

LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

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MINUTES

December 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting of Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority was called to order at 5:00 p.m., at the Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority office.

Those members present were:

Kenneth Frameli, Chairman

George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Jamie Forman, Secretary

Benjamin Bupka, Treasurer

Gary Mylan

Brian Sypin

Tim Phillips

Tom Davidson

Joshua Forman

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor

Bob Dengler, Engineer

Mitch Ring, Public

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator

Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Riecks and the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion approving the Treasurer's Report and to pay the outstanding invoices was made by Mr. Sypin, seconded by Mr. Jamie Forman and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Ring stated he recently had an issue with his current septic system and although he was able to fix the problem, his system, as well as a number of his neighbors' systems, are quickly failing. Mr. Ring is inquiring as to the status of the Country Club Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Dengler stated the Authority finally received a response on the Act 537 Planning package from Greene County Planning Commission. The next step in the process is a thirty day public comment period; afterwards Morgan Township needs to pass a resolution which will be sent to DEP for approval. Unfortunately even if everything gets approved the Authority would need grant money to complete the project. Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority had applied for the Statewide LSA Grant and the FY 2025 Appropriations Grant but it may take up to a year to hear the result of these applications. Mr. Ring stated he would start sending emails to the various state representatives on behalf of the potential customers of the Country Club Road Extension Project that would be effected.

OPERATION'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEGAL REPORT

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler presented for approval the Annual Report for 2024 and the Budget for 2025. Mr. Dengler stated his analysis of the records show that LTMJSA's operators did a great job of meeting the permit limits required by DEP. A few items that may need to be considered from the Capital Improvement Account in 2025 would be new computers for the office, new utility truck to replace the Authority's old truck, metal building repairs at both Mather and Williamstown STPs, installation of concrete sludge drying bed at Mather STP, and a new transfer switch at Chartiers Bottom Pump Station. Mr. Dengler will continue to explore potential grant funds for some of these projects. Mr. Dengler stated that although he anticipates a shortfall in funds for year 2025 the Authority has enough funds to cover the shortfall in the General Operating fund so he recommends continuing the sewer rate of \$65.00 per EDU for 2025. The analysis confirms that the Authority has adequate insurance coverage for Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's system. Mr. Bupka made a motion approving the 2024 Annual Report and the Budget for 2025. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming has still not received any comments from DEP regarding the application for the Mather STP NPDES Permit renewal that was submitted on June 28, 2024.

Mr. Dengler reminded the board that the Authority has already secured a \$500,000.00 grant towards the Chartiers Road Sewer Extension Project. In addition the Authority has two outstanding grant applications that are still under consideration:

- 1) The Statewide LSA Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project and
- 2) The FY 2025 Appropriations Requests to Senator Casey's and Fetterman's Offices, and to Congressman Reschenthaler's Office in the amount of \$1,340,172.00 towards the estimated \$1,675,215.00 Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project. There is a 20% or \$335,043.00 matching funds requirement for this grant.

Mr. Dengler stated the Williamstown STP Biosolids Permit has been issued by PaDEP but the DEP has requested additional calculations for the cumulative pollutant loads for the Watters Farm Fields for the Mather STP Biosolids Permit. These calculations have been completed and submitted to PaDEP.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mylan made a motion to have the annual organizational meeting at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 with the regular monthly board meeting to immediately follow the organizational meeting. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 5:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. Jamie Forman and the motion carried unanimously.