

September 20, 2017
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ATTENDANCE

Kevin Miller, Chairman
Sue Sunday, Vice Chairperson
Andrew Clancy, Asst. Sec/Treas.
Ronald Eckerd, Secretary

Chris Gleason, Solicitor
Bill Rudy, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Secretary/Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Kuhl, 153 Brindle Road, stated that at the Board of Supervisors meeting there was some discussion about rate reductions in the north and several of the other Supervisors talked about additional needs. He reviewed the Act 537 plan and could not information about the Mechanicsburg area. There was also no significant delineation of areas. Should the township have definite boundaries for each districts areas? Mr. Miller said we would look into the matter and report back.

MINUTES

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Operations Reports for August.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gleason provided a memo detailing the position for each property on the lien report and then reviewed each account with the Board. He added that we are down to the accounts that are unresponsive. He may be approaching the Board for direction on some of these accounts in the next few months.

Mr. Eckerd appreciated the detailed report that was provided.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy provided an engineer report dated September 13, 2017.

Mr. Miller asked if we know why the breaker tripped at Leidigh. Mr. Rudy said he would look into this.

Mr. Rudy stated the Mechanicsburg asked if Monroe could budget for a new mounting panel at the pump station and possibly a roof over the panel. PSI provided an estimate of \$3,700 for a new panel. Mr. Rudy had given Ms. Araiza a budget number of \$5,000 for this work. Mr. Rudy will also check with Mechanicsburg to see if they have roofs over their panels since most pump stations do not have them.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members, it was duly RESOLVED to have the engineer provide a detailed quote for the mounting panel at the October meeting, along with a roof quote broken out a an option.

Mr. Eckerd said that there should be money in this year's budget for the work. He then asked what the Sewer Capacity fund could be used for. Mr. Gleason will look into this.

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

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT I&I – 10 YEAR PLAN – STEP 1

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to table this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

CHARTER HOMES – 4 EDU REQUEST

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve Charter Homes request for 4 EDU's.

DAVE HERSEY – SINGLE EDU REQUEST

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve Mr. Hersey’s request for a single EDU for 214 Maxele Lane.

NORTHERN DISTRICT 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mr. Eckerd made a motion to submit the Northern Draft Budget #3 to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Sunday seconded the motion, but the entire board didn’t vote at this time.

Mr. Eckerd provided a copy of the draft #3 to the Board and reviewed the information. Within this budget he planned for a \$35 per quarter rate reduction, which he felt was conservative. To his surprise at the Supervisors meeting last week there was another budget that planned for a \$20 per quarter budget. The difference between a \$20 reduction and a \$35 reduction would be \$20,880.

Mr. Kuhl asked Mr. Rudy if he was asked to perform a liquidated debt report for 2018. Mr. Rudy said he was not asked, but wasn’t sure about Mr. Rogalski. Mr. Kuhl added that in the past maintenance costs were not included in the liquidated debt report, but was now mentioned. Mr. Miller said the rate was based on debt. Mr. Kuhl added that he was not notified of the proposed \$20 reduction that was brought to the workshop, this was done by the office. He added that it is up to Mr. Eckerd to provide the numbers he feels are appropriate.

Mr. Eckerd supports the \$35 rate reduction, but the Supervisors will do what they feel is right.

Mr. Miller said he supports a rate reduction, but isn’t sure what the right amount is. He wants to make sure money is being put back for a rainy day as the system is aging and there could be issues.

Mr. Clancy said that if we had to tear up a mile of road and replace a mile of pipe the reserves would be used in no time.

Ms. Sunday said that since the source of I&I on Nixon Drive hasn’t been identified and we don’t know what costs may be involved she would be more comfortable to make reductions in steps and would lean toward a \$20 rate reduction. Mr. Miller agreed.

Mr. Jackson asked when investigating will be done on Nixon. Mr. Miller said that we just changed engineers and this is a target item to do. Mr. Jackson is concerned about the industry in the area and the number of sump pumps. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Jackson if he would be willing to be an inspector. Mr. Jackson said yes.

There was some discussion about obtaining water usage reports from Suez to compare to the treatment numbers. Mr. Kuhl suggested getting an opinion from the solicitor before moving forward. Mr. Gleeson will look into this matter.

Mr. Eckerd made a motion to submit the Northern Draft Budget #3 to the Board of Supervisors with a \$35 per quarter rate reduction. Ms. Sunday seconded the motion, but the motion was not successful. A roll call vote was done:

Kevin Miller - no

Sue Sunday - no

Ron Eckerd - yes

Andrew Clancy - no

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED accept the Northern draft budget with a \$20 per quarter rate reduction.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Mr. Beck wasn't present, but Mr. Miller reviewed the budget proposal that was provided. The quarterly rate will stay as is.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Southern draft budget as provided.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller reminded the Board of a Joint Meeting on Monday, September 25th at 8 AM.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Secretary/Treasurer