

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
Ron Eckerd, Secretary
Bill Beck, Treasurer
Andrew Clancy, Asst. Sec/Treas.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Ms. Sunday asked why the September flows for Churchtown were down, but the average daily flow was higher. Mr. Rudy said he will reach out to SMTMA.

Mr. Beck provided a handout comparing flows and treatment costs for the past 4 quarter of 2018 and 4 quarters of 2017. The flows were up due to the wet weather.

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 September.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck provided a handout showing the estimated actuals for 2018. He has increased the treatment costs to \$190,000, because of the wet weather and high treatment costs.

Mr. Eckerd asked what the expense of \$571.50 to Mechanicsburg was for. Ms. Lowery will pull the bill and contact Mr. Eckerd.

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 Financial Report.

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

Mr. Eckerd questioned account 866. Mr. Gleeson said this is in the Supervisors hands. He will working on getting an update.

Mr. Gleeson added that payment has been received for account 717 and a writ of execution was filed on account 868.

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

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 Capacity Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gleeson said that he will talk to the Supervisors about account 866 and what direction they would like to go. Account 139 has no equity to move forward with a foreclosure, so we may need to get creative.

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 Solicitor's report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy provided his engineer report dated October 11, 2018.

Mr. Rudy provided a quote to repair or replace pump #1 at the Spring pump station. The monthly run times are only about 20 hours, so he suggested repairing the pump.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to repair Pump #1 for the Spring pump station for \$3,750.00.

Mr. Rudy said he had provided PSI the details for the generator pad replacement and he is comfortable with their quote, but they didn't list each item on their quote. The DPW obtained the quote from HB McClure. He will contact HB McClure and provide them with the details so that quotes can be based on the same information.

Mr. Rudy provided cost estimate for 3 projects in White Rock. He plans to bid all 3 projects and is also going to split the Kuhn Road project into 2 sections. The Board will then have the option to choose which projects they would like to proceed with. Survey work has already started for the projects and next month he will provide a schedule for bidding.

Mr. Rudy said he will get updated prices for the Omni Site systems that the Board is considering installing at the remaining 4 pump stations. He added that Verizon is requiring Omni to upgrade from 3G to 4G. Our current system is still under warranty so there will be no fee and the DPW is going to do the upgrade.

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 Engineer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT I&I - This was discussed during the Engineer's Report

SUMP PUMP INSPECTION DISCUSSION

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Miller, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to table the Connection/Sump Pump inspection discussion.

2019 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Eckerd and the office staff's expenses were in agreement. He is suggesting a \$35 rate reduction and would like to reduce the debt by \$100,000 (\$50,000 from Sewer North and \$50,000 from Northern Capacity).

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that \$100,000 be included in the 2019 budget to be paid on the 2016 Bank Loan Northern Service Area.

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a rate reduction of \$35 per quarter for the Northern District be included in the 2019 budget.

Mr. Eckerd referred to Mr. Beck's flows and treatment handout and suggested that there is justification to set different rates for the White Rock and Churchtown areas. Mr. Miller stated that legally you can't set 2 different rates in a single district. Mr. Beck said that the Southern District could be split into 2 districts. Mr. Eckerd feels that the entire township should be assessed a fee to get the debt and I&I issues under control. Mr. Miller agrees with Mr. Eckerd and has made suggestions to 2 of the Supervisors on how to approach this issue.

Mr. Beck suggested writing a budget proposal with the Boards suggestions for the 2019 budget to be provided to the Supervisors.

Mr. Beck stated that \$5 and \$10 rate reduction options has been included in his budget. He has also included \$225,000 in the budget for I&I repairs, but Mr. Rudy's projects total about \$335,000. The Board agreed to leave the budget amount at \$225,000 since we can pick options for the I&I project.

Ms. Lowery informed the Board that the final payment of approximately \$182,000 to SMTMA was approved last week at the Supervisors meeting. Mr. Miller added that some of the remaining funds could be used toward the I&I project.

Mr. Miller feels that offering some type of rate reduction is a good idea while still maintaining a good budget. Ms. Sunday feels the Supervisors would be more likely to give \$5 reduction than a \$10 reduction. Mr. Beck agreed. Mr. Miller added that another I&I project could be recommended for 2020 with more financial support from the township's general fund.

Mr. Beck stated the Omni Site system upgrades could cost \$17,000 to install at 4 pump stations. If this is the plan, he will need to increase the maintenance/repair budget amount from \$85,000 to \$100,000. The Board agreed to plan to install 1 Omni Site system per quarter, unless the budget seems tight for the last 2 quarters. Mr. Rudy added that SMTMA had also provided a 5 year plan of other costs that may come up and we need to keep those in mind.

The Board agreed to show both rate reduction options for the Southern District, but feel comfortable with the \$10 option.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Miller, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to authorize Mr. Beck to create a document to accompany the budget explaining the Board's feeling about the budget.

Rick Line asked if there are restrictions on bonds in the southern district. He may attend a Supervisors meeting to suggest consolidating the districts, but doesn't want the bond to hurt us. Mr. Miller said that the 2 districts could be join into 1 district.

NEW BUSINESS

SANDY PUMP STATION GENERATOR SLAB

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to table the Sandy pump station generator slab until additional information is provided.

OMNI SITE SYSTEMS – This matter was discussed during the budget discussion.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary