based on Sanatoga Green Project

Townhomes	1EDU per unit	157 EDU
Apartments	0.5 EDU per unit	171.5 EDU
Hotel (1 EDU per 3 Rooms)		36 EDU
Medical Office Bldg.		40 EDU
1 EDU per 1500 sq.ft.		

Mr. Wagner mentioned that the clubhouse was not included and said they would need to determine the number of EDUs for the clubhouse. Mr. Engle apologized for not having that information as of yet and agreed to look into this.

Mr. Drauschak made reference to the letter by Mr. Frank Bartle attorney for Sanatoga Green dated today which asks if the Sewer Authority would consider waiving the \$3,000 per EDU Infiltration/Inflow surcharge (Remediation Fee) Mr. Drauschak said that the \$3,000.00 charge is tremendously erroneous for any user in addition to the \$2,493.00 we are being asked to pay \$5,493.00 per Residential EDU. The \$3,000 fee was imposed by DEP in order for the Authority to pay for I/I repairs. He also discussed the upgrades he is willing to make at the Sanatoga Lake Pump Station at an estimated cost of \$505,000 range. The proposed upgrades were designed by Burisch Associates in order to upgrade several pumps to handle additional flows due to peak events. The key issue here is the \$3,000 I/I charge that we are asking the Authority to waive. Mr. Vlahos asked if we ever waived a remediation fee and Mr. Wagner responded no. A discussion prevailed amongst the members on these issues listed above and the Authority will need to process the information before any decisions can be made on their request.

Discussion on Borough Authority February 2, 2017 Meeting----Mr. Wagner reviewed the power point presentation given by the Pottstown Borough Authority in regards to the purchase of a new dryer. The Pottstown Borough Authority is planning to purchase a new Gryphon Differential Dryer at a cost of \$3,424,000.00 making the quarterly payments from LPTA in the amount of \$615,294.00 for 2017 and additional payments of \$284,000 in 2018. Mr. Wagner said this was not part of the PBA Capital Improvement Plan and asked if they would consider pushing it back to 2018 to give us ample time to budget for and Mr. Camburn agreed. Mr. Wagner said they were going to do another presentation on February 21, 2017 at the monthly PBA meeting concerning the dryer. After a brief discussion the Authority asked that Mr. Wagner write a letter to Pottstown Borough Authority expressing our concerns on this issue.

DEP Officials Meeting January 26, 2017—Mr. Wagner reviewed the highlights of the meeting with DEP and explained that DEP is requiring us to update our Correction Action Plan (CAP), specialize in televising mains, establish metering areas, and checking individual private laterals in order to educate the public on our sewer system. Mr. Wagner did provide a copy of a letter to the Authority which gives us the authority to take a look at individual laterals. DEP would like the Authority to spend \$500,000 to 1,000,000 on I&I work for the next two years. After a brief discussion on some of the I&I issues and what is expected of the Authority from DEP, Mr. Wagner asked if Mr. Camburn could get a cost proposal on revising the CAP. Mr. Toth asked for a motion for Mr. Camburn of Bursich Associates to update and prepare the CAP not to exceed \$5000.00. Mr. Vlahos made the motion to have Bursich Associates update and prepare the CAP report not to exceed a cost of \$5000.00 and Mr. Richards seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

Motion to approve Sewer Specialty Services Change Order #5---Mr. Wagner just explained that this is the I&I contract change order to increase the contract price \$150,000 that needs approval. Mr. Vlahos made a motion to approve change order #5 to have \$150,000 remaining in the Sewer Specialty Services contract and Mr. Robbins seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

Sewer Engineering Report---Mr. Camburn reported some of the highlights of the past month:

- Met with PADEP representatives on January 26, 2017 to discuss the existing CAP, I/I remediation progress, upcoming efforts, and data analysis. The DEP is requesting the LPTA to prepare and submit a new Corrective Action Plan. A memo was issued on January 31, 2017 summarizing the meeting.
- Prepared Lateral Program strategy memo
- Work on the semi-annual CAP report
- Prepared a change order to extend the contract with Sewer Specialty Services to February 2018 and add approximately \$113,000. The change order brings the remaining contract amount to \$150,000 in accordance with the approved 2017 budget.
- The PA Small Water & Sewer Grant application was submitted on October 21, 2016. Grant awards are expected to be made in March 2017.

- LPTA solicitor is currently preparing updates to the SSA
- Worked on Chapter 94 report
- Reviewed PBA flow data
- WWTP received \$218K in sludge hauling revenue in January 2017. This was the highest revenue in a single month to date.
- PBA is planning to replace the dryer with a more modern unit that will be more efficient and easier to maintain. The estimated project cost is \$3.42M with a payback period of 3.2 years.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2017 at Upper Pottsgrove Township
- A list of four-year capital improvement projects was handed out by the PBA. We asked for additional detail for each of the listed projects.

High Flow Modifications at the headworks building
 Purchase and install new Belt Dryer
 Rehabilitation of Screw Pumps
 Security System & Communications (ongoing)
 PLC Upgrades
 Temporary Generator Connection

NEW BUSINESS:

Replacement of Manhole Casting from Sacks & Sons \$ 6,200.00---Mr. Wagner explained that there are (4) manhole castings that need to be replaced on High Street because of their poor condition. Mr. Wagner asked for a motion to approve Sacks & Sons Inc. to replace the manhole castings at a cost of \$6,200.00. Mr. Vlahos made a motion to approve Sacks & Sons to do the work for \$6,200.00 and Mr. Richards seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Robbins abstained.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

I. TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Richard's read the Treasurer's report dated February 13, 2017

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$3,743,130.78
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$ 666,720.41

A motion was made by Mr. Vlahos and seconded by Mr. Robbins and it was unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote to approve the Treasurer's Report of February 13, 2017.

II. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Richards presented the following bills for payment:

CAPITAL BILLS

SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE PLGIT	
BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$ 3,491.62
TRIAD TRUCK EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,466.00

OPERATING ACCT PAYMENTS

BURSICH ASSOCIATES

\$ 444.63

FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP

\$ 1,296.40

A motion was made by Mr. Vlahos and seconded by Mr. Robbins and it was unanimously passed by a 4-0 vote to approve the bills for payment as presented.

Mr. Toth asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Robbins made the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward C. Wagner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward C. Wagner
Manager