

November 15, 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
Bill Beck, Treasurer
Ronald Eckerd, Secretary
Andrew Clancy, Asst. Sec/Treas.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

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 October 18, 2017 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Ms. Sunday asked why the Leidigh pump run times seem higher than normal. Mr. Miller and Mr. Clancy were concerned that the Leidigh generator ran less than an hour. Mr. Rudy will look into this.

Mr. Beck provided a report comparing flows for October 2016 and October 2017, which shows the flows increased over the past year. He also provided a 12 month average ending in October of 2016 and 2017, which shows the flows for the year are down.

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 October.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck stated that the P&L seem to be on track and on budget for the end of the year.

Mr. Eckerd asked Mr. Pykosh if it has been determined what the Capacity Fund can be used for. Mr. Pykosh said it can be used for construction and bond payments. Mr. Miller thought there were some limitations on what the money can be used for. Mr. Pykosh had checked with bond counsel and he was advised that it can be designated for sewer purposes as long as there is not bond proceeds in the fund, but the main purpose of the fund is for line maintenance, sewer extensions or purchasing extra capacity.

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. Pykosh said that account 354 has been listed for sale and account 866 is listed for a sheriff's sale in December. Account 139 has worked out a payment plan that is to start December 1st.

Mr. Eckerd asked what the status is on account 828. Mr. Pykosh stated the owner is deceased. He believes the property will be listed for a sheriff's sale soon from the mortgage company.

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 Lien/Debt Report.

CAPACITY REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pykosh stated that an email was sent out today to schedule a special joint meeting for the Allenberry Agreements. Copies of the agreements and addendum will be provided.

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 Solicitors Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy provided an engineer report dated November 8, 2017. He also provided an up to date chart and graph showing the flows for the southern district. He will provide updated graphs quarterly.

Mr. Rudy provided two additional quotes for the panel replacement and roof at the Mechanicsburg pump station. PSI had the lowest bid of \$6,290.00 for a 1/4" aluminum panel that will be grounded, 3" galvanized pipe posts that will be concreted in and the roof. He feels this will be a drastic improvement from what is currently there.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend approval of the PSI bid for the panel replacement and roof installation.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Rudy to inform the Board when the work will be done.

Mr. Rudy stated that PSI has agreed to replace the junction box in exchange for the additional costs due to the overflow a few months ago. He added that as the auto dialers were being programmed in accordance to the SOP, an issue with the phone line was found. Centurylink has been contacted to take a look at the line.

Mr. Rudy provided a memo listing capital projects for 2018. Blossom Terrace and Dogwood Terrace are to be paved in 2019, so he would like to perform the needed sewer repairs in 2018. He also provided a quote to purchase flow meters for \$1,200 each and a quote to purchase a push camera for \$15,000.

There was discussion by the Board and Mr. Rudy that the flow meter and camera would allow for further investigation to be done to determine if the line needs to be replaced or if it is more of a lateral issue on Blossom. The equipment would also allow the system to be monitored and work proactively on concerns.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend to the Board of Supervisors purchasing a camera and flow meters at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Mr. Beck stated that the Blossom Terrace repair work was not included in the 2018 budget. He would like to do further investigation to see what work needs to be done and know better what the cost will be.

Mr. Miller asked if doing the project in early 2019 was a possibility. Purchasing the equipment to further investigate the issue if the first step and then we could budget for the necessary repairs in early 2019, if the paving could be pushed back to later in 2019. Splitting the work between 2 years would help with the budget. Mr. Beck agreed.

Mr. Eckerd said that a plan to finance the work needs to be determined. Churchtown shouldn't have to pay for repairs in White Rock. The court gave the White Rock system to the township, so it is a township problem. Maybe a township wide tax should be considered to address the issues in White Rock.

There was a discussion regarding a 10 year capital plan for the White Rock area. The total cost to replace all of the lines would be more like a 30 year project. Doing the work is not an issue, but determining how to finance the work is the issue.

Mr. Jackson added that by doing repairs the township would save on treatment costs and that savings could be used to help cover the repairs.

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 – Previously addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 MEETING DATES

On the motion of Mr. Clancy, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to set the 2018 meeting dates – January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 14 and December 19, 2018.

SUMP PUMP INSPECTION DISCUSSION

Mr. Miller said the flow meter could be used to collect data to determine where further actions are needed for sump pump inspections. Mr. Clancy asked how other townships handle this. Mr. Miller said years ago there were home inspection in White Rock. There are some concerns that there could be sump pumps connected in the Nixon Drive area. Mr. Rudy added that videos could be reviewed for signs of further investigation needed. Mr. Clancy agreed that using the flow meter to check pipes during severe weather would help to possibly located sump pumps.

The Board tabled this discussion and will keep on as old business.

LOT 140, KUHN ROAD – 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 the single EDU request for Lot 140, Kuhn Road.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Clancy, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Secretary/Treasurer