

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
February 20, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting of the Board of the Whitemarsh Township Authority on February 20, 2019, was called to order by Chairman Timothy Ferris at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitemarsh Township Authority's Office, 462 Germantown Pike, Suite One, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:

Timothy Ferris - Chairman
Jonathan Riesberg – Vice Chairman
Jeannette Quirus - Secretary
Jori Broad - Treasurer
Gene Swider – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also in Attendance:

Michael Clarke, Esquire – Rudolph Clarke, LLC
Allen Mason, P.E. – Carroll Engineering Corp.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

Presentation by Architectural Firm Lenhardt Rodgers regarding new Administrative Building

Philip Rodgers of Lenhardt Rodgers gave an update on the proposed new Administrative Building. Mr. Rodgers reported that he refined the site plan a bit, eliminating the drive-up window, adding a retaining wall, and adding solar panels to the south slope of the roof which would take care of most of the building and have a 12-13 year payback on the cost of the panels.

Mr. Mason added that the Application was submitted to the Township last week. Mr. Clarke stated that he hopes to get this project on the Agenda for the Board of Supervisor's meeting on March 12. Once we have approval from the Township and Planning Commission, more in-depth planning will be made on this project.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Broad and seconded by Ms. Quirus to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting of the Board, the motion carried 5-0.

REORGANIZATION:

A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Quirus to nominate Gene Swider to the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried 5-0 to appoint Mr. Swider to the position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

STAFF REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Sludge Dewatering Facilities – Mr. Mason reported that he forwarded to the Authority a breakdown of the plans for the building. He will talk to Mr. Wagner at the next staff meeting to get his thoughts and make sure everyone's on the same page.

Motion to Proceed with Environmental Testing for Incinerator Building Project – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to proceed with environmental testing for the Incinerator Building Demolition project, carried 5-0.

Motion to Issue Notice of Intent to Award for Contract 18-3 (Trickling Filter Media Replacement) - The WTA Board has rejected bids from PSI Pumping Solutions, Inc. and Derstine Company, LLC in response to a request for bids for Contract 18-3 due to their failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority. The WTA Board further moves to accept the bid of Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. and by its officers, take all steps necessary to issue a Notice of Intent to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for Contract 18-3 pending review of contract documents. A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Quirus to Issue the Notice of Intent, carried 5-0.

WASTEWATER MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Newell was not in attendance at the meeting but his report was made available to the Board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Motion to Ratify Resolution No. 2019-02 – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to ratify Resolution No. 2019-02 which reduces the amount of escrow to a balance of \$3,626.79 in regard to a project at 735 Bethlehem Pike, carried 5-0.

Motion to Approve Contract for Professional Services – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to approve a Contract for Professional Services between the Authority and Craig and Lori Israelite concerning property located at 265 Stenton Avenue, Plymouth Meeting, carried 5-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Wagner was not in attendance at the meeting but his report was made available to the Board.

Mr. Clarke reported that Mr. Wagner met with Earthcare LLC to discuss their biosolid disposal option. Mr. Wagner thought it was a good option for the Authority and could cut our disposal costs in half. Mr. Wagner would like to get the Board's approval to allow Mr. Clarke and Mr. Mason to get involved to deal with the legal and environmental issues in regard to what Earthcare LLC is proposing. Mr. Clarke stated that in particular, he would need to find out if we would have to go out to bid for this, and Mr. Mason would need to determine that everything Earthcare LLC does is in compliance with DEP

regulations regarding the disposal of our sludge. The Board gave their approval for Mr. Clarke and Mr. Mason to review these issues.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Detweiler was not in attendance at the meeting but his report was made available to the Board.

A discussion ensued regarding the pending rate adoption at next month's board meeting.

Approval of Monthly Expenditures – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to pay the expenditures and bills as presented in the amount of \$452,645.50, carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad, carried 5-0.

Minutes Prepared by Dottie Winterbottom