

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday February 2, 2024. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe, Phil Gogel, Matt Motsko and Steve Arnold were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ed Andres, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the January 4, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. Matt Motsko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as follows:

Sewer Operating Account:

Balance January 4, 2024		131,521.43
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$54,385.56	
Operating Expenses	\$25,267.37	
Balance February 1, 2024		\$160,639.62

Assets:

Truist Money Market	\$150,002.99	
Truist CDs	\$500,000.00	
Balance February 1, 2024		\$810,642.61

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of February 1, 2024 is \$231,836.02.

Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance January 4, 2024		\$ 36,433.50
Interest Received	\$ 1.07	
Balance February 1, 2024		\$ 36,434.57

Total Sewer Accounts February 1, 2024 \$847,077.18

Water Operating Account:

Balance January 4, 2024		\$ 26,107.88
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$17,461.14	
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,592.37	
Truist Loan Payment	\$ 4,654.31	
Total Expenses	\$ 6,246.69	
Balance February 1, 2024		\$ 37,322.34

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of February 1, 2024 is \$653.10.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance January 4, 2024 and February 1, 20i24		\$ 114.90
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Total Water Accounts February 1, 2024

\$37,437.24

The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$6,246.68. Phil Gogel made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account was \$25,267.37. Duane Deppe made a motion to pay these bills. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford said there was a spill at the Pennsville WWTP from the overflow pipe. Bellview Pump was in to clean up the spill and spread down several bags of lime. Ken sent an SSO to DEP on the spill.

Ken wants to open both sides of the Danielsville Chlorine Contact tank. Presently, we are only using one side of the CCT due to a damaged gate valve. Chris Knopf will work on getting the valve repaired or replaced when we gets back from vacation.

Ken also had Chris meet with Audrey Wood of Cowan Assoc. to inspect the Huber Screen. The screen is operating, however, it is not bringing up the solids like it should. Ken and Angelika Forndran said the Wood Drive wet well should be pumped out and pressure washed to clean up the grease at the Huber screen basket.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran provided a Quotation for the restoration of sludge disposal reed beds in the amount of \$8,600.00. Phil Gogel made a motion to approve the Quotation No. 99900 for the restoration of sludge disposal on the reed beds at the cost of \$8,600.00. Matt Motsko seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Butternut Drive Pump Station, Angelika said the wet well has not been pumped out and the bubbler is still loose. The station needs to be pumped out and the bubbler needs to be properly connected to provide accurate readings for the pump controls on the Omni-Site. Dave Getz will contact Bellview Pump to get this done as soon as possible.

On the Wood Drive Pump Station Huber Screen, Angelika provided a Field Inspection Report from October 20, 2023. The main problems were that half of the basket covered in film that was not present during the 8/14/23 brush replacement & couldn't be removed with a garden hose. This basket needs to be pressure washed and checked monthly to prevent grease buildup in the basket. There are no other major restaurants in the area, but Angelika said the grease may be coming from any of the other smaller businesses on the system. She said Chris Noll of the Sewer Enforcement office should check the grease traps from the restaurant.

On the System I&I, there were fourteen rain events totaling 7.43 inches at the Danielsville WWTP. It seems like the Omni-Site is now working properly and the difference between this and the WWTP is only 7.87%.

On the Manhole locating and uncovering project, Bellview Pump was the low bidder and Angelika needs a motion from the Board to authorize the contract with them. Phil Gogel made a motion to award the contract for manhole cover maintenance to Bellview Pump for \$19,420.00. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. We will have Bellview Pump start on the manhole locating on the State roads that have not been done by CCTV. Pipe Data View is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> for the CCTV work on these manholes.

On the Heritage Village and Mountain View Mobile Home Park flow monitoring, surcharges will be charged for both.

On the Northwoods Development, Cowan and Lehigh Township engineers have exchanged information on construction details for lateral connections into the homes. It was noted that no homes will be connected to the line until the complete tapping fee is paid.

On the Service Line Inventory project for the Water System, Angelika is setting up a sample mailers that should be included with the next quarterly Invoice on April 1, 2024. The mailer will have the home owner determine the service line material in their home.

On New Business, Dave Getz informed the Board that our previous Audit, Mark Kukla, will no longer provide auditing services for LTMA. Dave received two proposals from Frey & Company in Walnutport and Gorman & Associates in Northampton, PA. After a brief discussion Steve Arnold made a motion to accept the proposal from Frey & Co. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz said the electrical work in the Danielsville WWTP office is nearly complete and the two Ring Cameras have been installed. The lighting in the office areas are much better than before and the cameras will provide needed security. Once the Danielsville plant is done, he will start on the Pennsville plant next week.

Dave added that the insurance claim we filed on the lightning damage done at the Blue Mountain Drive Well House was accepted. We will be getting a total of \$9,542.35 for the repair and replacement of the damaged pumps.

On the Solicitors Report, Atty. Andres said he has reviewed the Final Agreement from Atty. Zator. Ed said everything looks good and the Authority should approve it. The Agreement will have to be notarized and filed. Ed added that he received draft agreements from Northwoods for the second and third phases.

There being no further business to conduct, Matt Motsko made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.