

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe and Chip Hazard were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ken Fulford, Ed Andres and Dave Getz. Board members Matt Motsko and Steve Arnold were absent. Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The first order of business was the reorganization of the Board. Duane Deppe made a motion to retain the previous officers. Chip Hazard seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The Board members are Carl Sharpe-Chairman, Steve Arnold-Vice Chairman, Duane Deppe-Secretary Treasurer, Matt Motsko-Asst. Secretary Treasurer and Chip Hazard-Member.

The minutes of the December 3, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Duane Deppe made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as below:

Sewer Operating Account:

Balance December 3, 2020		\$197,150.47
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$ 67,823.40	
Operating Expenses	\$ 31,770.88	
BB&T Loan Payment No. 19	\$217,552.66	
Total Expenses	\$249,323.54	
Balance January 7, 2021		\$ 15,650.33

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of January 7, 2021 is \$154,755.58 (does not include \$156,103.37 surcharge from Heritage Village).

Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance December 3, 2020		\$ 3,725.59
Receipts – Interest	\$.31	
Jaendl Check	\$ 10,000.00	
Total Receipts	\$ 10,000.31	
Expenses – Cowan	\$ 5,598.20	
Corriere	\$ 391.50	
Total Expenses	\$ 5,989.70	
Balance January 7, 2021		\$ 7,736.20

Total Sewer Accounts January 7, 2021 \$ 23,386.53

Water Operating Account:

Balance December 3, 2020		\$ 47,198.21
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$ 2,551.19	
Operating Expenses	\$ 719.49	
BB&T Loan Payment	\$ 4,654.31	

Total Expenses	\$ 5,373.78	
Balance January 7, 2021		\$ 44,375.62

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of January 7, 2021 is \$4,815.47.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance December 3, 2020		\$ 1,052.10
Expenses – Cowan	\$ 442.40	
Balance January 7, 2021		\$ 609.70

Total Water Accounts January 7, 2021		\$ 44,985.32
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The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account is \$5,373.78. Chip Hazard made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Account is \$5,9989.70. 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 Water Escrow Account is \$442.40. Chip Hazard 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 had lots of water from the heavy rain and snow melt-off causing between 250,000 to 400,000 gallons/day. At the Danielsville WWTP, Ken said the air line on SBR #2 airlift needs to be replaced due to rust. Ken wants the #2 chlorine contact tank cleaned and switched over to #1. He said the operators continue using the isopropyl alcohol to keep the lab area clean. At the Pennsville WWTP, Ken said a phantom influent valve alarm continued although there is no actual alarm. Ken said Tri-Star will have to investigate. Isopropyl alcohol is being used for cleaning. On the pump stations, Ken said Pump #2 still has a leak in the spring valve at Wood Drive.

Ken also reported that usages are much higher for the Pennsville WWTP. He said some of this could be from the heavy rain and the snow-melt but he thinks there is another problem involving I&I in the system. Ken would like to have the manholes inspected from leakage. Ken will investigate and report.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said the PEMA standby generator grant has been resubmitted.

On the Turkey Hill Project, Angelika has sent the application for water supply tapping fee and construction escrow on November 9, 2020 with a review letter to Lehigh Engineering. She has not received a response.

On the I&I flow monitoring on Mountain View Mobile Home Park and Heritage Village, there were 14 rain events totaling 3.87" that impacted the Danielsville WWTP. There were surcharges noted on both Mountain View and Heritage Village. Angelika said she is going to recalculate the surcharge figures on Heritage Village to include both the meters from Colonial Drive and Heritage Lane.

Angelika said Dirt Works is supposed to be in on Friday to install the UPS backup units at both manhole meters. These UPS units will have a 5-hour backup. She said W. G. Malden is also supposed to be at Heritage Village on Friday to calibrate the meters. Angelika will have the UPS units calibrated as well.

On the Mountain View Mobile Home Park metering manhole project, Angelika said they have rebid the project and only one bid was received. It was from Bellview Pump. Angelika has asked the Mountain Valley people to proceed with placing the order with Bellview to install the metering manhole.

On the Hilltop Center Project, Angelika said there are several outstanding items related to LTMA for construction. They are the DEP Act 537 Planning Module approval for sewage system, a revised Chapter 94 form is needed for approval and will be signed by Carl Sharpe tonight, the DEP PWS permit issuance for the water booster station and distribution system, City of Bethlehem engineering review and approval, NCCD/SWM NPDES permit issuance, Land development approval and Lehigh Township easements.

Carl Sharpe had nothing on the Chairman's Report. On the Board members report, Duane Deppe asked if, when the utility workers are able to receive the COVID 19 shot, will the Board members receive one also. As of yet, no one has been advised about this.

On the Solicitor's Report, Atty Andres said he received the title searches on Moyer, Ceykovsky and Prestia. Ed said the only Moyer has no mortgage balance. Moyer also has outstanding school liens. Ed said he could proceed with the paperwork on Moyer to press the Authority for payment due. Chairman Sharpe told him to proceed.

On the Managers Report, Dave Getz said there are 26 invoices totaling \$156,103.37 on the surcharges against Heritage Village.

On 7:05 PM, Carl Sharpe asked for an Executive Session. The Board returned from the Executive Session at 7:10 PM. Atty. Andres said the Executive Session was for a personnel matter. Carl Sharpe made a motion to pay a Holiday bonus of \$500.00 to Dave Getz and \$250.00 to Bonnie Hensel. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct, Carl Sharpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chip Hazard seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.