

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
July 15, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting of the Board of the Whitemarsh Township Authority on July 15, 2020, was called to order by Chairman Timothy Ferris at 7:00 p.m. and held via video conferencing. This change in location was announced by placing a Notice on the front door of the Whitemarsh Township Building, 616 Germantown Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania and also by a Notice posted on the Authority's website.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Alex Glassman, Esquire – Rudolph Clarke, LLC
Allen Mason, P.E. – Carroll Engineering Corp.
Brent Wagner, Manager
Thomas Bonjo, Operations Manager
Kyle Detweiler, Finance Director

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Broad and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting of the Board, the motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORT

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Authority Office Building – Mr. Mason reported that construction of this project is proceeding and the retaining walls should be completed by this Friday. The next activity will be to put up temporary fencing around the work site. Mr. Mason also stated that there is talk of relocating the fence and gate back some but they are working out the security issues associated with this move to allow the Township and Authority employees' access.

Motion to Pay Application for Payment No. 1 (Contract 20-1G) – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay Application for Payment No. 1 (Contract 20-1G) in the amount of \$103,725.00 to McCarthy Construction, Inc., carried 4-0.

Motion to Pay Application for Payment No. 1 (Contract 20-1E) – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay Application for Payment No. 1 (Contract 20-1E) in the amount of \$7,063.50 to Lenni Electric Corporation, carried 4-0.

Motion to Pay Application for Payment No. 3 (Contract 18-2) – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay Application for Payment No. 3 (Contract 18-2) in the amount of \$5,605.00 to MJF Electrical Contracting, Inc., carried 4-0.

Motion to Pay Application for Payment No. 3 (Contract 18-3) – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay Application for Payment No. 3 (Contract 18-2) in the amount of \$105,010.04 to Blooming Glen Contractors Inc., carried 4-0.

WASTEWATER MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Wagner will incorporate the Wastewater Manager's report in with his Executive Director's report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Deed of Dedication - A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to accept and execute a Deed of Dedication of Public Sewer Easements between the Authority and Janseen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., concerning property having a parcel number of 65-00-01453-003, carried 4-0.

Hollywood Road Update – Mr. Glassman reported that the property owners inquiring about connecting to the public sewer system through the easement have now reached out to Rudolph Clarke for a Contract for Professional Services so they can proceed in connecting to public sewer.

Cold Point Village Station – Mr. Glassman reported that he received a telephone call from Sal Paone regarding his new development of 12 homes which is technically located in Plymouth Township. Mr. Paone would like for the Authority to take dedication of these 12 customers and bill them directly.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Trickling Filter – Mr. Wagner reported that last month the plant was hit with some kind of soapy material which affected the trickling filter and spiked the ammonia levels. Steps were taken immediately to resolve this issue and within three days, the problem was resolved and the plant stayed within compliance limits for the month. Mr. Wagner also reported that staff had to add some filter media and settling of this filter media takes approximately 36 weeks so we're looking at around the first quarter of 2021 to finish the media.

Mr. Wagner reported that staff will be doing a complete overhaul and maintenance of the press later this month to keep it running efficiently until a new press is obtained.

Mr. Bonjo reported that he received a telephone call from DEP stating that there were numerous tires discovered behind Pump Station #9. The Authority staff worked with the Public Works Department to get the 56 tires removed from the premises and taken to a recycling plant. Mr. Bonjo has installed a security camera to monitor any future dumping of tires at this pump station.

Mr. Bonjo also was notified that approximately 100 tires were dumped on Stenton Avenue over the weekend, right before the Turnpike overpass.

Mr. Bonjo reported that staff and summer helpers tar coated the clarifier.

2115 Magnolia Lane – Mr. Bonjo reported that the homeowner called the Authority to report the smell of sewage around their home. Upon investigation, it was determined that the gravity line in the dry creek bed at the end of the street had broken. Authority staff, along with a contractor, started repair of the line immediately. The line was fixed in approximately 5 hours. Franc Environmental was also called in to clean out the creek bed.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Detweiler reported that the discount period which was extended for three months due to the Coronavirus, is coming to an end at the end of this month.

Mr. Detweiler reported that incoming payments of commercial customers has been steady.

Approval of Monthly Expenditures – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay the expenditures and bills as presented in the amount of \$312,682.83, carried 4-0.

Mr. Ferris stated that he would like a sign at the site of the new office building construction saying “Future home of the Whitmarsh Township Authority”. Mr. Detweiler will look into getting a sign.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad, carried 4-0.

Minutes Prepared by Dottie Winterbottom