

October 21, 2020
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Miller in person for the Board and available through GoToMeeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATTENDANCE

Kevin Miller, Chairman
Sue Sunday, Vice Chairperson
William Beck, Treasurer
Andrew Clancy, Secretary
Jeff Clay, Asst. Sec./Treas.

Greg Rogalski, Engineer
Mike Pykosh, Solicitor
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

MINUTES

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clay, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Miller mentioned that the flows for the Churchtown area are up about 400,000 gallons from last month and since it's been dry, we may want to keep an eye on this.

On the motion of Mr. Clancy, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Operations Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck provided an updated P&L report for September 30th and said things look good in both districts. Treatment in the Southern District came in lower than budgeted. He also provided a comparison on annual flows vs. treatment costs, which shows flows for 2020 are down. He suggested that the 2020 flows be used as a base year to set a goal to get our annual flows between 55 and 60 million gallons.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Lien/Debt Report.

CAPACITY REPORT

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clay, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Capacity Report.

Mr. Beck asked if next year there would be some capacity available since it's been a dry year. Mr. Rogalski said the report will be completed by March and there should be some capacity available in 2021.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pykosh said the Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution on their October meeting updating the Reservation Capacity Fee to \$100 per quarter and an annual renewal.

Mr. Pykosh provided a handout to update the Board on a few accounts with sewer liens. He said as soon as a lien is filed, he is also filing action at the District Justice and this seems to help get the property owners attention to get the amount paid off. He said the owner of account 904-0 is deceased, but there is a mortgage on the property so they were looking into the possibility for a mortgage foreclosure that would pay off the amount owed.

On the motion of Mr. Clancy, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members, it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Solicitor's Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rogalski reviewed the engineers report dated October 14, 2020. He also reviewed the options given for the 2021 Capital Project. The priority area that is in need of work runs from Kuhn Road to the Laurel Drive cul-de-sac. There is about 1,300 L.F. of line and the estimated cost is \$332,000. There is also an area on Asper Drive that needs some work and he would like to include this on the main bid as an additional/alternate item. The estimated cost for Asper is \$77,500. He added that there is a potential for a pipe failure since this is the oldest part of the system. There is also some work needed on Deer Road, but he thinks this can be handled in house to save some money.

Ms. Sunday said the bids for Blossom came in lower than expected, so she thinks we should add the Asper Drive work as an add on and maybe we will get lucky again. Mr. Clancy agreed to adding Asper as an additional/alternate and added that we should take a look at the money to see if there is a way to do both projects. Mr. Beck asked if the manhole work was rehab work or replacement work. Mr. Rogalski said they are going to try to rehab the manholes.

The Board agreed to review the information that was provided and vote on the 2021 Capital Project next month.

Mr. Rogalski mentioned that there have been some issues with the generator and control panel in the Northern District and this may require some work in the future. Mr. Miller asked for a price quote.

On the motion of Mr. Clay, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members, it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Engineer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

EDU REQUEST – 456 CRISWELL DRIVE

Mr. Miller said there is a request for an EDU for a garage that will be renovated into a home.

Mr. Rogalski said that Criswell Drive properties tie in SMTMA's main line, so Mr. Castles and Mr. Doty have also made a connection request to SMTMA. He said if you recall about a year ago after Talking Breads requested a connection, SMTMA issued correspondence to the township asking for an update on the plan to reduce flows before any additional connections would be permitted. A response was never issued, so Mr. Rogalski suggested issuing a response outlining the steps we have taken to date and plan to take in 2021 to reduce flows.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members, it was duly RESOLVED to authorize granting one EDU to 456 Criswell Drive subject to approval by SMTMA contingent with there being no negative repercussions to Monroe Township and the current agreement in place with SMTMA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Sunday provided a draft of the November newsletter and made a few updates after hearing the information provided by Mr. Rogalski for the 2021 Capital Project.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Clay, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members, it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary