

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY MARCH 8, 2021

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their regular monthly meeting via Zoom on Monday, March 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm, the following attended:

Cody Robbins-Vice-Chairman
James Vlahos-Treasurer
Sean Pence-Member

Edward Wagner, Manager
Gus Meyers
Stephen Kalis, Solicitor
Kathy Kurtas
Tim Watson, Sewer Operator

Mr. Toth was absent.

Mr. Loshnowsky was absent.

Mr. Robbins announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the February 8, 2021 meeting minutes and Mr. Robbins seconded the motion, and all unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Woodland Drive Phase 1 Sewer Main Replacement Project—Mr. Wagner stated that in the packet Mr. Meyer issued on February 11, 2021 a notice of award that the contractor accepted and signed. The construction documents were approved by Mr. Kalis and the next step is the notice to proceed and after that the submittals are reviewed and accepted. Mr. Meyer said he will get the notice to proceed out this week, and he will be in communication with the contractor Joao Bradley as well.

Update on the Gryphon Dryer—Mr. Kalis said to the members of the Board as you recall there was a staff meeting with the representatives of the LPTA and the PBA on February 23, 2021. He said attending on behalf of the LPTA included myself, my partner Stephanie, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Wagner, and Mr. Camburn to review the concerns that were outlined in the letter that was sent on behalf of the Authority back on January 6, 2021. We had asked the PBA if we could provide an update as it relates to the condition of the dryer project and where it is not only operationally but where things are with the contract and the finance associated with that. Mr. Kalis went on to say that the Borough although it took a while to get the dryer on-line expressed that it is working at the capacity that is necessary to achieve the results the Authority is looking for. He said that although it may not be at a peak of 72 wet tons it is operating successfully between 68 and 70 wet tons. Mr. Kalis continued to review the highlights of the meeting and a lengthy discussion ensued with the members of the Board. After discussion it was decided that we would circle back at the April meeting to see where we are with the costs incurred that we needed clarification on.

Mr. Robbins wanted to say that we have some great consultants working for this board and cannot thank them enough for all their hard work.

Update on Sanatoga Lake Pump Stations Improvements—Mr. Watson gave a brief update on the improvements to the pump station stating that other than the bypass tap connection being put in and the VFD boxes being installed there has not been much done. Mr. Wagner said that the contractors had to go to another site, so we are trying to get clarification on when they will return, and Mr. Watson agreed. The next step would be to install the bypass pumping setup.

Mr. Robbins asked if Sanatoga Pump Station was running at full capacity right now with the work they have done so far. Mr. Watson responded yes; it is still running off the current set up. The contractor is trying to complete most of the work they can with it remaining on the old system so that the bypass pumping is minimal. Mr. Pence asked what the cost of the improvements to increase the capacity are. Mr. Watson replied it is the increase of the speed that it pumps not so much the capacity. Mr. Meyer added saying this will increase the pumping speeds to keep up with the new Sanatoga Green development. Mr. Pence was concerned about the 200 GPM to 400 GPM and a brief discussion ensued. Mr. Wagner stated after discussion we will continue to do all the steps for the prevention of I & I to the sewer system.

Update on the Hydraulic Capacity Evaluation at the WWTP-- Mr. Wagner said that he received clarification from Josh Fox on option 5 which is really option 4 the Borough was looking for. This will increase the capacity to 2500 GPM at the Porter Road Pump Station, and the costs will be approximately \$110,000 for the capital year of 2022. Mr. Pence asked if the fee was on LPTA and Mr. Wagner responded that the costs will be divided up and that our portion will be about 27%.

Discussion on Borough Authority March 11, 2021 Meeting—Mr. Wagner said he received the latest figures today and the expenses for the operation of the sewer plant is down \$119,000.71 for the month of February he will get more clarification from them in this regard. He said this is good news that the expenses are down.

Developers Discussion & Update--CAP/CMP Report # 38 and Engineering Report: Mr. Meyer read his CAP/CMP and Engineering Report for the month February 2021 updating the Authority Board on the sewer projects in the Township. He highlighted the following:

CAP / CMP

- Prepared monthly CAP/CMP report
- Updated I/I Sewer Inspection & Repairs Database
- Reviewed flows provided by the PBA
- 12 Sewer Inspections were completed in February 2021. All Passed
- Currently there are 112 EDU's available to allocate.

Capital Projects

- Woodland Drive Sewer Replacement-Phase 1
Discussed under old business

Mr. Pence asked if the Woodland Drive Phase 1 was closed out, and Mr. Meyer responded not yet, and a discussion ensued on the issues that still need attention.

- **Woodland Drive Sewer Replacement-Phase 2**

The project includes replacing approximately 835 LF of sewer main, sewer laterals and manholes. The contract was awarded to Joao & Bradley Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$304,980.00. The notice of award was issued on February 10,2021. We received the contractor's documents and forwarded them to the LPTA Solicitor for review prior to issuing a Notice to Proceed.

Developments

- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 1)**-Lot plans for 56 of 59 houses have been approved.
- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 2)**-Lot plans for 36 of the 42 houses have been approved.
- **Spring Valley Farms (Phase 3)**-Lot plans for 33 of 77 houses have been approved.
- **Sanatoga Green**—Phase 1 (147 Townhouse Units) received conditional final approval on 12/3/18. Revised Phase 1 (131 Townhouse Units) received conditional final approval on 7/6/20. Onsite sanitary sewer is ongoing. The LPTA's Operator is coordinating with the developer regarding the location of the new sewer meter system. Revised Phases 2 and 3 plans were received in our office on February 22, 2021 and are currently under review.
Sanatoga Green—Phases 2 & 3—Revised phases 2 (MOB's)and 3(Apartments)received conditional Preliminary/Final Approval on 10/7/19. Revised plans for phases 2 and 3 were received in our office on February 22, 2021 and are currently under review.
- **Pump Stations**
 - The upgrades at the Sanatoga Lake Pump Station began in February 2021 and are expected to be completed in March.
 - We provided assistance to the LPTA Operator, and coordinated with a contractor and valve manufacturer, to diagnose and resolve issues regarding the operation of older valves at the Porter Road Pump Station.

NEW BUSINESS:

1350 N. Charlotte Street sanitary sewer and access agreement for Edward Termyna.

Mr. Wagner stated that Mr. Kalis prepared a sanitary sewer and access agreement for 1350 N. Charlotte Street. Mr. Pence asked where the line comes in on Charlotte or School Lane, Mr. Wagner responded School Lane. Mr. Watson explained that the line goes down through the school fields to the wooded area of the creek and a brief discussion ensued. After discussion Mr. Kalis said we would need a motion to enter into this sanitary sewer and access agreement for Rita's Water Ice. Mr. Vlahos made a motion to enter into the Sanitary Sewer and Access agreement and Mr. Robbins seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by 3-0 vote.

Mr. Meyer wanted to discuss the repeated issues with Genesis and the residents flushing large white towels down into the sewer system. Mr. Meyer discussed a few options to be presented to the property owners of Genesis with the Board and a lengthy discussion ensued on this issue and its concerns. After discussion it was determined that Mr. Meyer will provide Mr. Wagner with a memo on their recommendations to help rectify the towel issue. Mr. Wagner will then present to Genesis to get their response and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

March 8, 2021
FINANCIAL REPORT

I. TREASURERS REPORT:

Mr. Vlahos read the Treasurers Report dated March 8, 2021:

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$3,860,169.83
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$ 750,756.05

Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Robbins seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 4-0 vote.

II. BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Kalis read the bills for Payment as presented:

CAPITAL BILLS

SEWER CAPITAL VICTORY

BURSICH ASSOCIATES-I&I Contract	\$ 2,961.00
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Misc. Capital	\$ 744.00
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Woodland Dr #1	\$ 1,468.00
BURSICH ASSOCIATES-Woodland Dr #2	\$ 1,934.75
MISSION COMMUNICATIONS Porter Rd/Villa Dr	\$ 1,186.80
WHEL-TECH INC-Sanatoga Lake	\$ 3,499.10

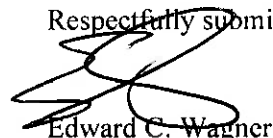
OPERATING ACCT PAYMENTS

BURSICH ASSOCIATES	\$ 3,436.60
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP	\$ 3,135.00
BOROUGH OF POTTSTOWN 1ST QTR	\$ 200,061.00

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

With there being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm, the next scheduled meeting is on April 12, 2021 via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward C. Wagner
Authority Manager