

**LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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MINUTES

JUNE 19, 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.

Joshua Forman

Gary Mylan

Brian Sypin

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor

Bob Dengler, Engineer

Mark Teegarden, Customer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator

Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Sypin, 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. Joshua Forman and the motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mark Teegarden attended the board meeting to inquire if Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority would permit him to have three TAPs going into the one six inch pipe on his property because he would like to split his lot into three separate properties in the future. Mr. Howard stated Mr. Teegarden would need to use the Authority's contractor to connect each TAP to the sewer line; pay a \$1,750.00 TAP fee and \$50.00 inspection fee for each new TAP; and install a new manhole in that area. Mr. Howard also suggested Mr. Teegarden should get an Easement for each property to avoid any issues that may arise with owners in the future.

## OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard stated he received a quote from Robinson Pipe Cleaning in the amount of \$12,000.00 to video the sewer lines in Mather. As an alternative Mr. Howard was looking into renting video machines from Tru-Core Industrial Services, Waynesburg PA, to help curtail the cost of the project however Tru-Core no longer rents out the video machines. Don Shriver's Video Drain said they cannot video the lines for the Authority but said they may be able to find someone who can video the lines cheaper than Robinson Pipe Cleaning. The issue was tabled until July 17, 2024 board meeting.

Mr. Howard stated Southwestern PA Water Authority had a broken water line in Teagarden Homes, Clarksville PA which ran into Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's sewer system, creating a heavier than normal flow. After Southwestern PA Water fixed the water line the movement in the sewer system started flowing normally; however since the lines in that area are terra cotta a problem may arise again in the future. The board decided to keep watching the area before deciding whether to dig up the road and replace the lines.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini stated the lease on the office copier will expire on August 1, 2024. Ford Business offered two options regarding a new copier. Option #1: Lease a new copier for five years at a monthly charge of \$172.77 (increase from \$110.29/month) which would end up costing \$10,366.20 after five years plus an annual maintenance charge of \$420.00. or Option #2: Purchase a new copier from Ford Business in the amount of \$8,232.33 (plus a \$500.00 charge to the leasing company to return the old copier and the annual maintenance cost of \$420.00) Mr. Jamie Forman made a motion authorizing the purchase of the copier (Option #2) at a cost of \$8,232.33 along with the annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$420.00. Mr. Goughenour seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL REPORT

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated once he receives the last effluent analysis from the lab he will have the STP NPDES Permit application ready to submit to DEP by July 4, 2024. Mr. Mylan made a motion approving the execution of the NPDES application to DEP. Mr. Bupka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated he has nothing new to report on the \$500,000.00 USEPA FY 2023 Community Project Funding Grant awarded to Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority for the Chartiers Hill Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated he is waiting for a payment from Morgan Township in the amount of \$6,000.00 before he can submit the Act 537 to PaDEP. Mr. Frameli advised Mr. Dengler to submit the Act 537 Plan to PaDEP now, before Morgan Township reimburses the Authority, and told Mrs. Confortini to send the invoices that have already been received from Gannett Fleming to Morgan Township for reimbursement with the understanding that when Gannett Fleming charges the Authority for the submission of the Act 537 Plan to DEP then Mrs. Confortini will send Morgan Township a second invoice for reimbursement.

Mr. Dengler stated Clarksville Dollar General is waiting for the Highway Occupancy Permit before they can proceed with installing the new sewer lines. Mr. Dengler stated PennDOT website indicated they should have a response to the HOP application by June 23, 2024.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming is in the process of getting the permit renewal applications completed for the Biosolids Disposal General Permits. This will be completed once Mr. Dengler receives the sludge sampling results, which should be available in a few days.

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. Mr. Dengler stated is he looking into dates to schedule a meeting with PennVest regarding a possible low interest loan for the money needed to complete the project.

Mr. Dengler stated he prepared a bid package to advertise for a contractor position with Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority. Mr. Mylan made a motion authorizing the advertisement for bids for a new contractor. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated he reviewed the audit conducted by PA Rural Water regarding the Authority's energy consumption. The audit didn't mention anything about solar panels but recommended a few things LTMJSA could do to help curtail their energy consumption such as putting timers on the hot water heaters, replacing florescent bulbs with LED bulbs, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jamie Forman made a motion to adjourn at 5:21 p.m., seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.