

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY February 13, 2023

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday February 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm, the following attended:

James Toth – Chairman
Sean Pence – Vice Chairman
Joe McGeehan – Member
Fred Ebert – Engineer
Tim Watson – Sewer Operator

Edward Wagner – Manager
James Vlahos – Treasurer – Absent
Mark Loshnowsky – Secretary
Stephen Kalis – Solicitor
Ashlea Bullock

Mr. Toth announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. Toth requested a motion to approve the January 9, 2022, meeting minutes and Mr. Loshnowsky made the motion and Mr. McGeehan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with a 4-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON THE SANATOGA LAKE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Watson stated that everything is good with the pump and that they pull the old transducer out for the level sensor and installed the new radar system. He stated that it has been up and running for a week and a half and it is working well. Mr. Wagner asked if he has received the flow meter for Sanatoga Green, and Mr. Ebert stated that they have not received any readings from the meter. Mr. Watson stated that he will have to call the meter company to get the meter set up.

UPDATE ON THE GP3 PERMIT FOR SANATOGA LAKE STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

Mr. Wagner explained to the group that we have received the GP 3 Permit on January 11th and that we received a revised bid from H&K Group for \$89,323.94. Mr. Wagner continues to say that we are expecting two additional quotes within the next week. He will present all three quotes at the March 13th meeting. All the R7-9 rock will be purchased by the authority under the Pennsylvania Costars program.

UPDATE ON THE RADAR TRANSMITTER INSTALLATION AT SANATOGA PUMP

Mr. Wagner verified with Mr. Watson that we already discussed earlier in the meeting.

DISCUSSION ON BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Next meeting February 16th

Mr. Wagner stated sludge disposal was \$44,000.00 for the month of January, which was overall \$24,000 under budget, bulk revenue was approximately \$227,000.00 which is about \$27,000 over budget. He explained that it has been a relatively quiet month. He stated that he found out today that they will no longer have a Pottstown Borough Authority (PBA) Board Member run the monthly meeting but instead the Borough Manager will oversee the

meetings going forward. He also stated that they appointed Mark Gibson to the PBA replacing Tom Carroll.

DEVELOPERS DISCUSSION & UPDATE – (CAP) – APPROVAL OF CAP/CMP REPORTS

Mr. Ebert stated in 2024 we have it scheduled that all private developments must televised the sewer mains. He explained that Ms. Bullock is compiling a list of the private developments to mail out letters in June and remind them again in September to allow time for them to budget for this work. He continued to explain the timeline, 2024 televising, 2025 repairs as needed per the televising and in 2026 completion of repairs, then if there are any hardships they would have until 2027.

Mr. Ebert then stated that the flows were significantly up in December, they were 37 million in November and then 82 million in December due to the wet weather. However in 2022, we only had one wet weather overflow, which is the lowest ever. He stated that this showing how much the hard work of the authority is paying off. He explains that he will have more data on the flows in the upcoming Chapter 94 Report, next meeting. He explains that out non-wet weather flows are down significantly.

Mr. Ebert then explains 2023 sewer projects; Hilltop Road Phase I, this is a Capitol Project that we are completing, Hilltop Road Phase II that we have an H2O Grant application out on. As part of our regular budget he mentions two additional projects, Porter Road out the back of the pump station and across the creek and another area on Kepler Road that would require dig up and replace, as it is in extremely poor shape. He stated the goal is to get the work completed as soon in the year as possible to attempt to get a full year of reduced I&I. He stated that they are stating the surveying work on Hilltop Rd.

The group was passing around the listing of the sewer laterals and their completion status. The team at Ebert Engineering will be supplying this to Mr. Wagner twice a month.

Mr. Ebert stated that Mr. Wagner had a meeting with State Senator Tracy Pennyquick to discuss the grant.

Mr. McGeehan while reviewing the completed sewer lateral inspection report stated to Mr. Ebert that 31 properties failed the sewer lateral inspection out of a verified 127 completed. Mr. Ebert confirmed with Mr. McGeehan that this is approximately 27% failure rate. Mr. Ebert stated that he anticipated a 15-20% failure rate. A lot of the failures have been low-lying cleanout failures that are easy to repair, 10 that actually required repairs in the ground. He explains different variables that effect the failure rates to the group.

Mr. Wagner stated that Tracy was impressed by the sewer lateral summary provided by Mr. Ebert and that she is going to write a letter of support for the grant, along with Joe Ciresi. Mr. Pence asked how much we applied for from the H2O Grant, Mr. Ebert explains that it is a 1.1 million dollar project and we asked for just under \$700,000.00, stating that 2/3 is the grant and 1/3 is our match. Mr. Wagner stated that Ms. Bullock has had conversations with the Walnut Ridge HOA and they advised that they televise their private lines yearly. They will be

willing and ready to provide the report next year upon request. The group discusses that there might be more proactive HOAs than originally anticipated.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION FOR MONTCO FENCE TO INSTALL A NEW ELECTRIC GATE AT THE PORTER ROAD PUMP STATION AT A COST OF \$9,882.00

Mr. Wagner stated that this was a budgeted item for 2023, there is a slight increase in the original pricing from \$9,000.00 to \$9,882.00. Mr. Loshnowsky makes the motion, Mr. Pence seconds the motion and the group unanimously voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

CONSIDERATION FOR SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES TO INSTALL CURED IN PLACE PIPELINER ON KEPLER RD BETWEEN MANHOLE #1335-38 FOR \$89,335.00

Mr. Wagner explains to the group that this figure is a worst case scenario, it includes the (14) T-Liners that we do not anticipate having to install. Mr. McGeehan made the motion to approve, Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion and the group voted unanimously 4-0 to approve the motion.

CONSIDERATION FOR SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES TO INSTALL CURED IN PLACE PIPERLINER ON PORTER RD. BETWEEN MANHOLE #1000 AND THE PUMP STATION FOR \$68,250.00

Mr. Watson explains to install the liner, they have to bypass pump to the next manhole back, which is in the woods and not accessible which would have caused a significant price increase to complete the full 450 feet. He continues to explain by doing the first 153 feet from the station they can bypass pump around the bridge with our built in bypass tank and use their own pump without having to outsource. Mr. Pence makes the motion to approve the lining from the Porter Rd pump station to manhole #1000 and Mr. Loshnowsky seconds the motion and the group voted 4-0 to approve.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Loshnowsky reads the treasurers report for January 2023:

Sewer Revenue Account	\$3,566,683.87
Capital Improvement Reserve	\$2,067,271.39

Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mr. McGeehan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with a 4-0 vote.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Loshnowsky read the bills for payment:

Capital Invoices:

- | | |
|--|----------|
| • Ebert Engineering, Inc. – Capital Update | \$272.00 |
| • McCarthy Engineering – Sanatoga Streambank | \$128.01 |
| • Ebert Engineering – Sunnyside Ave | \$899.81 |

- Ebert Engineering – H2O PA Grant \$203.25
- Sewer Specialties Services – Payment #65 \$27,913.95
- Sewer Specialties Services – Payment #66 \$34,549.20

Operating Account:

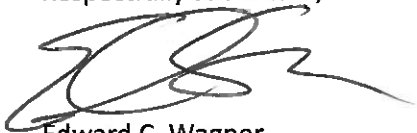
- Fox Rothschild 12/8 \$323.00
- Ebert Engineering 12/7 \$4,665.69

Mr. Toth asked for a motion to pay the bills; Mr. Pence made the motion and Mr. McGeehan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Kalis stated that he very much appreciates the new format of the financial report prepared by Michele Hogrelius.

Mr. Loshnowsky made a motion to adjourn the public meeting at 6:22 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward C. Wagner
Authority Manager