LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

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MINUTES
July 16, 2025

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 18, 2025 meeting was made by Mr. Joshua Forman, seconded by Mr. Mylan 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. Goughenour, seconded by Mr. Bupka and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEGAL REPORT

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated he still has not heard from PaDEP regarding the Mather STP NPDES Permit renewal he submitted on June 28, 2024.

Mr. Dengler updated the board on the following grant applications submitted on the Authority's behalf:

1. The Authority still has a $500,000.00 grant secured under the USEPA FY 2023 Community Project Funding Program for the Chartiers Hill Sewer Extension Project.
2. The Statewide LSA Grant application for $1,000,000.00 was submitted in November 2024 for the Country Club Road Extension Project. It is anticipated the review of the grant applications will take place in September 2025.
3. Mr. Dengler stated he noticed on Senator McCormick's website that Mr. McCormick's office is advancing the Authority's grant application under the 2026 Appropriations request for an amount of $922,000.00 for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project. If awarded, there will be a 20% matching funds requirement of $184,000.00. The total estimated project cost is $1,675,215.00. Mr. Dengler stated the Authority might know by the end of 2025 whether the Authority would be awarded this grant.

4. Mr. Dengler stated he received a letter from Morgan Township regarding the Act 537 Plan. The letter stated Morgan Township approved the Country Club Road Extension Project but rejected the Chartiers Road Extension Project because the Chartiers Road property owners indicated they were not in favor of tapping into the public sewer system. Mr. Dengler will modify the Act 537 Plan to remove the Chartiers Road Project and resubmit to PaDEP for approval. In addition, Mr. Dengler will contact EPA to see if the $500,000.00 grant awarded to Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority for the Chartiers Road Extension Project can be reallocated toward the Country Club Road Extension Project.

5. Mr. Dengler stated he submitted a grant application to the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant Program on behalf of Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority for the extension of the sewer system to the Greene Country Country Club. The estimated project cost is $269,000.00. The grant has a 15% matching funds requirement that will be approximately $40,350.00. It is anticipated the review of the grant applications will take place in September 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Goughenour stated the union committee met to discuss the new union contract scheduled to begin September 1, 2025. The committee has a few issues they need to review; afterwards they will get in touch with Mr. Howard to start negotiations.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Joshua Forman made a motion to adjourn at 5:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Phillips and the motion carried unanimously.