

The reorganization meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, January 4, 2024. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe, Steve Arnold, Matt Motsko and Phil Gogel were present as were Ed Andres, Angelika Forndran, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The first order of business was the re-organization of the Board. After a brief discussion, Duane Deppe made a motion to keep the Board the same as last year, Steve Arnold seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Board remains: Carl Sharpe – Chairman, Steve Arnold – Vice Chairman, Duane Deppe, Secretary/Treasurer, Mott Motsko – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, and Phil Gogel Board member.

The minutes of the December 2, 2023 were presented for approval. Steve Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as follows:

Sewer Operating Account:

Balance December 7, 2023		\$131,796.63
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$43,592.48	
Operating Expenses	\$43,867.68	
Balance January 4, 2024		\$131,521.43

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of January 4, 2024 is \$230,492.75.

Assets:

Truist Money Market	\$150,002.99	
Truist CDs	\$500,000.00	
Sewer Balance January 4, 2024		\$781,524.42
Sewer Escrow Account:		
Balance December 7,, 2023		\$ 39,026.30
Receipts	\$ 2.20	
Expenses	\$ 2,595.00	
Balance January 4, 2024		\$ 36,433.50
Total Sewer Accounts January 4, 2024		\$817,957.92

Water Operating Account:

Balance December 7,, 2023		\$ 43,614.29
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$ 2,332.38	
Operating Expenses	\$15,184.48	
Truist Loan Payment	\$ 4,654.31	
Total Expenses	\$19,838.79	
Balance January 4, 2024		\$ 26,107.88

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of January 4, 2024 is \$2,377.84.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance December 7, 2023 & January 4, 2024		\$ 114.90
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Total Water Accounts January 4, 2024		\$ 26,222.78
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The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account is \$19,838.79. Carl asked Dave Getz to advise what happened at the well repairs. Dave said Ken Fulford was handling this event. Ken Fulford said there was a lightning strike which knocked out the main well pump as well as both booster pumps. Ken had Bellview Pump contractors replace all three pumps after quite a few hours. He said we never lost the water system, however, some of the customers experienced poor water pressure until the job was completed. Steve Arnold said we should report the loss to the Insurance carrier. Matt Motkso 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 \$43,867.68. Duane Deppe made a motion to pay these bills. Matt Motsko seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Account was \$2,595.00. Matt Motsko made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motin carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford repeated the problem with the Water system well. Ken added that the original control panel should be either totally replaced or re-wired to provide with selection of alternating the booster pumps, new starters, new readout, etc. Leon Haydt said Bellview Pump could make some repairs to do most of this work. Ken also informed Dave Getz that ABE Laboratories will begin doing PFA water sampling on a quarterly basis this quarter. He said Dave should check with ABE for the cost of this mandatory sampling

Since we had the major breakdown at the well last month and the new service line inventory required program by DEP, Dave Getz said we will have to raise the water rates in the next quarter. In addition, Dave asked if the Authority would be able to make a loan from the Sewer Operating Account to replenish the funds lin the Water Operating Account until we get caught up. Dave said we used to loan funds from the Water Operating Account to the Sewer Operating Account when we were in trouble financially. Atty. Ed Andres said we could do this

as long as we were making payments to pay the loan. Dave will check the balance to see if we would need this.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said the Authority received \$2.2 Million for the upgrade to Pennsville WWTP from the H2O Grant Program, She asked Dave to watch for grant documents for signing.

On the Butternut Drive Pump Station project, the bubbler is loose and giving inaccurate readings for the pump controls; the bubbler tubing needs to be re-installed inside a fixed standpipe. Bellview Pump will be doing this as soon as personnel is available. Dave Getz said Bellview Pump was unable to get done it yet due to the Holidays but should be getting done shortly.

On the Wood Drive Pump Station Huber Screen wash press and bagging system, Audrey Wood and Chris Knopf will be getting together to confirm the settings with Huber tech for the new brush replacement. We will have Bellview do the replacement and change the light bulbs on the panel.

On the System Infiltration Inflow, there were eleven rain events totaling 8.12 inches at the Danielsville WWTP. Even though there was plenty of rain during the period there were no surcharges on either trailer park.

On the Manhole Rehabilitation Project, Angelika presented a manhole Lining Product Comparison table with Spectra Shield, Obic and Raven coatings prior to send a new bid for the rehabilitation. Angelika wants to first authorize the CCTV work for Pipe Data View in 2024, next uncover all inaccessible manholes, including Pennsville manholes, do the CCTV, add 2024 scope and place sewer rehabilitation contract out for bid with Spectra Shield and Obic as approved equals. In addition, Angelika said LTMA should provide new risers, rings, manhole covers, etc. so they are available once the contract is placed. She said the Authority should make a motion to start this process.

Steve Arnold made a motion to have Pipe Data View Services to provide labor and equipment to televise and clean approximately 13720.5' of 8" sewer lines at the cost of \$21,500.00, during a wet period. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. Cowan will provide the traffic control options. Angelika said the Authority should then wait until April of May to rebid the total manhole work for all CCTV work done.

On the Northwoods Project, release No. 1 was approved and forwarded to the bank and copied to Lehigh Township. She said air pressure testing is still required on Independence Lane drainage area. Manhole vacuum testing started on January 3, 2024 and flow metering manholes have not yet been installed.

On the Hilltop Center project, Angelika said revised drawings will be submitted with electrical design when completed by Fred Ebert in January or February. She said the WQM Permit No. 4819402 for the sewage collection and pump station has 5 years to May 2025. DEP issued WQM Permit No. 4823403 for the WWTP expanded plant. Special conditions require as-builts be submitted within 30 days of completing and ACT 537 Planning is required before an increase in flow above the existing permit average monthly 60,000 gpd is approved.

On the Chairmans Report, Carl Sharpe said a proposal was received from Foundation Electric Co. for replacement of our old lighting systems with LED lighting in both Danielsville and Pennsville WWTP, outside lighting on both and installation of Ring Cameras on both. The total proposal from Foundation was \$7,570.00. The other quote received from the Wire Doctors for the same work was for \$17,293.25. Matt Motsko said we should find out from the contractor that the units to be replaced with be sufficient to improve the current lighting. After a short time, the Board said to start with the replacements.

There being no further business to conduct, Phil Gogel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Arnold seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.