

November 16, 2016  
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

Ron Eckerd, Secretary

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor

Mark Bruening, Engineer

Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Kuhl, Supervisor, stated the Supervisors agreed to pay off the Northern portion of the 2010 Bond in February 2017. He added that the rate reduction was discussed, but not approved on a 2 to 1 vote.

#### 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 October 19, 2016 regular meeting.**

#### OPERATIONS REPORT

**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 also provided a budget update that there was an error in the Sewer South Revenue that will be corrected. The budget does include \$40,000 for I&I and \$35,000 for pump station upgrades.

Mr. Miller asked if the quarterly treatment fees were reviewed. Ms. Lowery did average the past 4 quarterly bills, which came to \$44,000.

**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. Miller stated that the list has changed. The liens in both districts used to be even, but now there is more in the Southern District.

**On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Beck, 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.**

Mr. Kuhl asked if the 2016 numbers will be good since the weather has been dry. Mr. Bruening said we will likely be in the same range for the Chapter 94 report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pykosh said that Bond Counsel met with the township to sign some documents for the refinance and some of the documents need to be signed by the Authority.

Mr. Pykosh stated that \$1,200 has been collected since the last meeting. He is moving forward with the sheriff sale process on some of the properties, but it is a process that takes several steps. He added that it would take about 6 months to list the property and then the sale would take place within 3 months.

**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 Solicitors Report.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bruening reviewed his Engineer's Report dated November 9, 2016. He added that there have been issues with valves clogging at the Leidigh Pump Station. Next month he will provide flow test data.

Mr. Eckerd asked for an explanation of how the yogurt plant is being handled. Mr. Bruening explained that a separate water meter was installed to monitor the amount of water that is being used. Test pits have been installed and an agreement has been established between Monroe Township, Mechanicsburg WWTP and the property owner to determine extra charges for the waste that will be generated. Mr. Eckerd was concerned with the water usage and making sure it is accurate. He suggested that Ms. Araiza obtain water meter readings from Suez water quarterly or semi-annually to make sure commercial properties are within their EDU limits.

Mr. Bruening stated that the most recent bill from SMTMA didn't allow for release of retainage, so he asked that it be revised. He added that there is still approximately \$150,000 the township will owe and the project should be done by April or May, 2017.

**On a motion by 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

ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Sunday said that they are at 450 volunteer hours. They need to finish the laterals in Lisburn

Meadows and then onto the pump stations.

Mr. Miller mentioned that there were some maps missing and wondered how much of White Rock Acres wasn't properly mapped. Ms. Sunday thought about 30%. Mr. Kuhl asked what the age and composition of the pipe is. Ms. Sunday and Mr. Miller agree that CCTV would need to be done to determine what type of pipe was used.

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT I&I PLAN – 10 YEAR PLAN

Mr. Miller stated the goal is to work on I&I issues to reduce flows to the South Middleton Plant. Some work has previously been done, but now it needs to be determined what other areas should be worked on. A long range plan needs to be created for the work and costs and then determine how the repairs will be funded. Ms. Sunday added that holding a workshop in February will give her a chance to be able to provide a more accurate picture of the unknowns in White Rock and may help with a starting point.

The Board discussed how the repairs would be funded. Mr. Kuhl added that Ms. Araiza applied for a grant to replace laterals on Blossom Terrace. Mr. Kuhl stated that a rate increase would be a hardship on residents. Mr. Miller agreed and stated that rate increases were not planned.

Mr. Beck clarified that Mr. Miller is now looking at repairing small areas because he thought last month's discussion was to have a \$10 million project. Mr. Miller explained that this is a starting point to fix the system. The cost may be too high, but we should be able to do something. Mr. Beck agreed with the smaller project idea.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### RAY SIMMONS – LOT 4, PARKVIEW ESTATES – EDU REQUEST

**On the motion Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to grant a single EDU for Lot 4, Parkview Estates.**

#### 2017 MEETING DATES

**On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to set the 2017 meeting dates as follows: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20, 2017.**

#### STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Sunday stated that this Board has become team with different expertise and a good working relationship. We are moving forward and starting to work on projects. She would hope the Supervisors keep this Board intact.

**On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Beck, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to maintain the current members of the Municipal Authority Board for 2017.**

Mr. Beck mentioned that he has sent out a memo sharing his concerns that the Churchtown area is also footing the bill for White Rock area repairs. We need to take a hard look at how this is handled.

**On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to have the MTMA formulate a plan, or alternatives, to present to the Board of Supervisors with respect to mitigating the flat-rate sewer rates for the residents of the Southern Sewer System, including Churchtown and the out-lying areas not part of the White Rock Sewer System, who are and have been financially burdened by the high cost of flow processing, maintenance, and rebuilding of the White Rock system.**

Mr. Miller asked that our thoughts and prayers be with the officer who was shot in Pittsburgh area. The funeral services were today and there was an overwhelming presence of support in the area.

ADJOURN

**On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, 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