

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
August 20, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting of the Board of the Whitemarsh Township Authority on August 20, 2014, was called to order by Chairperson Carolyn Hanel at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitemarsh Township Meeting Room, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:

Carolyn Hanel, Chairperson
Timothy Ferris, Vice-Chairperson
Jeffrey Mitchell
Jonathan Riesberg
Jerold Glick

Also in Attendance:

Michael Sullivan, Private Utility Enterprises, Inc. - Authority Management Consultant
Allen Mason, Carroll Engineering – Authority Engineer
Michael Clarke, Esquire, Rudolph & Clarke, LLC

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

There was a Ferris – Glick motion to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2014 meeting of the Board, the motion carried 3-0, with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Riesberg abstaining.

STAFF REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Additions:

Conshohocken Brewing Company – Mr. Mason reported that he spoke with Mr. Remington about scheduling the installation of the monitoring manhole. Mr. Remington assured Mr. Mason it would be scheduled within the next two to three weeks.

Treatment Plant – Mr. Mason reported that there is an electrical service issue at the plant and he requested quotes from three contractors to get a replacement transformer. Once he receives these quotes, he will present them to the Board.

Motion to Pay LB Industries – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay LB Industries Payment Application #9 for Contract 13-1, General Construction – WPCC Project, in the amount of \$69,096.17, carried 5-0.

Motion to Pay BSI - A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay BSI's Payment Application #7 for Contract 13-3, Electrical – WPCC Project, in the amount of \$32,300.00, carried 5-0.

Motion to Award Sludge Removal Contract – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to award a three year sludge removal contract to Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. with a base bid of \$414,188.60, carried 5-0.

WASTEWATER MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sarro was not in attendance at the Board meeting and Mr. Sullivan gave a brief overview of the operators report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Springfield Township - Mr. Clarke reported that Mr. Mason has prepared a response to Springfield Township's engineer. Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Mason will be meeting next week to review the response and if they find it acceptable, it will be sent to Springfield's engineer. Hopefully there will be a resolution to this matter by the next Board meeting. If not, Mr. Clarke may ask for authorization from the Board to engage the services of a neutral engineer to review the Philadelphia Agreement, the Authority's position and Springfield's position so a determination can be made which all parties would be bound by.

Courts at Spring Mill Station/Home Properties – Mr. Clarke reported that they are close to dedication. Mr. Clarke also reported there will be a slight amendment to the reimbursement agreement.

Mr. Clarke reported that more liens have been filed on delinquent accounts.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sullivan requested and then confirmed that the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2014 will be moved to Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

Motion to Approve Proposal for Rate Study – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to accept and approve the proposal submitted by Howard J. Woods, Jr. dated July 2, 2014 in the amount of \$9,950.00 to do a rate study of the Authority's commercial billing. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Approval of Monthly Expenditures – A motion was made by Mr. Riesberg and seconded by Mr. Ferris to pay the expenditures and bills as presented in the amount of \$537,235.51, carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Glick and seconded by Ms. Hanel, carried 5-0.

Executive Session – Mr. Sullivan requested that that Board meet in Executive Session which took place from 7:45 – 8:00 to discuss personnel issues.

Minutes Prepared by Dottie Winterbottom