

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority held their Reorganization/Regular Monthly Meeting on Monday, September 12, 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

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 August 8, 2022, meeting minutes and Mr. Pence made the motion and Mr. McGeehan seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS: No Visitors

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Sanatoga Lake Pump Station ongoing maintenance/motor pump issue

Mr. Watson explained to the group that there is a quote in their packet from the Gayle Corporation as they are willing to split the cost of replacing the shaft assembly for \$9,795.00. They are not covering the broken shaft under the warranty stating that it broke because it was not spinning fast enough, and this caused a vibration causing it to ultimately break. Mr. Watson stated that they have adjusted the existing pump for it to spin at 1,000 gallons per minute as directed by the representative. He guaranteed that this shaft would not break if it were operated at this rate. Mr. Ebert stated that if this was truly a bad application that the second pump should break at the same 6-month mark. Mr. Pence asked how pressing is it to get this pump fixed for the lifespan of the other pump & our flows. Mr. Ebert explained that DEP requires you to get it fixed as soon as practical. Mr. Toth stated that we should make note not to purchase this brand of pump in the future. Mr. Ebert agreed and would recommend in the future matching our other pump stations with Flight Pumps. Mr. Vlahos made the motion to approve the \$9,795.00 to replace the broken shaft and Mr. Pence seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Update on the Porter Road Pump Station ongoing maintenance issues

Mr. Wagner stated that the price from Sewer Specialties to do a vacator cleaning is \$9,400.00. This is included in the current contract for 2022. Mr. Watson stated that they televised the interceptor line from the Porter Road Pump Station all the way to Sunnybrook Ballroom. Sewer Specialties identified some leaks which they are bringing the packer to grout the cracks.

Mr. Pence questioned if this is the leak in the pump station well wall and Mr. Watson explained that it is the interceptor line. Mr. Watson explained the \$9,400.00 is to do the vector cleaning and the \$3,700.00 is for the grouting the line. Mr. Pence made a motion to approve both items, Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Update on meter replacement for Porter Road

Mr. Watson stated that the meter is scheduled to arrive October 25th and is scheduled for installation on October 27th.

Update on Sunnyside Avenue sewer main replacement project

Mr. Wagner stated that they have completed the project. He confirmed there were no change orders to date with Mr. Ebert. Mr. Wagner stated that the Township Roadmaster is getting quotes for a two-inch overlay of the road but will need to wait 45 days to allow for the ground to settle. The goal is to have paving completed by mid-November.

Discussion on the Kepler Road liner project at a cost of \$142,552.00

Mr. Wagner and Mr. Watson explained to the group Sewer Specialties is getting quotes for lining the sewer main. The initial quote was for \$142,552 and still waiting on the seconded one which should be around \$100,000. Mr. Wagner stated the big-ticket item at this time is to get the issues at Porter Road addressed. Mr. Ebert agreed and explained that there is approximately \$166,000.00 left on the contract for the year with Sewer Specialties, if the project comes in at \$100,000.00 that will allow more cushion to properly correct the Porter Road Pump Station issues and keep it under budget.

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

Mr. Wagner explained it is reducing from two (2) EDUs to one (1) as it was previously a hairdresser and converted back into a residential property. This is effective as of July 1, 2022. Mr. McGeehan made a motion to accept the agreement, Mr. Loshnowsky seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

DISCUSSION ON BOROUGH AUTHORITY – No August Meeting

Mr. Wagner stated they are starting up the monthly meetings again this Thursday. He explained to the group that there is an increase in the O&M because they ordered polymer. There also was an issue with the thermal heat blankets in the dryer. Mr. Ebert explained that they are replacing the RSA valves at an approximately cost of \$625,000.00. It will take 9-12 months to complete the project and the Pottstown Borough Authority gave permission to order this in May. Mr. Wagner stated that we should have their budget figures to us by October 1st. As for our budget Mr. Ebert, Mr. Watson and I are meeting this Wednesday to go over our 2023 budget and will have a draft for the authority at their October meeting.

DEVELOPERS DISCUSSION & UPDATE – (CAP)—APPROVAL OF CAP/CMP REPORTS Mr. Ebert stated he has an I&I update; he spoke with David Burke with DEP to give him an update. He stated that the next CAP update is due September 30th and his goal is to have it done and ready to review by the end of this week. He shared with Mr. Burke the same issues that he has

brought to the authority, and he gave him an update on the sewer lateral ordinance. He explained to the group our flows are down significantly, but it also has not rained much. He stated that there has been an upswing of failures in the lateral inspections. We have a good process in place, and it is running smoothly between our office and the LPTA staff. We are finding some I&I issues in which some plumbers are fixing both videoing the laterals.

Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Watson to give an update on flows after most recent rain events. He stated that with the rain we had over the last day we would typically run one big wet weather pump but only running one dry weather pump. He attributed the removing of I&I over the last two years to this success. Mr. Vlahos stated that with being in borderline drought conditions we should not have elevated levels. Mr. Watson stated that based on past events even with these conditions we would have seen a significant increase in flash I&I. Mr. Ebert explained that it is the opposite we see higher inflows in drought conditions as the water just runs off.

Mr. McGeehan leaves the meeting at 6:55 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURERS REPORT

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

SEWER REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$4,129,669.46
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVE	\$2,024,261.63

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

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Kalis read the Bills for Payment as presented:

CAPITAL BILLS

SEWER CAPITAL VICTORY

EBERT ENGINEERING, INC.-CAP UPDATE	\$511.00
EBERT ENGINEERING, INC.-SUNNYSIDE	\$10,438.23
MCCARTHY ENG-SANATOGA STREAMBANK	\$3,186.04
FOX ROTHSCHILD-SUNNYSIDE	\$1,767.00
MCCD-SANATOGA STREAMBANK RESTORATION	\$455.00
MGK IND.-REPLACE PORTER RD KNIFE GATE VALVE	\$21,800.00
SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES-REQUEST#61	\$3,330.00

OPERATING ACCOUNT INVOICES

EBERT ENGINEERING, INC
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP

\$4,946.82
\$494.00

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 4-0 vote.

Mr. Pence made a motion to adjourn the public meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm, the next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Township Building.

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
Authority Manager