

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Miller.

ATTENDANCE

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

Chris Gleeson, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debra Sunday, 51 Longmeadow Street, mentioned that the January minutes were not on the website.

Werner Schmidt, 779 Dogwood Terrace, thanked the Board for the work they are doing. This has been the first time that the Board had the talent and attitude to take a business like approve to start to resolve the problems as a whole and not just react to the loudest complaint.

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 March 4, 2019 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Miller suggested having the pump stations cleaned sooner than July. A lot of debris seems to have been collected in the Sandy, Spring and York pump stations.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to schedule the pump station cleaning for all stations in April.

Mr. Beck provided flow comparisons for the first 2 months of 2019 vs. the first 2 month of 2018, which showed all of the flows being up.

Mr. Rogalski has the flows for March, which were down from February so we are trending in the right direction.

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 Operations Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck compared profits/expenses from last year. He added that treatments cost for the Southern District will likely be over budget for the year.

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. Miller stated that 2 accounts represent over half of the outstanding debt and the Board would like to see action taken on this matter.

Mr. Clancy referred to the two accounts over \$10,000 and that the typical approach would be to do what is needed to collect the debt. However, not knowing the full circumstances of the owners who may have fallen on hard times, do we want to take that approach to be the ones to take their home and take on the public relations nightmare? And if we go all in and take the home, what do we end up with? Will the property cover what is owed or will it cost us more money? He's not saying to continue to let it ride, he just wants all sides to be considered.

Mr. Gleeson stated that he has no contact at all with account 866 even though he has reached out many times. Account 139 has been in touch and set up payment plans, but never follows through. He believes they are very down on their luck and would have a hard time paying their debt. He added that the property has been assessed and there is no equity in account 139. Mr. Gleeson said he has had some success with contacting mortgage companies, who then paid the debt, but not in the case of account 866.

Mr. Kehoe thanked Mr. Clancy for his scenario and added that Mr. Miller and Mr. Gleeson have previously shared the same concerns. Moving forward to sell someone's home will take serious consideration and will not be taken lightly, as his signature will be one of three on the paperwork to move this process forward.

Mr. Miller stated that there are lame ducks within the society and we have to take action to make the best informed decision. We have been patient enough and have gone through every angle to collect the debt.

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 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 stated the new liens are names we have seen in the past. He is continuing to work on collections.

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 Solicitors report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rogalski reviewed the report dated March 14, 2019. He added that a pre-construction meeting for the White Rock project will be held in early April and then we will be able to schedule the work. A letter is

being drafted to send out to the residents of White Rock about the project and then a more targeted letter will be sent out to those residing closer to where the work will be performed.

Mr. Rogalski added that there was concern about the flow meter not working properly. Flows have been verified between our flow meter and SMTMA's meter, which were within less the ½% of each other.

Mr. Miller said that while pulling manholes last week there was a lot of clear water in the Caboose manhole for the low pressure system. Mr. Rogalski said that is likely sump pumps since it's a close system and blanket letters should be sent all. Ms. Sunday is going to work on an insert for the next sewer bill about sump pumps.

Ms. Sunday is in favor moving forward with installing the OmniSite systems at the remaining 4 pump stations so that data can be gathered easier. Mr. Clancy agreed. Mr. Miller is concerned about the full expenditure while our flows are up. Mr. Beck said that the budget would be okay with spending the \$20,000. Mr. Rogalski added that the systems have a 2 year warranty.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend installing the OmniSite systems on the 4 remaining pump stations in White Rock for the amount of \$20,460.00.

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

OLD BUSINESS

SANDY PUMP STATION GENERATOR SLAB

Mr. Miller asked if this repair should be put on hold until fall. Mr. Clancy feels it should be done. Mr. Rogalski explained the ground has eroded away around the slab causing it to tilt which effects the operation of the generator.

On the motion of Mr. Clancy, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend the Sandy Pump Station generator slab be repaired by PSI and the cost is not to exceed \$12,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULE FOLLOW UP JOINT WORKSHOP WITH SUPERVISORS

The Board would like to request a follow up workshop with the Board of Supervisors to be held on April 17, 2019 at 8 PM, after the regular Authority meeting. The topics for the follow up workshop would be discuss a 5 to 10 year plan for both districts and Plan for future areas that may need sewer. Mr. Miller added that maybe a sub-committee could be created to handle working through some bigger topics.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Rogalski stated that there is a 25 acre parcel on Lisburn Road that is for sale. He has been contact by interested parties questioning if sewer capacity would be available for 5 lots. He felt this would be similar to the Parkview Development that was handled case by case, but still had to have on-lot testing done. Mr. Miller agreed that this would need to be handle on a case by case basis per lot, but would like the homes

to be connected to the sewer since it runs through that area. Mr. Rogalski said he would respond with that information.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary