

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.

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Bill Rudy, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric McEldowney, 1225 Blossom Terrace, would like to know when the project is going to start on Blossom. Mr. Rudy said that the preconstruction meeting was held a few weeks ago and he is currently waiting on submittals from the contractor. He thinks the project will start around mid-June.

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 April 17, 2019 regular meeting.

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 April 17, 2019 joint workshop.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Rudy said they have been checking the Spring pump station and it seems that pump #2 was tripping. They have checked the check valve to make sure it clean and not sticking. The wet wells have been cleaned. They are continuing to monitor the pump, but it seem to be operating more consistently. Mr. Miller asked if the check valves need to be checked more often. Mr. Rudy said they are going to talk to Jeff Wilbur about that.

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 Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Beck asked about the payment to Mechanicsburg for \$26,000. Mr. Rudy said it was to replace the belt on the filter press. Mr. Miller asked how often repairs like this would need to be done. Should we budget \$1,000 per year to be proactive. Mr. Rudy said that the belts should last around 20 years. He suggested that around budget time talking to Mechanicsburg and SMTMA about any upcoming capital expenses that are planned for the next 5 to 10 years.

Mr. Beck provided a handout comparing cash flows from 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

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 asked if the Supervisors have made any decision on the 2 larger accounts. Mr. Pykosh said no.

Mr. Pykosh informed the Board that one of the owners of account 139-0 passed away. Mr. Eckerd asked what is being done with account 904-0. Mr. Pykosh said they have been working to try to find out what is going on there. Ms. Lowery added that account 44-0 has filed for bankruptcy and account 350-0 has made a payment to the Sheriff's office and payment will be forwarded to us shortly.

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. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Capacity Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – nothing at this time, will comment on later agenda items.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy reviewed the report dated May 9, 2019 and provided an updated flow summary packet.

Mr. Rudy explained that the Leidigh pump station was not cleaned with all of the other pump stations because of the high flows they would need to have a pump truck and vac truck there. He can look into prices or we can wait to see if the flows subside in the summer. Mr. Miller would like to know what the wet wells looked like. Do they need cleaned or are they self-cleaning with the amount of water flowing through. Mr. Rudy will look into this.

Mr. Rudy provided a quote from USG to camera and provide traffic control along Trindle Road between the mobile home park and Lodge Road for \$2,490.

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 quote and move forward with the work.

Mr. Rudy mentioned that a plan has been submitted for a property along W. Lisburn Road. They would like to build a home and bakery business, so they would be requesting 2 EDU's at the next meeting

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 Report.

OLD BUSINESS

JOINT WORKSHOP

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to request the Joint Workshop be schedule for July 17, 2019 at 8 PM.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to request the Sewage Enforcement Officer attend the June meeting to provide insight on where there may be possible issues with on-lot septic systems, provided the Supervisors approve this.

Ms. Sunday stated that the Supervisors would like to have the Authority make a 5 to 10 year plan. She understands there is enough money to complete a \$200,000 project in 2020, but after that they maximum amount for a project would be \$100,000 per year. Smaller projects are sometimes harder to bid. So it seems like we would have to do projects every other year based on the current finances. There aren't other resources to obtain more funding, so she wonders if the Authority is being set up for failure. We can't plan beyond our resources. There have been suggestions of looking for someone to buy the system, but how are volunteers supposed to accomplish this. She is frustrated. Mr. Miller said that projects every other year would be the plan to fix the system. As projects are done we need to make sure the improvements are done properly to reduce the flows. Mr. Clancy added that by doing work we could reduce I&I and open up EDU's for more connections. The more that are on the system would help to either pay down the debt or increase the amount of repairs. He said that we need to have projects identified with an idea of costs so that if other funding sources become available we would be ready to move forward. Mr. Beck suggested that maybe resources should be used to pay down the debt that that a 4% interest rate.

Mr. Miller would like the Board to compile a list of goals for the 5 to 10 year planning for the next meeting. Ms. Sunday volunteered to compile the list of goals if they were emailed to her. This would give the Board something to work from.

NEW BUSINESS

TRINDLE STATION 10 EDU REQUEST

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve Trindle Stations request to reserve 10 EDU's.

DRAFT SUMP PUMP ORDINANCE

Mr. Pykosh explained that the draft ordinance is for illegal sump pump connections and provides a certification to be completed when the property transfers ownership. Originally it was discussed that Pennoni would perform an inspection of the property to verify there were no sump pumps, but after talking it through that may be too much when the settlement company gives a short notice. Lower Paxton Township has been using this form certification method for years and it has been working well for them.

Mr. Miller asked if down spouts could be included in this ordinance. Mr. Pykosh said yes.

Ms. Sunday referred to Section 4, Paragraph 2 and clarified that if televising is done and there appears to be a sump pump connection we could contact the owner. Mr. Pykosh said yes, if evidence is present we would notify the homeowner and file action if need be.

Mr. Clancy felt the sump pump definition was vague. He explained that he has a permitted sewage pump in his home that is used for a bathroom that are below grade and needs to be pumped up to the system. He suggested adding some type of wording referring to pumping ground or clear water.

Mr. Beck asked if this was for all transfers. Mr. Pykosh said no, just for those on the public sewer.

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 Sump Pump Ordinance until the next meeting so updates can be made.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Miller said that he went out and pulled manholes with the DPW a few weeks ago. A lot of the manholes didn't have plastic bowls in them and he would like to know if these were ordered and being installed as manholes are pulled. Mr. Rudy said a lot of the manholes have them and some do need replaced. He will check into finding out if they are being used.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, 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