

## **MINUTES**

### **SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**October 11, 2022**

Chairman Anthony Salomone called to order the Regular Meeting of the Susquehanna Township Authority on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:01 PM at the Susquehanna Township Municipal Building, 1900 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA.

### **AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Anthony Salomone  
Sean Sanderson  
Frank Lynch  
Yves Pollart  
Garry Brinton  
Steve Napper  
Tom Ward

### **AUTHORITY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

David Pribulka, Township Manager  
Jill Lovett, Finance Director  
Alycia Knoll, Finance/HR Manager  
Stan Laskowski, Caldwell & Kearns  
Josiah Bair, GHD  
Elizabeth Logan, Assistant Township Manager  
Madison Smith, Stormwater Coordinator  
Nathan Bragunier, Public Works Director  
Elizabeth Cheeseman, GHD

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jerry Mitchell, PA Attorney General's Office  
Valora Jones, 3727 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Yarelle Mitchell, 3727 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Mark Morelli, 3615 Cloverfield Road

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of September 13, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2022 by Mr. Lynch; Second by Mr. Sanderson. The Motion was approved unanimously.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**Mr. Mark Morelli - 3615 Cloverfield Road**  
– Mr. Morelli explained to the Board that six months after he purchased this home, he had to replace the collapsed sewer lateral from the home to the curb. Mr. Morelli stated that he

continues to have issues and now the plumber states the portion of his lateral from the curb to the main has collapsed and needs repaired. Mr. Morelli requested the Board to consider having the Authority repair the lateral from the curb to the main as there is a project slated for that area which will cover those replacements.

Mr. Salomone asked Mr. Bair if GHD knew of this property issue. Mr. Bair stated that 3615 Cloverfield was televised, and the pipe does not appear to be collapsing, but it is obstructed by roots and debris. The footage revealed that the lateral transitions from vitrified clay to an unknown material about 9 feet from the main and appears to have a "fold" that also contributes to the flow obstruction. Mr. Bair stated that at the time of the video, the lateral did not seem to need emergency repair. Mr. Bair stated that this property is part of the upcoming 23B/C replacement project.

Mr. Salomone questioned the Board if the Authority wishes to repair the lateral from the curb to the main at 3615 Cloverfield now, versus 6 months from now during the project, to help alleviate the back up issues this owner is experiencing. Mr. Lynch motioned to repair the lateral issues at 3615 Cloverfield now. Mr. Brinton seconded the motion. Mr. Pollart questioned the cost of doing repairs now. Mr. Bair estimated the cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Mr. Pollart asked that the motion carry the note that this is an exception due to the prior commitment of rehabilitation to the entire 23 B/C mini basin because the Authority regulations state the lateral from the home to the connection at the main is the homeowner's responsibility. The Board agreed and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by Mr. Brinton; Second by Mr. Lynch to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month

of September 2022. The Report was approved unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **Planning & Construction**

No Report; Next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022 at 5:15 pm

#### **Budget & Finance**

None Report

#### **Personnel & Insurance**

None Report

#### **Pension**

No Report; Next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022 at Noon

#### **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 September 2022 attached.

**Ms. Valera Jones - 3727 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** Ms. Jones stated that she was seeking reimbursement for damages from a sewer backup at her property in September 2022. Ms. Jones explained that her basement suffered floor damage and wall damage. Ms. Jones stated she contacted Stanley Steamer to clean her tiles and carpet after the backup. They informed her she would need the floors and walls remediated because of the sewage and that her floor tiles appear to be asbestos which would require an additional remediation to remove and replace. Mr. Pribulka explained that the Authority had discovered a blockage from grease and disposable wipes in the main that services Ms. Jones property. Mr. Pribulka stated that the blockage was cleared, however it was after the backup occurred to Ms. Jones property.

Ms. Lovett requested the Board approve the Authority to file Ms. Jones repairs from the backup with the Authority's insurance carrier. Mr. Lynch motioned that Ms. Jones claim for 3727 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, and any future similar claims for sewer backups, be authorized to be filed with the Authority's insurance carrier by Authority staff. Mr. Sanderson Seconded the Motion. Mr. Pollart requested to amend the motion to authorize Ms. Jones to start repairs immediately, prior to full authorization by the Authority's insurance carrier. Mr. Pribulka stated that he felt the homeowner should wait until authorized by the insurance carrier as there could be protocols and the Authority does not want to risk the claim being denied. Mr. Laskowski stated that any claim which risks health or life should be acted upon with immediate urgency. Mr. Pribulka stated that the insurance carrier was aware of the claim and staff would act with and convey the urgency to the insurance carrier. Mr. Salomone requested the Board pass the Motion as amended by Mr. Pollart. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Pribulka requested the Board discuss the Manada Conservancy easement for the Paxton Church Road Rehabilitation Project in Executive Session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Salomone excused the board for an Executive Session at 7:38 PM for legal and litigation issues. Executive session ended at 7:53 PM.

Mr. Lynch motioned to authorize Mr. Pribulka to negotiate with the Manada Conservancy on behalf of the Authority for an easement value not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the Paxton Church Road Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Sanderson Seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Stormwater written report submitted for the month of September 2022 attached.

Ms. Smith requested payment authorization to Capital Region Water for the Paxton Creek Watershed Sediment Reduction Plan Task Order 2022-01, IFB #6100055555 in the

amount of \$405,000. Mr. Lynch motioned to approve payment of \$405,000 to Capital Region Water. Mr. Sanderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Smith requested payment authorization to Capital Region Water in the amount of \$72,977.49 for the Joint Pollution Reduction Plan, Task Order 2020-01 Amendment No. 2. Mr. Sanderson made a motion to approve payment to Capital Region Water in the amount of \$72,977.49. Mr. Lynch Seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Smith requested payment authorization to Lower Paxton Township in the amount of \$22,826.85 for the Joint Pollution Reduction Plan, Task Order 2021-01, Stonebridge Final Reconciliation. Mr. Pollart made a motion to approve payment to Lower Paxton Township in the amount of \$22,826.85. Mr. Sanderson Seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Solicitor

Mr. Laskowski presented Resolution No. 2022-07, Condemnation Resolution of the Board of Susquehanna Township Authority Condemning and Appropriating a Right-of-Way and Easement Upon, Across and Under the Lands of Certain Property for Construction and Installation of a Sanitary Sewer Line. Mr. Laskowski explained the condemnation is to add Hem R Gurung and Binod Gurung at 3331 Jonagold Drive, Tax Parcel 62-019-252 to the condemnation list for the Southeast Sewer Extension Project approved earlier this year. Mr. Brinton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-07. Mr. Sanderson Seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Laskowski requested the Board make a motion to amend the agenda to include the emergency relief for Mr. Mark Morelli's property at 3615 Cloverfield Road to comply with the Sunshine Act. Mr. Sanderson motioned to amend the agenda. Mr. Pollart

Seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Engineer

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

**Paxton Creek – North Branch and Woodridge –**

Mr. Bair stated the project was bid on October 10, 2022. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022, and bids will be open on November 15, 2022. Condemnation of properties that did not return easement agreements is underway. A meeting was held with GHD, Susquehanna Township Authority and Lower Paxton Township Authority on September 22, 2022 to discuss the draft of the updated Oakhurst agreement, which outlines cost sharing associated with the North Branch and Woodridge project. Mr. Bair stated GHD will be updating the draft agreement based on the meeting feedback.

**Paxton Creek – Mini Basin 32A/Fox Run Trunk –**

Mr. Bair stated the Community Notice letters are in the process of being sent. The Community Meeting will be held on October 26, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Township Building.

**Asylum Run Drainage Basin – Mini Basin 23B/C –**

Mr. Bair stated the Community Notice letters are in the process of being sent. The Community Meeting will be held on November 3, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Township Building.

**Authority Maintenance Contract** - Mr. Bair stated the resident at 3973 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street replaced their building sewer but continues to have blockage issues. Authority staff televised the lateral and found the cast iron service lateral was deteriorated and appeared to have an offset joint which may have caused the blockage issues. The defect occurred roughly 3 feet from the main. Mr. Bair stated that this area had the sanitary sewer mains replaced with PVC as part of HRG's Uptown project a few years ago. Mr. Bair stated Rogele was authorized to complete the repair, which occurred on September 26, 2022.

Mr. Bair requested approval for payment in the amount of \$30,583.83 to Rogele for the lateral replacement that took place in July at 3909 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Sanderson made a motion to approve payment to Rogele in the amount of \$30,583.83. Mr. Brinton Seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Works Director

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

Mr. Bragunier stated that the Public Works Department is still having issues with the TV van. It has been decided to keep the van but get a new camera system. Mr. Bragunier stated he is working on pricing for the new camera system and will be brought to the Board for consideration.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

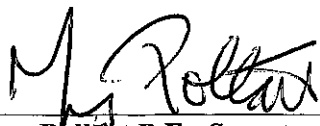
NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Lovett presented the Board with a diagram explaining sewer laterals and connections with the sewer main. The diagram displays the responsibility of the Authority as well as the homeowner. The Board requested changes to the diagram and once revised will be reviewed by the Board for final approval.

Mr. Lynch asked Mr. Pribulka about the possible grant opportunities for sanitary sewer and stormwater. Mr. Pribulka stated staff was aware of the opportunities and was working with GHD.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Signed:   
Yves Pollart P.E., Secretary