

**LOWER TEN MILE JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY**

144 CHARTIERS ROAD

JEFFERSON, PA 15344

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MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2023

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

Gary Mylan

Tom Davidson

Joshua Forman

Also attending were:

Christopher Simms, Solicitor

Bob Dengler, Engineer

William Faddis, Customer

Bruce Howard, Lead Operator

Sharon Confortini, Secretary

Nicole Venick, Public

MINUTES

A motion approving the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Jamie Forman, seconded by Mr. Bupka 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. Sypin and the motion carried unanimously.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Faddis stated he is the owner of the apartment complex located on Third Street, Mather PA. There are currently eleven (11) apartments in that complex but only eight (8) apartments are habitable at this time. Because the apartment complex only has one (1) water meter for all eleven (11) apartments the board approved Mr. Simms to make an Amendment to the Authority's policy permitting Mr. Faddis to contact the Authority when an apartment becomes occupied or when the renter moves out. The amendment would state this arrangement would be based on the honor system and that the Authority would have the right to periodically inspect the status of the number of occupied apartments. If the Authority finds that Mr. Faddis is not correctly notifying the Authority on the number of occupied apartments the agreement will be voided and Mr. Faddis will go back to paying for all eleven (11) apartments, whether they are occupied or not. Mr. Mylan made a motion lowering Mr. Faddis' EDUs for the apartment complex to eight (8) EDUs and permitting Mr. Simms to make an Amendment to the Authority's policy that will be signed by Mr. Faddis. The Amendment would also need to be signed by the Jefferson Estates Trailer Park and Higher Investments Trailer Park. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## OPERATION'S REPORT

None

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Confortini stated Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority received a rebate check from Highmark Health Insurance in the amount of \$4,143.47. According to the Affordable Care Act formula regarding the distribution of these funds each employee received \$23.18 towards their next premium payment, therefore the Authority was able to deposit \$4,073.93 back into their General Operating Account. A Corporate Resolution was needed to complete this transaction. Mr. Goughenour made a motion authorizing the execution of the Corporate Resolution and the distribution of the funds. Mr. Sypin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Davidson made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:11 pm. Mr. Joshua Forman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sypin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:27 pm. Mr. Davidson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Dengler distributed and reviewed the current budget for 2023 and the projected budget for 2024 based on the information received at the October 11, 2024 Budget meeting. Mr. Dengler will input this information into the Annual Report and bring the draft copy to the November 2023 board meeting.

Mr. Dengler stated there is nothing new to report regarding the \$500,000.00 grant that was secured under the USEPA FY2023 Community Project Funding Program for the \$1,000,000.00 Chartiers Hill Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated he anticipates the Commonwealth Finance Authority will review grant applications at their November 2023 board meeting. The Authority has submitted a grant application in the amount of \$650,166.00 to help finance the other half of the \$1,000,000.00 Chartiers Hill Sewer Extension Project.

Mr. Dengler stated he is working on the grant application for the Statewide LSA Grant for the Pitt Gas Sewer Rehabilitation Project, which is estimated at approximately \$500,000.00. Mr. Goughenour made a motion to execute a Resolution to apply for a grant requesting no more than \$1,000,000.00. Mr. Jamie Forman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dengler stated he met with Morgan Township Supervisors on October 11, 2023 to discuss extending Lower Ten Mile Joint Sewer Authority's sewer lines beyond Reesman Trailer Court to include Country Club Road. Morgan Township agreed to finance \$6,000.00 toward the cost of Gannett Fleming drawing up the Act 537 Plan needed to begin the Country Club Extension Project as well as the Chartiers Road Extension Project. Mr. Davidson made a motion for Gannett Fleming to complete the Act 537 Planning for the Authority; then the Authority would be reimbursed the \$6,000.00 fee from Morgan Township. Mr. Bupka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jamie Forman made a motion to adjourn at 5:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. Mylan and the motion carried unanimously.