

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Vice Chairperson Sunday.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ATTENDANCE

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

Rick Line, Criswell Drive, mentioned he had a friend living in White Rock Acres who has a grinder pump. He didn't understand why a grinder pump would be needed when you live in the mountain. Mr. Rudy explained that the road could be higher than where the house sits and the line would have to be very deep. Mr. Clancy added that the exit from the home could be below the main line in the street and would need to be pumped up.

MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Beck and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the January 17,2018 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Eckerd asked if Allenberry is charged based on flow or EDU's. Ms. Lowery said flow.

Mr. Rudy stated that the Leidigh pump station run times should be closer. There was a check valve sticking. There have been call outs to the pump station due to high water alarms, so PSI was out today to adjust the VFD which should help with the rain that is being forecasted.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

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 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. Pykosh reported that appraisals are being worked on for accounts 866 and 139 to determine if moving forward with the foreclosure process is in the best interest of the township. If the township proceeds with the foreclosure the township may end up owning the properties so the appraisal will provide the value of the property and how long it may take to resell it. He added that he previously had been talking with account 139 in regards to a payment plan, but nothing was finalized. Account 139 did make a payment today of \$350.

Mr. Eckerd asked if the property for account 866 isn't worth \$16,000. Mr. Pykosh said that is what the appraisal will provide and we can determine if the numbers work out. Mr. Clancy added that if the home is not in good shape it may need to be torn down and the property graded, which would cost the township more money.

Mr. Eckerd feels that we are sending a message if nothing is done. If it's cheaper not to proceed with the foreclosure then we will just let it go. He added there other steps could have been taken such as shutting off the water. Mr. Pykosh stated that there are only 2 accounts at this level and most of their debt was accumulated between 2002 – 2012, which was prior to him being the solicitor. Other option, such as selling personal property was an option, but those sales wouldn't bring in enough to cover the debt.

Mr. Beck said that if we don't proceed with the foreclosure, we have a lien on the property. Mr. Pykosh agreed and added that account 866 was in a foreclosure with their bank, but the bank stepped away because they probably didn't want the property.

On the motion of Mr. Clancy, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, 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 February 14, 2018.

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 - Ms. Sunday tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

SUMP PUMP INSPECTION DISCUSSION – Ms. Sunday tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

CONNECTION INSPECTION

Mr. Pykosh stated that Mr. Rudy had sent out sample ordinances. The Board could use these to

help determine what options they would like to proceed with, such as requiring certain inspections to be done when a property is sold or when a sewer line project is being done inspecting the building sewers that connect.

Mr. Beck supported both ideas. Mr. Clancy asked if some type of testing could be done to check the building sewers as part of the sewer line project work so that more expense is not added to the homeowner. Mr. Rudy said that air testing is done when sewer line work is done as part of the inspection process. He added that they could request the contractor to also do a smoke test or install clean outs to check with the camera.

Mr. Jackson suggested using the camera to show if a sump pump is connected. There will be rushes of water about 1 ½ minutes apart. Dillsburg Area Authority is starting to go through this process this year. Per DEP regulations it is illegal to put anything but waste water into the sewer system. He added that you must have an indication that a sump pump is connected to be able to enter a home.

Ms. Sunday would like to have inspections done when a property is sold and be able to check building sewers when construction work is being done, which means an ordinance is needed to make this happen. Mr. Clancy said that an ordinance is expensive and then needing an employee to camera the area. He suggested starting with the flow meters to isolate area that may need to be televised.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend to the Supervisors that an Ordinance be drafted requiring certified sewer inspections be done when a property is transferred.

INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Mr. Beck provided a handout explaining an investment opportunity with PLGIT who has over 3,000 clients. The township is currently getting an interest rate of .02% and PLGIT offers a rate of 1.17%. There are no minimum balances or investments required. He suggested that the township start with a small investment to see if how it goes. The Supervisors discussed this at their February meeting and are gathering more information.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Eckerd referred to the Operation Report and how Allenberry is charged. He doesn't want the same issue that we had had with the mobile home park that was charged based on usage. Mr. Clancy added that the rates are spelled out in the Ordinance. Mr. Rudy agreed and mentioned they are also in the Rules and Regulations. Ms. Sunday added that this is 1 customer, not a mobile home park of multiple customers.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary