

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
May 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting of the Board of the Whitemarsh Township Authority on May 19, 2021, 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 at 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  
Jeannette Quirus – Secretary (excused absence)  
Jori Broad – Treasurer  
Gene Swider – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

*Also in Attendance:*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Board, the motion carried 4-0.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Creek Lane Project** – Mr. Mason had a discussion with the Board and three members of the Creek Lane Homeowner's Association (Stan Casacio, Elizabeth Ashdale Lament and Melinda Moritz) who were also in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Mason reported that this project would require the design and construction of a sanitary force main and modifications to the existing pump station to allow

the private sewage plant to be abandoned and allow homes to connect to public sewer. Mr. Mason addressed the many questions and concerns of the members of the Homeowner's Association. In conclusion of the discussion, it was determined that the next step would be for WTA to provide a formal proposal to the Homeowner's Association outlining the total costs for each phase of this project. Upon receipt of this proposal, Mr. Casacio would present it to all of the homeowners on Creek Lane to get their opinions and thoughts on the possibility of moving forward with this project.

**Motion to Pay Application for Payment No. 10 (Contract 20-1E)** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to pay Application for Payment No. 10 (Contract 20-1E) in the amount of \$45,649.64 to Lenni Electric Corporation, carried 4-0.

**Motion to Pay Application for Payment No. 11 (Contract 20-1G)** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to pay Application for Payment No. 11 (Contract 20-1G) in the amount of \$56,672.44 to McCarthy Construction, Inc., carried 4-0.

**New Administration Building** – Mr. Mason reported that the carpets will begin to be laid today and the interior doors are due to arrive tomorrow so we could have an occupancy permit very shortly.

**Ridge Pike Widening Project** – Mr. Mason reported that a call is scheduled with the County engineer as there are still a few issues that need to be ironed out before beginning this project.

**Spring Mill Fire Company** – Mr. Mason reported that the Township is in discussions with the fire company about keeping the siren on the fire company's property.

#### **WASTEWATER MANAGER'S REPORT:**

See Manager's Report.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-06** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2021-06 which releases the maintenance security to Phipps Station Group for a project having a Parcel No. 65-00-11005-000, carried 4-0.

**Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2021-07** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2021-07 which requests a sewage facilities program grant, carried 4-0.

**June Board Meeting** – Mr. Glassman discussed with the Board whether the June board meeting should be held in person or virtual. A follow up to this discussion will be held in the beginning of June.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Wagner reported that the plant is operating well and we are having good success with the upgrade in the trickling filter.

Mr. Wagner reported that there were no emergencies this month.

Mr. Wagner reported that the Emergency Operations Plan will end on June 3 and all staff will return to normal working schedules at the plant.

Mr. Wagner reported that there is a polymer shortage across the country but the Authority is fine with their supply at the plant for the immediate future.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Detweiler reported that he will be having additional discussions with Vist Bank regarding obtaining a lock box to process check payments.

Mr. Detweiler reported that a lot of residents are making accounts on Invoice Cloud and taking advantage of the different features that it offers.

Mr. Detweiler reported that the Authority has received full reimbursement of the trickling filter grant it was awarded.

Mr. Detweiler reported that the Authority has met all requirements with its banks in providing our 2020 audit to them.

Mr. Detweiler discussed the possibility of holding the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new administration building in the first week of July.

**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 \$316,920.47, carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Broad, carried 4-0.

*Minutes Prepared by Dottie Winterbottom*