

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, July 6, 2023. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe, Phil Gogel and Matt Motsko were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ed Andres, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford and Dave Getz. Board member Steve Arnold was absent. Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the June 1, 2023 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 June 1, 2023		\$619,792.93
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$73,102.46	
Operating Expenses	\$72,140.17	
Balance July 6, 2023		\$620,755.21

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of July 6, 2023 is \$221,892.65.

Sewer Escrow Account:		
Balance June 1, 2023		\$ 48,815.56
Receipts – Interest	\$ 1.31	
Expenses – Cowan	\$ 6,578.20	
Balance July 6, 2023		\$ 42,238.67
Total Sewer Accounts July 6, 2023		\$662,993.88

Water Operating Account:		
Balance June 1, 2023		\$ 40,441.95
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$3,165.93	
Operating Expenses	\$1,589.00	
Truist Loan Payment	\$4,654.31	
Total Expenses	\$6,243.85	
Balance July 6, 2023		\$ 37,364.03

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of July 6, 2023 is \$191.95.

Water Escrow Account:		
Balance June 1 & July 6, 2023		\$ 114.90
Total Water Accounts July 6, 2023		\$ 37,478.93

The total of bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$6,243.85. Matt Motsko made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total of bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account was \$72,140.17. Carl Sharpe asked if the insurance payment was for a month or a quarter. Dave Getz said Steve Arnold set up the account on a quarterly basis. Carl asked what the invoice from Envirep was for. Dave said it was to get the Omni-Sites set up correctly at Wood Drive, Butternut and Elm pump stations. Angelika Forndran said the payments from Cowan Associates should be for the months of April and May on the first invoices and for June on the second invoice. Dave Getz will make these changes. Matt Motsko then made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total of bills to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Account was \$6,578.20. Mott Motsko made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford said we've had several power outages over the past few weeks due to the electrical storms. The Pennsville WWTP computer was out of service after one of the outages. Alyssa Fulford got the computer working again and it is working fine.

Ken said he wants to have an auto flush valve at the end of the Treichlers water system on 2nd Street to prevent the loss of chlorine at the end of the line. Bellview wanted to put the flusher at the last home in their yard but they refused. Keith Lorah will find a spot to installed it somewhere in the alley between Blue Mountain Drive and 2nd Street.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said the DCED LSA grant was awarded to LTMA for the Kola Road PS force main replacement with gravity sewer. She said the original cost estimate was for \$177,071.00, however the grant was awarded for \$74,697.00, 42% of the preliminary cost.

On the Danielsville WWTP PLC upgrade, Dave Getz said Automation Resources, Inc. is working with Tri-Star Inc. to set up the program for the new computer system. They are hoping to get the job completed sometime at the end of July.

On the System Infiltration Inflow project, Angelika said there were eleven rain events totaling 5.36 inches at the Danielsville WWTP. Envirep was re-installing the Omni-site units at Wood Drive, Butternut Drive and Elm Road pump stations. The unit at Wood Drive needs an upgrade conversion kit which Envirep will supply. Work will be completed on the project when DESSCO is in to replace the brushes on the Huber screen. The wet wells will be emptied and, hopefully, DESSCO will be able to set the bubbler systems while the wells are empty.

Angelika has provided summary tables that provide findings and repair recommendations for the CCTY work in the Danielsville sewer system by Pipe Data View. Angelika will then put the information out for bids to made the repairs.

The Northwoods Development project is on standstill. There have been no contractor invoices submitted to date for drawdown of financial security, and there has been no sewer work performed in June. Angelika said the solicitor reported the developer GSP is to pay tapping fee at the time of the first house connections. There is also no update on the Tim Pitts Development.

On the Hilltop Center, Angelika said the drawings for the Phase 2 WWTP site plan will be submitted with electrical design in August or September 2023 per Fred Ebert.

Angelika said the deed for consolidated parcel needs to be prepared. She said LTMA needs to complete a Title Report for the Parcel at Pennsville. Angelika is waiting for the DEP review and issuance of the WQM Part II permit for construction of the expended Pennsville WWTP. The WQM permit for the sewage collection and pump station has 5 years to 5/8/2025.

Angelika said the revised agreement with responses to review comments received from Atty. Zator was received 6/29/2023. She has provided a table for review on an Executive Session at this meeting.

On the Lehigh Township New Maintenance Building, Dave Getz advised Angelika there was visible construction equipment moved in started July 5, 2023. She recommends green marking of force main location if contractor has not requested. Angelika contacted Alice Rehrig who told her the contract was awarded in May 2023. Cowan contacted Lehigh Township Engineer Mike Muffley and received bid drawings for the site work, confirming detail for bridging over the WWTP force main included.

Angelika asked Atty. Andres to write a formal letter to Lehigh Township Manager Alice Rehrig and the Board of Supervisors for them to notify the Authority of any work on the building project. Angelika and Ken Fulford agree that we need to set up a P/M schedule so we would know how to handle a break in the force main. Angelika will work on setting up a schedule for P/M.

Atty. Andres then asked for an Executive Session. The Board was excused for the executive session at 7:15 PM. Upon their return at 8:05 PM, Atty. Andres said the Executive Session was for attorney privilege reasons.

On the Chairman's Report, Carl Sharpe reported that Bonnie Hensel is no longer with the Authority due to health concerns. Carl said Jillian Tracy is now our Administration Assistant. Dave Getz has known Jillian for a long time and knows that she is fluent in computer work and many other things. Dave said she is working out great since starting. Carl added that Keith Lorah will check out the sink hole at the Pennsville generator to find out where the water is coming from.

There is no further action from the other Board members, the Solicitor or the Manager.

Matt Motsko made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.