

**LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

724-883-2743

MINUTES

JULY 17, 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  
Tom Goughenour, Vice Chairman  
Jamie Forman, Secretary  
Benjamin Bupka, Treasurer  
George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Brian Sypin  
Tim Phillips  
Gary Mylan  
Joshua Forman

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor  
Bob Dengler, Engineer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator  
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the June 19, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Goughenour, seconded by Mr. Jamie Forman 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. Joshua Forman and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard stated the Williamstown Lagoon is getting clogged again. To help resolve the problem Mr. Howard had installed an eight inch pipe. The problem seems to be algae which continues to grow and become very thick; the chemicals he is using isn't solving the problem. Mr. Howard will check into the price of top mounted flow meters and also get a contact name and phone number from Mr. Goughenour about a company that sells microbes that apparently dissolve the algae.

Mr. Howard stated he signed up Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority to join PA Rural Water at an annual cost of \$485.00 because a non-member of the PA Rural Water would have to pay \$1,500.00 for the GIS Mapping compared to \$800.00 for a member. In addition, members can hire PA Rural Water to video sewer lines at a cost of \$100.00 an hour (minimum of three hours) which would save the Authority money to video the lines in Mather.

Mr. Howard stated Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's temporary summer employee, Roy Dains, will have exhausted the \$5,000.00 approved salary cap by the end of July 2024. Mr. Mylan made a motion authorizing Mr. Howard to continue to employ Roy Dains at his discretion. Mr. Goughenour seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Confortini asked the board for permission to transfer some of the funds out of the General Operating Fund and deposit the funds into the Capital Improvement Fund to earn more interest. Mr. Goughenour made a motion authorizing Mrs. Confortini to transfer \$100,000.00 out of the General Operating Fund and deposit it into the Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated he submitted the Mather STP NPDES Permit renewal to PaDEP on June 28, 2024.

Mr. Dengler stated he has nothing new to report regarding the \$500,000.00 grant secured from USEPA FY 2023 Community Project Funding for the Chartiers Road Extension Project. Also, Mr. Dengler stated he has completed a questionnaire from PennVest that needed to be submitted prior to requesting a meeting with PennVest; the meeting would be to inquire about additional funding for the Chartiers Road Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated the next few steps in the Act 537 Planning for Morgan Township is to send Notification Letters to the Greene County Planning Commission, then the Authority would need to advertise for a 30-Day Public Comment Period. After the 30-Day Public Comment Period, Morgan Township would need to pass a resolution adopting the plan revisions. The plan will then get submitted to PaDEP for approval. Mr. Goughenour made a motion authorizing the advertising of the 30-Day Public Comment Period. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming received the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT on June 21, 2024 so the work has begun on the sewer extension for the Clarksville Dollar General.

Mr. Dengler stated the application for the Biosolids Disposal General Permits has been completed and needs signed by Kenneth Frameli. Mr. Dengler stated the submission of this application had been approved at the April 17, 2024 board meeting.

Mr. Dengler stated Congressman Reschenthaler's Office did not approve the grant application to Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority for the Country Club Sewer Extension Project. However he still has not heard the results of the grant application that was submitted to Senator Casey and Senator Fetterman's Offices. The amount requested for that grant is \$1,340,172 towards an estimated \$1,675,215 project cost. The grant has a 20% (\$335,043.00) matching funds requirement.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Howard stated Eva Zorich, 248 Country Club Road Waynesburg PA, is now connected to Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's sewer system.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dengler stated Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority only received one bid for the Authority's Contractor job posted in the Observer Reporter in June 2024. The bid was from NexGen Industrial Services. Mr. Dengler read the bid offer; the board felt the charges were reasonable so Mr. Phillips made a motion to accept the bid from NexGen Industrial Services for the Authority's Contractor job, contingent on receiving the proper Liability Insurance Certificate. Mr. Jamie Forman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jamie Forman made a motion to adjourn at 5:28 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.