

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, February 4, 2021. Board members Duane Deppe, Chip Hazard, Matt Motsko and Steve Arnold were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ken Fulford, Ed Andres and Dave Getz. Carl Sharpe was absent. Vice-Chairman Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the January 7, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Chip Hazard 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 below:

Sewer Operating Account:

Balance January 7, 2021		\$15,650.33
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$69,600.47	
Operating Expenses	\$32,805.69	
Balance February 4, 2021		\$52,445.11

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of February 4, 2021 is \$187,641.32 (does not include \$156,103.37 surcharge from Heritage Village).

Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance January 7, 2021		\$ 7,736.20
Receipts – Interest	\$.24	
Expenses – Cowan	\$ 3,617.70	
Balance February 4, 2021		\$ 4,118.74

Total Sewer Accounts February 4, 2021 \$56,563.85

Water Operating Account:

Balance January 7, 2021		\$44,375.62
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$10,509.85	
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,053.39	
BB&T Loan Payment	\$ 4,654.31	
Total Expenses	\$ 5,707.10	
Balance February 4, 2021		\$49,178.37

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of February 4, 2021 is \$4,815.47.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance January 7, 2021 & February 4, 2021	\$ 609.70
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Total Water Accounts February 4, 2021	\$49,788.07
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The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account is \$5,707.10. Duane Deppe made a motion to pay these bills. Chip Hazard seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account is \$32,805.69. Chip Hazard asked what the invoice from Envirep was for. Dave Getz said it was for the PM service for the four pump stations: Pennsville, Wood Drive, Butternut Drive and Elm Road. This invoice is for the annual service. Chip made a motion to pay these bills. Matt Motsko seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was one bill to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Account for \$3,617.70. Chip Hazard made a motion to pay this bill. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford started with the Danielsville WWTP and said the air line on SBR#2 airlift needs to be replaced. Dave Getz said this repair was done. Ken said the chlorine contact tank #2 gate has appeared to have broken off. Dave said Bellview has been notified about it. We will have to set up a time to empty the pit to do the repair. Ken then said the soft starter for CASS Blower #2 is going into fault when activated. Dave has set up an electrician to come in for the repair. Ken said we aren't using the reed beds in hopes we can have them harvested. Dave said it was scheduled for Monday but the snow messed up that schedule. Dave added we had scheduled for Allstate to repair the Digester #2, however, it had to be cancelled because of the weather.

At Pennsville, Ken said we still have a phantom influent valve alarm. He said Tri-Star will have to do the fix but we should wait until we can have them do additional service for both plants. Ken said both plants are running well and said isopropyl alcohol is used to keep the lab areas clean.

On the Wood Drive Pump Station, the screen is now offline until the compactor repairs can be made. Dave has ordered the parts required for the repair but does not have a scheduled time of delivery yet. These parts come from Huber in Germany.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said she will start with the Hilltop Center project since Howard Kutzler is present. Angelika said the Authority needs to sign a letter to Lehigh Township concerning the LTMA water booster station preliminary/final land development plan. The letter is to satisfy the Lehigh Township Planning Commission conditional approval letter dated January 19, 2021, item No. 12 on page 2 under Chapter 147 (SALDO) in comments noting that the LTMA Board has reviewed and approved the subject Land Development plans dated March 16, 2020, last revised January 27, 2021, prepared by Cowan Associates. Due to the absence of LTMA Chairman Carl Sharpe, Vice-Chairman Steven Arnold will sign the letter and forward to Lehigh Township.

Moving on to the rest of the Engineering report, Angelika said there is no update on the PEMA grant for generators. She added there was no formal response to the Turkey Hill Project, although Brian Gasda of Lehigh Engineering talked with Angelika concerning the tech review and tapping fee application.

On the I&I project, Angelika noted there were seven rain events totaling only 1.96 inches that impacted the Danielsville WWTP. In addition, there were no surcharges for either Mountain View Mobile Home Park or Heritage Village.

On the Mountain View Mobile Home Park flow monitoring and metering manhole project, Angelika said that Bellview Pump is the low bidder for installation the manhole. The Authority Board agreed with the recommendation to approve Bellview for the project at the January 7, 2021 meeting, however, the owner of the mobile home park has not yet approved it or awarded the contract. Angelika asked the Board to have the Solicitor issue a letter to the owner to put more attention to get this project started. Atty. Andres will get a letter out to them.

On the Heritage Village Flow Meter Project, Angelika said they installed the UPS and battery backup units on Friday, January 8, 2021. These units are good for up to five hours of the outage. She also said Malden did the quarterly maintenance check on the two flow meters on January 8. The calibration of the units was not done at this time due to the temperature differential.

At this time, Angelika asked for an Executive Session. The Board went on the Executive Session at 6:55 PM. Upon their return at 7:45 PM, Atty. Andres said the Executive Session was concerning the Heritage Village litigation.

Due to the absence of Chairman Sharpe, there was no Chairman's report. On the Board members, Chip Hazard said he would like to thank Dave Getz for the job he has been doing with the impending health of his wife. Dave thanked the Board and said he will discuss this further during his report.

On the Solicitor's Report, Atty. Andres said that Chip Hazard had asked about the "theft of services" statute for the seriously delinquent sewer customers. He said that he did not recommend proceeding with this avenue.

On the Manager's Report, Dave Getz advised that due to a personal issue, he would be missing some time for the next few months. Since he would not be able to properly perform the duties of the Water Company duties, which involve seven days a week, he recommends that the daily operations of the water system should be turned over to K. L. Fulford Associates. Dave discussed this with Ken Fulford prior to the meeting and Ken agreed to do it. Chip Hazard made a motion to have K. L. Fulford Associates perform the daily water operations for a cost of \$1,200.00 per month beginning with Monday, February 8, 2021. Steve Arnold seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Dave and Ken will work out the details of the operations next week.

Dave Getz added that Bonnie Hensel will be doing additional duties as needed until Dave is okay to return to work fully.

There being no further business to conduct, Chip Hazard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.