

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
William Beck, Treasurer
Ronald Eckerd, Secretary

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

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 May 16, 2018 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 May.

Mr. Rudy added that training has been provided on the Leidigh pump station, so he is hoping by next month to see the pump run times closer. He added that the pumps switch every 12 hours, so the same pump in running at night when there could be lower flows and less run time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Eckerd had a question regarding the Sewer North small tools account. Ms. Lowery will provide the detail he is looking for.

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

Mr. Eckerd suggested the Board read the Supervisors April minutes. He thanked Mr. Beck for taking the initiative to try to do something about the low interest rates. He is disappointed that instead of being thanked for doing this research, he was chastised. Mr. Beck stated that he had been working with the previous manager by sharing information and looking for solutions, but apparently some of the Supervisors weren't aware of this when she left. He shared the solution with the Supervisors and then felt he was chastised for putting his nose where it didn't belong. Mr. Eckerd added that everyone is on the same team and wanting to do the best for Monroe Township, the more people involved the better.

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

Mr. Pykosh reported the lien debt is the lowest it's ever been, with only 11 accounts with liens. Information on 1 account has been provided to the Supervisors to decide if they want to proceed with a

foreclosure.

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 Ms. Sunday, 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 had nothing new at this time. He will discuss the Act 57 Tapping Fee later.

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 Solicitor's report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Rudy provided his engineer report dated June 13, 2018. He also provided a memo dated June 20, 2018 for the Capital Improvement Plan for the Southern District. He added that the main line on Blossom Terrace is in good shape, but there is water running continuously from laterals. The memo provides 4 options regarding how to proceed with lateral work. Mr. Rudy also provided a cost estimate to repair a portion of the Spring Lane main line that runs between 2 manholes and is 110' long. The DPW lifted manholes and televised the line because they could hear water running constantly and found a sag and curve in the pipe, mesh screening and a leak.

Mr. Miller clarified that the original project for Blossom Terrace and Dogwood Terrace equaling about \$300,000 is not needed based on line televising which showed the mains are in good shape. However, a leak and sag in the line was found on Spring Lane, so the cost would be about \$68,000, plus the lateral repair option they choose.

The Board discussed the lateral options and leaned toward option B. Mr. Beck asked if the DPW has time to do the work. Ms. Sunday likes that cleanouts will be installed to access the lines.

On the motion of Mr. Beck, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to proceed with the repairs on Spring Lane for \$68,000 and they choose option B - to install a cleanout at the ROW line on all laterals and perform remediation work only where necessary – from the memo dated June 20th .

Mr. Rudy asked if they should continue to televise the lines to look for more needed repairs. Mr. Beck said they were anticipating on spending \$300,000, so more repairs could be added as long as the work is kept within the planned amount.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Beck, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Engineer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT I&I AND SUMP PUMP INSPECTION DISCUSSION

Mr. Miller tabled these items as action is being taken.

NEW BUSINESS

ACT 57 – TAPPING FEE

Mr. Pykosh provided copies of Act 57 that explains the various fees and calculations. The Engineer would then gather information and use the formulas to determine what the tapping fee should be. Mr. Rogalski had provided a price of \$2,500 to go through this process and it will take 2 to 3 months. The Supervisors would then adopt a Resolution setting the fees. (Mr. Pykosh was quoted \$25,000 for this work. This was verified with Mr. Rogalski who misspoke and confirmed the cost would be \$2,500, not \$25,000.)

Mr. Rudy questioned waiting until the SMTMA project was done to be able to include all fees. They are close to finishing at this time. Mr. Pykosh is waiting for additional information from the SMTMA attorney, but feels things will be resolved in the next month or two.

Mr. Eckerd asked what the current fees are and if there is any way to know how far off we are. Mr. Beck said that SMTMA tapping fees are \$5,500.

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Beck, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the Act 57 study to increase the tapping fees which are significantly lower than surrounding areas and have not been changed since 2006.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary