

The reorganization meeting of Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by the Solicitor. Mr. Pykosh asked for a motion to select the 2018 Chairperson.

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

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

On the motion of Mr. Miller, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ATTENDANCE

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

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Bill Rudy, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

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 December 20, 2017 regular meeting with minor edits.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Miller reviewed the report. He also reviewed a report provided by Mr. Beck that shows the change in waste treatment flows for a 12 month average and the changes from December 2017 and December 2016.

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 Operations Reports for December.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck reviewed a handout he provided showing the statement of revenue and expenses for 2017 vs. the budget for the northern and southern funds.

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

Ms. Sunday thanked Mr. Beck and Mr. Eckerd for the information they provided. This helps her to get a better understanding.

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

Mr. Eckerd questioned the status of account 828. Mr. Pykosh said the owner is deceased. There was a bank loan foreclosure on the property, but it was stopped. The bank may have determined the property wasn't worth what was owed. Mr. Pykosh had worked with the owner's mother in the past, he will try to reach out to her to find out what is going on with the property.

Mr. Miller questioned the status of account 139. Mr. Pykosh said that last month the Authority suggested the foreclosure process begin with accounts 139 and 866. The Board of Supervisors directed Mr. Pykosh to have the properties appraised because there is a chance the township will end up with the properties, so we need to have a better idea of what we could be working with and what it could cost the township.

Mr. Miller asked if all of the other properties were on a payment plan. Mr. Pykosh said that accounts 252, 44 and 126 have payment plans. He has filed suit and gotten a judgement on the other accounts. He will move forward with a sheriff sale of personal property. Mr. Pykosh added that 2 of the bankruptcy accounts aren't keeping up with their quarterly fees, so he is going to reach out to the bankruptcy attorney.

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 Ms. Sunday, 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. Pykosh said there was a question at last month's meeting about entering homes to inspect for sump pumps. He has found some example ordinances putting a policy into place that when a property is

transferred a licensed plumber must test the lines.

Mr. Clancy suggested offering a discount of 5% as an incentive for residents to have their connections checked.

Mr. Miller asked about smoke testing. Mr. Pykosh said that would be started off of the property. Mr. Rudy added that he had forwarded a few ordinances he found that addressed smoke testing. Mr. Pykosh suggested looking at the examples and it would give us a starting point.

Mr. Rudy added that the Authority will spend money on the Blossom project to have a tight system and we need to have the homeowners also do their part. He feels having an ordinance in place would be helpful. Mr. Miller said that adding clean outs would allow us to camera the lines.

Mr. Beck said that we need to notify the public of what should not be put into the sewer system, an article could be put in the newsletter. Mr. Miller said that in the past information had been included with the quarterly billings.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to add the sample ordinances to the next agenda for discussion.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy reviewed his engineer report dated January 10, 2018.

Mr. Miller asked why the Leidigh pumps are not running more in sync. Mr. Rudy said he almost has 6 months of data and is getting more data from the new omni system. He will look into this and reach out to PSI then report back.

Mr. Rudy said the Board previously approved \$20,000 for the push camera, flow meters and confined space equipment. He was made aware that the DPW would like to have a portable generator to use with the confined space equipment at a cost of \$1,000, so the total cost now would be \$21,500.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Mr. Miller, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend to the Supervisors that an additional \$2,000 be approved for the cost of additional I&I equipment.

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

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT I&I

Mr. Beck stated that Ms. Araiza contacted him regarding a 40 year low interest loan from the Department of Ag. The interest rate was not available, but he didn't feel the Authority would want to get into any further debt when there is almost 1.5 million in bank accounts and the upcoming project will cost approximately \$300,000.

SUMP PUMP INSPECTION DISCUSSION

Mr. Miller said additional documents will be provided and added as new business.

WATER USAGE REPORT DISCUSSION

Mr. Miller said that Mr. Eckerd had brought this subject up a few months ago. Mr. Eckerd said there were only 2 or 3 properties that were way off, so he suggested holding off for now.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to table the water usage report discussion until the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – None

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Eckerd asked how the Authority would be kept abreast of any movement with SMTMA looking at assessing the southern sewer district. Mr. Pykosh said there would be communications between SMTMA and Monroe regarding assets, debt, etc. Mr. Miller added that there would need to be a discussion about making it a regional authority so that we had representation on the board.

Mr. Eckerd questioned if the bigger problem in the southern district is the I&I or the debt. Mr. Miller said that anything we do is a step in the right direction, but you do question based on what we are spending for repairs is it better to pay the treatment. Mr. Beck added that it needs to be a blended approach. Mr. Rudy said that he feels it is a blended approach and having the DPW do some of the work it won't cost as much. Mr. Clancy said that being able to use the data from the flow meters will allow us to work back and isolate the problem area.

Mr. Rudy stated the replacing one of the pump station dialers with the omni system each year would allow us to work toward gathering more information.

Mr. Clancy said that reducing the I&I would free up connections to allow for more rate payers.

Mr. Miller questioned the tapping fee and when this would be reviewed. Mr. Rudy said that the Supervisors had suggested waiting until all of the costs with SMTMA plant upgrade were received.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary