

LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

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MINUTES

October 16, 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

Jamie Forman, Secretary

Benjamin Bupka, Treasurer

George Riecks, Asst. Sec-Treas.

Tim Phillips

Tom Davidson

Joshua Forman

Gary Mylan

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor

Bob Dengler, Engineer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator

Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Jamie Forman, seconded by Mr. Phillips 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. Mylan, seconded by Mr. Jamie Forman and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard stated he had Mr. Ron Kurtyka sludge the lagoon at Williamstown the previous week. Afterwards he found out that AMS can sludge judge all four lagoons for \$1500.00. In addition AMS will sample the sludge and more accurately determine what amount is sludge and what amount is grit. Mr. Howard feels this would be a more accurate way to sludge judge the lagoons. Mr. Bupka made a motion authorizing AMS to sludge judge the four lagoons at Williamstown and to sample the sludge at a cost of \$1,500.00. Mr. Riecks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini stated she received all of the invoices from Gannett Fleming and LTMJSA's solicitor, Christopher Simms, regarding the installation of the sewer lines at the Clarksville Dollar General. Therefore, with the total of the invoices plus the time spent by LTMJSA's lead operators inspecting the installation numerous times the monies exceeded the \$5,000.00 hand money received from Dollar General prior to the start of the project. No money will be returned to Dollar General.

Mr. Davidson arrived at approximately 5:07 pm.

LEGAL REPORT

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated he has nothing new to report on the Mather STP NPDES Permit Renewal that was submitted to PaDEP on June 28, 2024.

Mr. Dengler stated the draft Act 537 Planning Package has been submitted to the Greene County Planning Commission for the Morgan Township Sewer Extension Projects which includes the Chartiers Road Sewer Extension Project and the Country Club Road Extension Project. The Greene County Planning Commission has approximately one month to respond to Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority with any comments regarding the Act 537 Planning Package. Afterwards there is a thirty day public comment period before the package can be submitted to PaDEP for their approval. Depending on how long it takes for PaDEP to review the package Mr. Dengler estimates the projects probably won't start until either spring or summer of 2025. Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority currently has a \$500,000.00 grant secured under the USEPA FY 2023 Community Project Funding Program for the Chartiers Hill Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated the Statewide LSA Grant must be submitted by November 30, 2024. Mr. Phillips made a motion approving the Resolution to apply for a \$1,000,000.00 Statewide LSA Grant for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Jamie Forman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority received the general Biosolids Permit for the Williamstown STP but is still waiting for the Mather STP Biosolids Permit renewal to come from PaDEP.

Mr. Dengler stated he hasn't heard anything regarding the FY 2025 Appropriation Request in the amount of \$1,340,172.00 sent to Senator Casey and Fetterman's Offices for the Country Club Sewer Extension Project which has a project cost of approximately \$1,675,215.00. Mr. Dengler anticipates a decision won't be made on this request until after the first of the year 2025.

The annual budget meeting was scheduled for 4:30 pm on Wednesday November 20, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 5:16 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bupka and the motion carried unanimously.