

The rescheduled monthly meeting of the Smithfield Sewer Authority was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 10:00am in the Smithfield Township Municipal Building with the following members present Russell C. Albert II (Chairman), Marianne Bridges (Treasurer), Robert Lovenheim (Secretary), Terri Timko, (Assistant Secretary), Ben Kutz, (Engineer), and Robert Kidwell (Solicitor)

Ms. Corrissa Gehring (Smithfield Sewer Authority), Mr. Norb Erichsen (Smithfield Sewer Authority), and Mr. Alex Jackson (Smithfield Township), were also present.

Mr. Albert opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes from the Regular meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2024, a motion was made by Mr. Lovenheim to approve the minutes as written by the Assistant Secretary. Seconded by Ms. Bridges and carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Robert Kidwell, Esq.

Mr. Kidwell informed the Board that the purchase of 115 Twin Falls Road, closed on 3/27/2024. Mr. Albert added that the house is insured as of 3/27/2024.

Mr. Kidwell informed the Board that he is working with Greg Malaska, attorney for the Lake Valhalla Association, regarding easements for Ash and Holly Lanes, now that RKR Hess has completed their surveying.

ENGINEERS REPORT

SANITARY SEWER – Gilmore & Associates – Ben Kutz – Copy of report provided to each member and reviewed by Mr. Kutz.

Mr. Kutz informed the Board that there will be 5 boring areas located on Ash Lane, Holly Lane, and Valhalla Drive for the Ash & Holly Lanes extension. CAD is needed from RKR Hess. Test borings will be on hold, pending receipt of completed property easements.

The status of Phase 1 for the 209 extension and the Status of amendment to Act 537 plan for Seven Bridge Road Extension. Mr. Albert & Mr. Kutz met with DEP representatives on 3/14/2024. Possibility of Phase 3 & 4 in the area of Buttermilk Falls Road to Green Mountain Drive, as additional permitting will be required in that area. Test boring at the Odd Lot site is staked for reference.

The status of the NPDES Permit Renewal. Township violation is now resolved. Additional 30 days for public comment.

447 STORM PIPE – Hanover Engineering-nothing to report.

Discussion took place regarding the severe Storm Water Drainage issue occurring north of the Authorities 447 Storm pipe, at the entrance to LVHN Medical Building. Who is responsible for these storm grates, LVHN, PennDOT or the Township. The Authority is awaiting a response. No present issues.

SYSTEM OPERATOR'S REPORT: -report was received and reviewed by Mr. Albert

Updates on Smithfield Gateway: no change

Waiting for revisions of Sewer Service Agreement.

Phase 1A-2 Wawa Site. Land Development plans have been received and reviewed by the Township.

Phase 1A-2 Wawa Site. Utility plans are under review. The Authority is waiting on two \$5,000 escrow deposits.

Outstanding review fee for Wawa Site received. Escrow monies for future phases are still outstanding. The

Authority can release the Sewer Connection Permit. Sewer lines are now being installed.

Mr. Albert informed the Board that the Future Capacity Study continues to be ongoing. Mr. Albert will reach out to the Borough Water/Sewer Department for further information.

The resubmission of the LSA Grant through MCIDA for the remaining balance needed to continue the Seven Bridge Road Extension phases was submitted in September 2023. The Authority should be notified of result in late spring.

Status of Grant submission to Local Share Account-Statewide-submitted 11/27/2023-nothing to report.

Airstrip Road reconstruction status. Authority awaiting information from Township on road improvements. The Authority is working with Iron Hill to raise 3-5 manholes along Airstrip Road. The Authority supplied risers and are now at the work site. Gilmore & Associates will inspect manholes once raised and paving begins.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ms. Bridges to approve Radon Mitigation Proposal with Arm Environmental LLC, for the 115 Twin Falls Road property, in the amount \$1,550.00. Seconded by Mr. Lovenheim and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Bridges to approve Security Cameras and installation at 115 Twin Falls Road, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Seconded by Ms. Timko and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Bridges to pay the bills through April 17, 2024 in the amount of \$79,437.64. Seconded by Ms. Timko and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Bridges to ratify payroll and payroll taxes for March 2024 in the amount of \$12,946.90. Seconded by Mr. Lovenheim and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Lovenheim to engage a tree service for existing dead trees located at the 115 Twin Falls Road property. Seconded by Ms. Bridges and carried unanimously.

RKR Hess will be staking 115 Twin Falls Road property lines.

A motion was made by Mr. Albert at 11:03am to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Ms. Timko.

A motion was made by Mr. Albert at 11:15am to return to Regular Session. Seconded by Mr. Lovenheim.

A motion was made by Mr. Lovenheim to approve the Authority adjusting accounts to pay adjusted settlement amount. Seconded by Ms. Bridges and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Lovenheim inquired about an empty lot on Juniper Lane that has a sewer easement. He wanted to know if the lot was buildable. This question should be directed to the Zoning Officer.

Mr. Lovenheim also stated that the Township is working on a Wetland Delineation Resolution.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lovenheim to adjourn the meeting at 11:23am

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Timko, Assistant Secretary
Smithfield Sewer Authority
April 17, 2024