

September 21, 2016
7:00 PM

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

Mr. Miller announced that under New Business, Item B would be added to schedule a tour of the upgraded SMTMA plant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ATTENDANCE

Kevin Miller, Chairman
Sue Sunday, Vice Chairperson

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Mark Bruening, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

Ronald Eckerd, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Kuhl, Supervisor, stated that after surveying the 4 financial people, they would prefer option 1 in the refinancing proposal.

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 August 17, 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 August.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Miller, 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. Miller, 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 stated that approximately \$17,000 has been collected since the last meeting. After the Lien/Debt report was completed, account 1140 paid in full and account 1341 paid \$3,000 and is working on setting up a payment plan. He added that Allenberry paid almost \$7,400 at settlement to clear up their outstanding balance.

Mr. Miller asked about the 2 new liens that were filed. Mr. Pykosh said account 102 had been on a payment plan, but didn't make regular payments. He has been in touch with the resident and believes he will start making payments. Account 1128 had also been on a payment plan, but didn't make payments. He hasn't been able to get in touch with the resident, so he sent a letter and is waiting for a response.

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 Solicitors Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bruening reviewed his Engineer's Report dated September 13, 2016. He added that no issues were found with the flow meters at Leidigh or Cockley's Meadow. When Control System 21 was out that performed the annual calibrations.

Mr. Bruening shared with the Board a report from H.B. McClure stating some maintenance items that should be done to the generators.

On a motion by Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members, it was duly RESOLVED to proceed with the maintenance and repairs provided by H.B. McClure for \$2,763.25 in the Southern District and \$2,217.00 in the Northern District.

OLD BUSINESS

PUMP STATION PHONE LINES

On a motion by Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members, it was duly RESOLVED to table the pump station phone line discussion.

ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Sunday stated that there are 22 manholes left to identify and then they will move onto the White Rock area and pump stations. She feels that they will be done by the end of the year.

2017 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Eckerd stated that he and Mr. Beck revised the budgets. He added that some of these numbers

can vary with how the debt refinance goes. The amounts of the budget are based on history, he suggested next year we have professionals and maintenance provide figures to work with. Mr. Miller said that seemed fair and the manager could help coordinate this.

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend that they Northern Budget dated 9/20/16 be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Sunday thanked Mr. Eckerd for all of his work. Mr. Miller also thanked him.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Beck wasn't able to attend the meeting, but submitted a revised budget for the Southern District. He added that \$40,000 was set aside for I&I work, this is a fair estimate, but to start the work it may have to be changed in the future.

Ms. Sunday stated that a lot of hard work has been put into the budget and we are now in a much better position to make plans for the future.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to recommend that they Southern Budget dated 9/7/16 be provided to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Kuhl asked if the budget specifically listed the rate changes use in the calculations. Mr. Eckerd said they are listed.

NEW BUSINESS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT I&I PLAN

Mr. Miller provided the Board with a handout explaining some of the history and his suggested plan for the I&I issues in White Rock. He would like to take a firm direction in 2017 to plan a project and be ready to proceed in 2018. His suggestion was to replace the entire system in White Rock. He understands this would be extremely costly, but he would like to do the project in steps over the next 10 years by budgeting \$300,000 per year for the replacement. We could also actively work toward obtaining grants to help with the project. His thoughts are to start in the Sandy pump station area replacing lines, manholes and installing cleanouts. If problems are detected with building sewers, then homeowners would need to be contacted about repairs. Over the past few years some Electro Scanning and televising has been done. This could be used in the planning process. Mr. Miller's overall goal is to have a completely new system in the White Rock area to meet the current building codes for sewers.

Mr. Miller stated the first section would include replacing 8 manholes and 1,200 feet of sewer line, plus engineering costs and would run about \$298,000 based on his calculations. There are 165 residents connected in this area and 56 open lots. This process would reduce I&I and decrease Operation & Maintenance costs. We would also build merit with our neighbor, to show we are working to fix the issues.

Ms. Sunday added that the project would have to be done without raising rates.

Mr. Bruening provided bid tabulation information from the H2O grant, estimate of construction information for the Blossom Terrace project that wasn't done, and Electro Scan data for the Board to review.

On the motion Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to actively move forward with the development of a 10 year plan to combat the I&I issues in White Rock.

SMTMA PLANT TOUR

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to have Ms. Araiza contact Mr. Kissinger at the SMTMA plant to schedule a tour of the facilities on Thursday, September 29th at 4 PM.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary