

KELLY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY 1/10/24 MEETING MINUTES

At 4:00 PM Chairman Chris Baylor called the meeting to order with the following in attendance: Vice Chairman Cody Lytle, Secretary Robert Hamm, Treasurer Lucas Criswell, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer Clint Morris, Erin Threet HRG, Josh Satteson HRG, Dave Madl III HRG, Robin Martin, Esq., Matthew Koch and Contessa Koch.

A motion was made by Robert Hamm and seconded by Lucas Criswell to approve 12/13/23 Meeting Minutes as recorded. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Hamm and seconded by Lucas Criswell to approve the Treasurer's Report for January. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Hamm and seconded by Lucas Criswell to approve January invoices for payment. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Hamm and seconded by Lucas Criswell to approve Revenue Check# 1191 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for January Working Capital. All in Favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Solicitor's Report – Rob Martin, Esquire

Nothing to report.

Engineer's Report – Erin Threet (HRG)

Buffalo Creek Sewer Line Replacement

Josh Satteson and Dave Madl III of HRG were present to discuss the Rt.15 Sewer Replacement Project. A proposal was presented to the Board for review and approval for the design and permitting phases as well as assistance with funding through USDA for the project.

A motion was made by Lucas and seconded by Cody to approve the proposal contingent upon Attorney Martin's review. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager's Report – Matthew Koch

Buffalo Creek Pump Station

There are (2) 10" check valves and (2) 10" gate valves that are not working properly at the pump station that need replaced. Authority staff will replace the valves when the pump station is offline during the time of the line replacement. The following quotes were received to purchase the valves:

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| 1. LB Water | \$15,500 |
| 2. Exeter Supply | \$13,699 |
| 3. USA Bluebook | \$10,100 |

USA Bluebook does not have the same PSI strength that is needed for the pressures of the check valve, but LB Water and Exeter Supply are basically the same equipment.

A motion was made by Clint Morris and seconded by Robert Hamm to approve the purchase of the valves from Exeter Supply in the amount of \$13,699 as quoted. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager's Report Continued– Matthew Koch

Zeigler Road Project

The Authority contacted our insurance agent Eddie Koebke of Pfeiffer Naginey Insurance to inform him of the shared work that will take place between the Township and the Authority to install the sewer line for the Zeigler Road Project.

Eddie discussed the project with EMC, the Authority's workman's comp carrier, and they decided to withdraw all workman's comp coverage for the Authority due to the possible liability involved with the trench work that will be generated by the project.

Eddie is working to find a new workman's comp carrier for the Authority and a separate insurance policy to cover the project. Eddie also suggested that a COG may need to be formed for the project, but the Board is not interested in that option. There is still time to find a carrier as we are waiting for a response from DCED to approve the extension for the grant money.

120 Harold Pawling Lane

Sean Lahr, the owner of 120 Harold Pawling Lane contacted the Authority regarding water backing up through the shower drain in the basement of his rental unit due to the heavy rain. The Authority met with Mr. Lahr at the property and checked the manholes and the lines. The lines were full of water but subsided after a few hours. The Authority televised the lateral and found a small amount of infiltration, but the line looked good. The sewer main was checked and all the lines were flushed to be sure everything was open and flowing. The water was cleaned up from the basement and the sump pump was fixed as well. It was discussed to install a check valve to help prevent this from happening during times of hard rain.

Mr. Lahr contacted the Kelly Township Supervisors about this issue and would like a permanent solution not just a temporary one. He asked about storm drainage in the area and the surrounding properties. Attorney Matson stated that the rain that we have received over the past several weeks or months is in excess of what was the basis for the Township ordinance and that this was the reason for the increase in the drainage onto the Lahr lot. During normal conditions this is not an issue.

Mr. Lahr stated that he was going to call his attorney and have him contact the Authority solicitor, Attorney Martin.

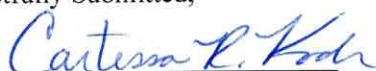
After a long discussion, the Board agreed to the following:

- The Authority will install a check valve for the property owner if he wishes and nothing more.
- The Authority will televise the lines to determine if sump pumps or downspouts in the area are tied into the sewer causing an overload of the system creating this issue.
- The Authority will provide a list of offenders to the Township to take action against homeowners that are illegally tied into the sewer system.

Also, Attorney Martin will follow up with Mr. Lahr's Attorney Michael Kula, Esquire, and the township Solicitor Attorney Matson regarding this matter.

A motion was made by Chris Baylor and seconded by Robert Hamm to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: 
Contessa R Koch, Recording Secretary