

MINUTES

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

May 3, 2022

Vice-Chairman, Sean Sanderson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Susquehanna Township Authority on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:00 PM at Thomas W. Holtzman Elementary School, 1910 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT

Sean Sanderson
Steve Napper
Thomas Ward
Frank Lynch
Garry Brinton

AUTHORITY PERSONNEL PRESENT

David Pribulka, Township Manager
Jill Lovett, Finance Director
Alycia Knoll, Finance/HR Manager
Stan Laskowski, Caldwell & Kearns
Josiah Bair, GHD
Joel Kostelac, GHD
Madison Smith, Stormwater Coordinator
Elizabeth Logan, Asst. Twp Mng./Dir of Com Dev
Nathan Bragunier, Public Works Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Christopher Gibbons – Concord Public Finance
Tim Horstmann- McNees, Wallace, & Nurick LLC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 5, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 5, 2022 by Mr. Ward; Second by Mr. Brinton. The Motion was approved unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Brinton; Second by Mr. Ward to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2022. The Report was approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Construction

No Report

Budget & Finance

Mr. Brinton reviewed the discussion at the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on April 20, 2022 and turned the discussion over to the Financial Advisor, Chris Gibbons. Mr. Gibbons explained the potential bond issue versus a bank loan. The Authority authorized Mr. Gibbons to proceed with a Request For Proposal (RFP) for debt issuance of \$10,000,000.00. There would be a 3-year time limit to spend the proceeds from the borrowing on capital projects. The option of a 20-year wrap around loan would provide both level debt service and stabilization. The downside would be that interest rates could be higher over the loan life. Mr. Kostelac stated there were projects for sanitary sewer that could spend the funds within the time restriction. The RFP would have a due date of May 19, 2022 by 11:00am. This would allow Mr. Gibbons time to review the RFP's and prepare the presentation to the Joint Budget and Finance Committee scheduled for May 20, 2022.

Personnel & Insurance

No Report

Pension

No Report

Rates & Regulations

No Report

Liaison to Board of Commissioners

No Report

Liaison to Planning Commission

No Report

REPORTS OF AUTHORITY STAFF

Manager/Director of Finance

Written report submitted for the month of April 2022 attached. Ms. Lovett stated that staff has received information from several vendors for over-the-phone payment processing for residents. Staff will review the materials and prepare a presentation for the Budget and Finance committee.

Mr. Pribulka stated that he and staff have been working on the collapsed stormwater pipe issues in Mountindale.

Stormwater written report submitted for the month of April 2022 attached. Ms. Smith stated that staff has completed the minimum control measures. Ms. Smith also stated that annual out-fall inspection training for Public Works has been completed. Lastly, Ms. Smith stated that staff was unable to camera the Lio property at 3200 Maple Lane. Staff is looking to survey the property this summer.

Solicitor

Mr. Laskowski presented Resolution No. 2022-03 regarding Condemnation and Appropriation of Right-of-ways and Easements pertaining to properties within the North Branch Paxton Creek Interceptor and Woodridge Interceptor Project for Board approval. Mr. Laskowski stated there are approximately 40 properties stretching from Progress to Paxton Church/Shutt Mill area. Mr. Laskowski stated most of the easements are temporary, meaning that 2 years after the project is complete, the property reverts to the homeowner. Mr. Laskowski stated there are 6 to 8 properties that will be permanent easements. Motion by Mr. Lynch to approve Resolution No. 2022-03, seconded by Mr. Ward, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Laskowski submitted a draft copy of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Preparation of the Intermunicipal Agreement with Capital Region Water. This agreement is between the Borough of Penbrook, the Borough of Paxtang, the Township of Lower Paxton, Swatara Township Authority, Lower Paxton Township Authority, the Township of Susquehanna, the Susquehanna Township Authority, and the Borough of Steelton. Mr. Laskowski explained that this agreement would establish a point of contact for each municipality, establish services with a rate consultant, and establish an expenditure cap for which there would need to be approval by all parties. Mr. Laskowski stated it was in review and final copy will be coming to the Board in a later meeting for consideration.

Mr. Laskowski stated the Board was provided with literature of testimony of Capital Region Water before the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee on Stormwater. Mr. Laskowski stated that

the Commonwealth Court expressed the view that Stormwater is a fee not a tax. He stated that the Borough of West Chester's case is not yet resolved, and municipalities still can not take on the State, therefore, there is no liening of Commonwealth properties. Mr. Laskowski provided a copy of the stormwater fee implementation plan that Capital Region Water presented to the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee arguing the impact of the Commonwealth's refusal to pay stormwater charges.

Lastly, Mr. Laskowski stated he spoke with the attorneys for the State Game Commission, and they are holding firm that stormwater is a tax not a fee so they will continue to not pay stormwater charges. Mr. Laskowski also stated that they spoke of possible appeals with Susquehanna over property lines and stormwater calculations.

Engineer

Written report submitted for the month of April 2022 copy attached.

Paxton Creek Drainage Basin – Mini Basin 32A/Fox Run Trunk – Mr. Kostelac stated design and planning efforts are underway. This project will be a split project between the force main work and the Fox Run Trunk work.

Authority Maintenance Contract - Mr. Kostelac requested direction from the Board as the Authority's maintenance contract for emergency services is expiring on May 31, 2022. The current contract cannot be extended. The Board directed Mr. Kostelac to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Authority's maintenance contract for emergency services. The request includes a 2-year contract with an automatic renewal of 2-year extension. Discussion of adding stormwater to the request for the emergency maintenance services ensued. The Board directed Mr. Kostelac to have GHD amend the RFP to include stormwater emergency maintenance.

Public Works Director

Written report submitted for the month of April 2022, copies attached.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brinton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M. Mr. Napper seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Signed: 
Yves Pollart P.E., Secretary