

The reorganization meeting of Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by the Solicitor. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mr. Gleeson asked for a motion to select the 2019 Chairperson.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Beck, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to select Kevin Miller as the Chairman.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Miller. He thanked the rest of the Board for selecting him as the Chairman.

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Miller, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to select Sue Sunday as the Vice Chairperson.

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to select Bill Beck as the Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to select Ron Eckerd as the Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to select Andrew Clancy as the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

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

ATTENDANCE

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

Chris Gleeson, Solicitor
Bill Rudy, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Bill Johnson, 207 Simmons Road, said he attend the January Supervisors meeting and was encouraged as there was a motion to lower the northern sewer rate, which was then withdrawn until the matter can be discussed at the joint meeting in March. He added that he asked for some type of communication to be sent out to the sewer customers and Mr. Kehoe said the he had planned on creating a communication document about two years ago, but had dropped the ball due to some changes that had taken place and the information was not put together. Mr. Johnson feels that it is very important for some type of special newsletter be sent out to share information.

MINUTES

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 minutes of the December 19, 2018 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Miller was concerned with the White Rock flows and questioned if there could be an issue with the mag meter. He asked if there is a better way to get the flow amounts. There was some discussion about calculating the flow based on the RPM of the motor to see how accurate the mag meter is. Mr. Rudy with check into this and may look to have the meter recalculated if he feels it is necessary.

On the motion of Mr. Clancy, and seconded by Mr. Beck, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Operations Reports for December.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck reviewed the handouts he provided showing the statement of revenue and expenses for 2018 vs. the budget for the northern and southern funds, change in flows & costs for the year and a debt summary.

Mr. Eckerd also provided handouts for the northern and southern funds showing balance sheets and revenue/expenditures for the past 5 years.

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 Financial Report.

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

Mr. Eckerd questioned the status of accounts 886, 868, 904 and 906. Mr. Gleeson said account 866 is to be discussed with the Supervisors at the March meeting. Account 868 is being worked on, but the problem is this was purchased by a LLP and is a rental property so there are limits on how far they can go. The next step is to send a letter to the mortgage company requesting payment. Account 904 has a payment plan, but he hasn't heard anything from her, so he filed a suit with the District Justice. And account 906 was sold at a Sheriff's sale and we are just waiting for payment.

Mr. Beck asked about account 350. Mr. Gleeson said that he has heard nothing so he filed a judgement and the next step is a writ of execution.

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 Lien/Debt Report.

CAPACITY REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Nothing new at this time

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy reviewed his engineer report dated January 8, 2019.

Mr. Eckerd asked it was narrowed down as to where the high flows were coming from. Mr. Rudy said they believe it's from Nixon. The flow meter have been installed and we have started to camera the line.

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 Engineer Report.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Clancy said that White Rock is an unmitigated disaster that was poorly designed and constructed from 1978. The entire system needs to be replaced and he feels it would be wise to make a 10 year plan to continue moving forward. He suggested planning based on replacing so many feet per year or a certain percentage of the system. It would also help to calculate a preliminary cost for replacement for the next 3-4 years, so that if a grant became available we may have the minimum amount of information needed to apply for the grant. We would be focused and ready to take care of grants. Mr. Miller added that we need to map out the plan and protect areas that have already had repairs done. 2019 is a stepping stone with our first project being planned. He would like to discuss these ideas at the meetings or schedule a special meeting to discuss. Mr. Rudy said they will continue to camera the sewer lines, which will help to determine how much work can be done per year and how many years it will take.

Mr. Miller suggested prioritizing the joint meeting agenda and adding sub-items to help keep everyone focused and utilize the time allotted. He asked for the agenda to be sent out.

Mr. Gleeson asked about the lien/debt policy and what the Board was looking at. The Board was looking to put a trigger in place to keep balances from getting so high. Mr. Gleeson said we do have certain triggers in place to start the lien process, but he feels that each account needs approached differently.

The Board discussed whether the joint meeting should be advertised as a meeting or a workshop and whether or not public comments had to be allowed. Mr. Gleeson said that a motion could be made at the beginning of the meeting to eliminate public comments. Ms. Sunday said that comments are always welcome, but with the time constraints it was a concern. Mr. Miller suggesting allowing 10 minutes for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Jackson suggested setting a limit for each speaker. Mr. Clancy suggested joint meetings be done quarterly to help structure the groups and keep the lines of communication open.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to advertise the joint meeting as a meeting, not a workshop.

Mr. Eckerd addressed Mr. Johnson's comment regarding making information available by stating that the meeting minutes and budgets are on the website. The public has to keep involved. Mr. Johnson said some don't have internet access and feels a mailer should be sent out. Mr. Miller asked when the next sewer billing will be sent. Ms. Lowery said February 15th. Ms. Sunday said she will work on creating something to be included with the February billing. Mr. Beck asked that publishing bi-annual updates be added as a sub-

category on the joint meeting agenda. Mr. Clancy added that he likes the idea of the newsletter, but how many people will just put it aside. There has been one man showing up to every meeting with questions and insight, now we have two. He understands residents are upset with the sewer costs, but they have to be engaged and involved. He added that the Authority doesn't have all of the answers, but are working toward discussing concerns and making a plan.

Mr. Beck requested that the joint meeting be listed under old business for next month's meeting.

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 8:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary