

April 19, 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  
William Beck, Treasurer  
Ronald Eckerd, Secretary

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor  
Bill Rudy, Engineer  
Karen Lowery, Secretary/Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

#### MINUTES

**On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 regular meeting.**

#### OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Miller stated that it is time to start looking at a cleaning schedule for the pump stations.

Mr. Pykosh asked why the Northern flows were up, but the Southern flows weren't. Mr. Miller said that there have been some new connections, but didn't think there would be that much change. Mr. Rudy suggested he check the area since Tamanini Homes has been doing some work in that area.

**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 March.**

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck provided an income statement summary for the first 3 months of the year. Mr. Miller asked if we look to be on budget to date. Mr. Beck said yes.

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

#### LIEN/DEBT REPORT

Mr. Pykosh stated that payments have started for account 639 from the bankruptcy filing. Accounts 1127, 1238 and 1254 have larger balances, but have been making regular payments. Account 734 is moving toward the possibility of a foreclosure.

Mr. Beck asked if the accounts with payment plans have been making regular payments. Mr. Pykosh thought so, but would check.

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

#### CAPACITY REPORT

Mr. Beck asked why the Southern capacity shows zero and if it would be this way all year. Mr. Rudy said that 2016 was a wet year, so it kicked the flows over. Functionally there is capacity, but the township exceeded the 200,000 rolling average for 2016.

**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 Capacity Report.**

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pykosh had nothing other than his previous lien/debt report.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy provided an engineer report dated April 12, 2017.

Mr. Rudy stated that has been in contact with two facility operators. One was looking to take over all of the work and the other would like to meet with Jeff Wilbur to see what is currently being done and then work with Jeff. He will have more information for next month's meeting regarding which operator would work best. Mr. Miller added that they would like to meet the individuals before making a decision.

Mr. Rudy added that the Board of Supervisors tabled the Act 57 calculations until the SMTMA litigation is done and we know what the shared costs would be.

Mr. Rudy stated that the Board of Supervisors approved option 1 with alternate A for the Leidigh Pump station. Mr. Miller questioned item #3 on Mr. Rudy's memo dated April 17, 2017 regarding if the by-pass function will be manual or automatic. He was hoping for a bullet proof system that would have an automatic process. Mr. Rudy said he would check on that and respond.

Mr. Rudy looked into the status of the SMTMA project. He had a spreadsheet from February 13, 2017 showing the township's remaining portion being \$157,250.41. The project is basically complete, but there is ongoing litigation.

**On the motion of Mr. Beck, 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

Mr. Rudy notified the Board that the grant applications were not approved, but there is a plan to reapply at the end of the year. He added that the township has a paving project planned for 2017 on Blossom Terrace where there are known problems, so we may want to do repairs prior to the paving.

Mr. Rudy stated that Mr. Rogalski and the Road Crew have pulled some manholes and identified

some areas with issues. In 2012 there was some work done near Blossom Terrace, but additional work needs to be done. He added that they have been talking with the staff about doing more investigation and possibly buying a camera in the future.

Mr. Rudy reported that they have looked at the existing data. Some spot repairs were made in 2012 and the Electro Scan identified additional I&I issues in those areas. He added that it may be best to completely redo the lines from manhole to manhole to make sure the system is tight.

Mr. Miller suggested doing repairs starting at the Sandy pump station and working out. The ultimate goal is to have an air tight system, so we need to take action.

Ms. Sunday added that road work needs to be coordinated with the sewer work. She understands Blossom needs repaired, but this is not the only issue. Problem areas need to be identified and a long range plan needs developed. Mr. Beck agreed. He added that maybe a specialist in this field should be located to give guidance.

Mr. Miller asked if Mr. Rudy could provide data on Blossom Terrace at the next meeting. Mr. Rudy will also provide a scope of work and cost estimate.

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

#### TREBOR MHP MODIFICATION REQUEST

Mr. Miller stated that the Board of Supervisors approved the 7 year rate increase to begin January 1, 2018.

The Board briefly discussed how the rates would be adjusted if there was a northern district rate decrease. It was decided this would be looked at then, but first they need to catch up to the flat rate.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### TRINDLE STATION – 5 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 approval Trindle Station's request for 5 EDU's.**

#### STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller added that there will be a Conditional Use Hearing on the same night as the May Authority meeting, so they will need to move to the rental hall.

**On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to move the meeting location to the rental hall.**

Ms. Sunday asked if the pump station cleaning schedule should be determined. Mr. Rudy recommended that this be held until the May meeting. He will have information regarding the SOP by then to share and help determine what needs to be done.

Mr. Eckerd mentioned that the Northern flows were up. He suggested contacting Suez water to obtain the monthly water usage reports. He feels these reports would be worth reviewing periodically.

ADJOURN

**On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Lowery  
Secretary/Treasurer