

**LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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MINUTES

September 18, 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:

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

Tim Phillips  
Brian Sypin  
Joshua Forman  
Gary Mylan

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor  
Bob Dengler, Engineer  
Mitchel Ring, Public

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator  
Sharon Confortini, Secretary

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Joshua 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. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Ring attended the board meeting to inquire of the status of the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project. Mr. Dengler informed Mr. Ring that the Authority did not get the grant funds for this project. Therefore the cost would be approximately \$350.00 more per month per person if the Authority pursues this project without government funding; Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority is continuing to pursue other grants as they become available.

OPERATION'S REPORT

Mr. Howard stated the Authority videoed the sewer lines in Mather and everything looked fine; no problems detected in Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's sewer lines. Therefore Mr. Howard stated that to determine where the significant flow comes from when the area has a severe storm he would have to wait until there are a few days of heavy rainfall.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Simms stated he advised Mrs. Confortini on a Right to Know Request she received. Mrs. Confortini complied with the submission of the financial information requested within the time frame required.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler stated he has not heard anything new regarding the Mather STP NPDES Permit Renewal.

Mr. Dengler stated Gannett Fleming completed the ACT 537 Planning package for the Morgan Township Sewer Extension Projects that will be sent to the Greene County Planning Commission for their approval.

Mr. Dengler stated the Statewide LSA Grant Program application is now open. The grant request shall not exceed \$1,000,000.00 and no matching funds is required. The application process closes at the end of November. The motion was tabled until the October 2024 board meeting to give time to decide how much to apply for and for which project.

Mr. Dengler stated he has not heard anything yet from Senator Casey or Senator Fetterman's offices regarding the FY 2025 Appropriation Requests for the \$1,340,172.00 grant application submitted for the Country Club Road Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated he responded to an email from DEP regarding the Biosolids Disposal General Permit renewal applications that he submitted for the Williamstown STP and the Mather STP.

Mr. Dengler stated he spoke to a representative from Advanced Microbial Solutions regarding their microbes that supposedly treat the algae at LTMJSA's lagoons. Mr. Dengler also spoke to a company in West Virginia who actually use this product; as a result Mr. Dengler feels this could be a very cost effective method of removing the sludge from the lagoons.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Joshua Forman and the motion carried unanimously.