

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY AUGUST 8, 2022

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their Reorganization/Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 – Absent
Ashlea Bullock

Mr. Toth announced that this meeting is being recorded.

MOTION TO NOMINATE A VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr. Loshnowsky nominated Mr. Pence for the recently vacated position of Vice President. No other nominations were made. Mr. Loshnowsky made the motion and seconded by Mr. McGeehan with a vote of 4-0, Mr. Pence is the Vice President.

APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY MINUTES: Mr. Toth requested a motion to approve the July 11, 2022, meeting minutes and Mr. Pence made the motion and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion, and with a vote of 3-0, Mr. McGeehan abstained since he was not on the board for the July meeting.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: No Visitors

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Sanatoga Pump Station Bank Restoration Project

Mr. Wagner explains the background of this project to the new Authority member Mr. McGeehan. He explained that we need to apply for the GP-3 Bank Rehabilitation/Bank Protection Project with the Pennsylvania Department of Protection at an approximate cost of \$250. The group discussed that it would be wise to get the permit in hand so that when they are ready to get started next summer the permit is already in place. This project will need to bid out but currently looks like between \$150,000-\$175,000 to complete the project. The group gives Mr. Wagner for McCarthy Engineer to apply for the permit.

Update on the flow meter project for Sanatoga Green

Mr. Watson stated that the meter is in limbo as they are waiting for the manhole casting to be in place, he assumed that is what they are waiting for as he has not heard anything else. Mr. Wagner explained that they did place the electric drop for the meter. He is planning to discuss the status of the meter with Sanatoga Green officials at their monthly meeting on Thursday August 11, 2022.

Update on Sunnyside Avenue sewer main replacement project it began on August 2nd
Mr. Ebert explained to the group that they are halfway done the project. Currently they are ahead of the schedule, they have the next manhole scheduled to be delivered this Thursday. There is a slight revision to the original route of the line in which in turn has created no change but there is additional footage, we will owe them approximately 13 feet of piping which will be at unit price. They have an additional two more weeks of work for the sewer main line replacement project, then they will come back and tie in all the private laterals. Mr. Ebert review the background of the project for Mr. McGeehan.

DISCUSSION ON BOROUGH AUTHORITY – No July Meeting

Mr. Wagner stated that there is no meeting in July for the borough. Sludge disposal for the month came in at \$31,000 which brings the total to \$315,000 which is \$167,000 under the budget. Bulk revenue for July was \$297,000, year to date \$1,675,000.00 which is \$275,000 over the budget. Overall expenses for July were decreased by \$110,000. The meter on Industrial Highway is still working and monitoring the flows accurately.

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

Mr. Ebert stated that this is the first full month of the sewer lateral inspections. He explained the rotating schedule, every ten (10) years all private sewer systems, HOA properties, modular home parks will be required to televise both the mains and the lateral lines. For the HOA properties, the individual owners will have their properties televised upon property transfer of ownership. This schedule will apply to commercial properties as well. He also stated that every year 10-15% of properties will transfer. Our initial 15 plus properties had no failures but since then we have approximately 25% failure rate. He stated that at Porter Rd Pump Station, Mr. Watson found a significant leak in the influent line into the wet well at a rate of approximately 20 gallons a minute. Mr. Watson stated that to fix this leak, they will be applying a 30-inch pipe patch. Mr. Ebert explained various repairs that are available for the wet well. The first step will be getting the wet well professionally cleaned then evaluate the best permanent repair. Mr. Watson is to have Sewer Specialties out to televise the line to ensure no other leaks in the line. Mr. Ebert stated that they have completed the Shire Drive cured in place pipe liner project and they redid the eight lateral connections.

He stated that the flows for the month of June and July were 38 million which is approximately half of 80 million in April and May. He thinks we will continue to identify more corrections within the sewer system as we continue to televise the lines. Once more information is available, they will come back to the board for approvals.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on the Kepler Road liner project

Mr. Wagner explained that from behind the homes on Kepler, through the bends in Kepler by the farm, to the Sunnyside Ave side, Mr. Watson found several leaks in the line and a significant break down by Sunnyside. Almedia & Hudak will fix the sag while they are working on the Sunnyside Ave project. Mr. Watson is recommending that we line the sewer main that once the contractor install the new 20 feet section of pipe. This will result in a brand-new pipeline approximately 1300 feet behind the home on Sunnyside Avenue.

Mr. McGeehan leaves the meeting at 6:52 PM.

The rough estimate will be approximately \$100,000 for this project. The group discusses specific location of the proposed project. Mr. Watson stated that the patch to fix the Porter Road pump house is between \$5,000-\$8,000, this could be a permanent fix that would eliminate the need for lining the 30-inch pipe.

Discussion on Sanatoga Lake Pump Station motor pump issue

Mr. Watson explained that the motor broke the shaft inside the new pump. He stated that the representative from the manufacturer stated this happened because not enough water was going through the pump, Mr. Watson is unsure of that diagnosis as this has happened with these pumps in other municipalities. Mr. Ebert explained to the group how the shaft would have broken, this is a rare situation and that a lower flow would overheat the meter verses snapping the shaft. Mr. Watson stated that it would be faster to replace the pump entirely under the warranty and it is 14-16-week lead time for the replacement. There is still a working pump and the diesel pump to maintain the flows. The replacement is being covered under the warranty as it is within the one (1) year period.

Motion to allocate 1 EDU for 1753 Karen Drive

Mr. Wagner explained that this resident purchased an additional EDU for this property. Mr. Pence makes the motion to allocate one (1) EDU, Mr. Loshnowsky seconds the motion and the group votes 3-0.

Motion to prepare an EDU Relinquish Agreement for 2185 E. High Street

Mr. Wagner explained to the board that the property was previously zoned commercial as it was a hairdresser, it has been remodeled into a residential property. Mr. Loshnowsky makes the motion and Mr. Toth seconded the motion, the group votes 3-0 to relinquish one (1) EDU from the property.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Wagner read the Treasurers' Report Dated August 8, 2022:

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$ 3,965,841.48
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$ 2,008,873.20

Mr. Pence made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion and all unanimously approved by a 3-0 vote.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Wagner read the Bills for Payment as presented:

CAPITAL BILLS

SEWER CAPITAL VICTORY		
EBERT ENGINEERING, INC.-CAP UPDATE	\$	774.13
EBERT ENGINEERING, INC.-POTTSTOWN FLOW	\$	462.50

EBERT ENGINEERING, INC.-SUNNYSIDE	\$	5,079.92
FOX ROTHSCHILD-BID DOCUMENTS	\$	228.00
SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES-REQUEST#59	\$	70,372.80
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OPERATING ACCOUNT INVOICES

EBERT ENGINEERING, INC	\$	1,749.76
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP	\$	437.00

Mr. Pence made a motion to pay the bills as presented and Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion, and all unanimously approve the bills for payment by a 3-0 vote.

Mr. Robbins made a motion to adjourn the public meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm, the next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward C. Wagner
Authority Manager