

MINUTES

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

November 1, 2022

Chairman Anthony Salomone called to order the Regular Meeting of the Susquehanna Township Authority on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 7:01 PM at the Susquehanna Township Municipal Building, 1900 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Salomone
Sean Sanderson
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
Joel Kostelac, GHD
Josiah Bair, GHD
Madison Smith, Stormwater Coordinator
Nathan Bragunier, Public Works Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Drees, Fire Marshall
Alex Greenly, HRG
DeAndre Samuels, 3652 N. 3rd Street

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022 by Mr. Napper; Second by Mr. Ward. The Motion was approved unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Deandre Samuels - 3652 N. 3rd Street

Mr. Samuels explained to the Board that approximately three weeks ago he experienced a sewage back up in his home. Mr. Samuels stated he had a plumber flush and camera his sewer line. The plumber stated the lateral was broken under the storm drain in the street.

The estimated cost of repairs was \$25,000.

Mr. Samuels requested the Board for help with his lateral repair. Mr. Kostelac stated this is a clay lateral that changes to orangeburg pipe at the service lateral. Mr. Kostelac stated that the Sewer Authority televised the line, and approximately one foot from the curb into the street, the orangeburg pipe is deformed but not broken.

Mr. Salomone asked Mr. Kostelac what his professional opinion was to handle this situation. Mr. Kostelac stated this was a similar situation to the Cloverfield Road issue where the Authority was inclined to repair the service lateral section from the curb/property line to the main. However, there is clay pipe in good condition connecting to orangeburg pipe, which could cause an issue when only replacing part of the line.

Mr. Pollart made a motion to table action on Mr. Samuels request until the Authority Board meeting on December 1, 2022. Mr. Samuels was requested to provide all images and estimates he has received. Staff is to review and analyze all information and report findings to the Board by the next meeting. Mr. Sanderson Seconded the motion. The motion was carried with 5 votes in favor and 1 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Presentation of the sewer diagram after small changes from last meeting. The diagram will be posted to the website and sent with a sewer billing for residents.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Construction

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

Budget & Finance

No Report

Personnel & Insurance

No Report; An offer has been made for a new Stormwater Technician

Pension

Mr. Sanderson presented that the findings from the Pension meeting held on October 26, 2022, are under market pressure. The fund is healthy and not distressed.

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 October 2022 attached.

Mr. Pribulka presented the Board with HRG's project cost estimate for emergency repairs on Maple Shade Drive. In the approximate area of Dogwood Road and McNaughton Drive along Maple Shade Drive the storm sewer pipes and drain system are collapsing affecting property owners and causing erosion of the roadway.

Mr. Greenly presented the Board with HRG's design estimate of approximately \$590,441.50 for the full scope of work along Maple Shade. Mr. Salomone questioned Mr. Laskowski if the Authority was obligated to use Rogele under the emergency repair contract. Mr. Laskowski stated that there is no obligation to use Rogele by contract. Mr. Laskowski stated the Municipal Authorities Act allows for purchase of supplies and materials without bidding, but not services. If the Authority would wish to obtain quotes rather than bidding the project, then there would need to be meticulous documentation that this is a true emergency

Fire Marshall Drees addressed the Board with the concerns of emergency responders. Mr. Drees stated that the road presented issues for heavy equipment to traverse safely in response to emergencies. Mr. Drees stated a major concern would be when the weather is cold and ice forms from ponding water, possible making it near impossible for large emergency equipment to safely travel.

Mr. Salomone stated it appears the Authority has enough documentation to prove this is a true emergency situation for public safety.

Mr. Pollart made a motion to proceed with the Maple Shade Emergency Repairs and have the Authority obtain pricing through three quotes, to include Rogele. Mr. Ward Seconded the Motion, and the motion was approved unanimously with Mr. Pollart abstaining.

Mr. Pribulka presented the Board with a \$2,000.00 consideration to the Manada Conservancy for the exchange of a conservation easement on Authority land dedicated to the Township for the Paxton Church Road Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Sanderson motioned to approve the easement payment of \$2,000.00 to Manada Conservancy. Mr. Brinton Seconded, and the Motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Lovett stated that Modern Recovery Services has offered to come on site to reconcile account balances between their system and the Authority. They will do this free of charge.

Stormwater

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

Ms. Smith stated that the Paxton Creek Cooperative, a municipal cooperative of Capital Region Water, Lower Paxton Township and Susquehanna Township, received a change order letter from RES on higher than anticipated sediment removal loads in the upcoming potential project for Contract 2. The group is currently discussing accepting the change order, pending additional information and verifications.

Solicitor

No Report

Engineer

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

Mr. Kostelac stated that GHD was requesting approval to proceed with seeking grant funding through the Small Water & Sewer Program and the H2OPA Program. The Small Water & Sewer Program is for projects that are \$500,000.00 or less and the H2OPA Program is for projects that are up to \$20,000,000.00. Mr. Kostelac stated that the Authority has projects that would qualify for both programs and that neither application is difficult to complete. The applications are due in December and the cost to apply is approximately \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00. The grants would not cover prior expenses on approved projects, just expenses moving forward from any award received. Mr. Ward made a Motion to approve GHD to proceed with application for the Small Water & Sewer Program and the H2OPA Program. Mr. Sanderson Seconded the Motion. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Paxton Creek – North Branch and Woodridge –

Mr. Kostelac stated the project bids will be taken until November 15, 2022. The results will be ready for the December meeting.

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

Mr. Kostelac stated the project bids will go out in December and the Community Meeting held on October 26, 2022 went well.

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

Mr. Kostelac stated the Community Meeting will be held on November 3, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Township Building.

Spring Creek Drainage Basin – SE Sanitary Sewer Extension -

Mr. Kostelac stated that R-III completed the remaining restoration work on the contract. A walk through was conducted with DCCD on October 26th and closeout of the permits and project is underway.

Mr. Kostelac stated the costs would be held from R-III's retainage.

Authority Maintenance Contract - Mr. Kostelac stated GHD completed the sketch plans and is coordinating with Rogele on the 2022 Stormwater Emergency Projects. 4020 Crooked Hill Road project will cost \$30,000.00. The Market Place & Interstate Drive project will cost \$141,600.00 and the Earle Street & Progress Avenue project will cost \$52,875.00. Mr. Kostelac stated that the HOP was submitted to PennDOT, and the permit was received for the Earle Street & Progress Avenue project. Mr. Pollart made a Motion to approve Rogele proceeding with these projects at a cost of \$30,000.00 for 4020 Crooked Hill Road, \$141,600.00 for Market Place & Interstate Drive, and \$52,875.00 for Earle Street & Progress Avenue. Mr. Ward Seconded the Motion, and the Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Works Director

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

Mr. Bragunier stated that the Public Works and Sewer Departments did inlet repairs and laid new stormwater pipe in the month of October. Mr. Bragunier stated that the camera system is back but still does not work. Mr. Bragunier stated he is working on pricing for a retrofit camera system versus a new camera van.

CORRESPONDENCE


None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sanderson 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