

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
November 15, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Meeting of the Board of the Whitemarsh Township Authority on November 15, 2017, was called to order by Chairperson Timothy Ferris 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:*

Timothy Ferris, Chairperson  
Jonathan Riesberg  
Jeannette Quirus

*Also in Attendance:*

Michael P. Clarke, Esquire – Rudolph Clarke, LLC  
Alexander M. Glassman, Esquire - Rudolph Clarke, LLC  
Allen Mason – Carroll Engineering Corp.  
Brent Wagner – Executive Director  
Kyle Detweiler – Finance Director  
Robert Tagert, Operations Manager

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:**

None

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting of the board, carried 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

Mr. Clarke reported that an Executive Session was held at the conclusion of the October 18, 2017 board meeting to discuss personnel matters and contract negotiations.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Oaks at Lafayette Hill** – Mr. Mason reported that there are still some punch list items that need to be addressed, as well as paving.

**737 Spring Mill Avenue** – Mr. Mason reported that he was contacted by the company that did the video inspections and they are forwarding the records to him. Mr. Mason also stated that he had some comments regarding the as-built plans especially concerning lateral locations.

**801 Washington Avenue (Hines Rowing Center)** – Mr. Mason reported that construction is scheduled to begin the first week of December.

Mr. Mason reported that he was contacted by the Engineer for a property on Harts Lane asking about the possibility of the Authority expanding its service area up Harts Lane. A meeting has been set up to discuss this matter further.

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

Mr. Tagert reported that a lot of maintenance has been going on at the plant including flooding and cleaning both trickling filters, draining and cleaning both secondary clarifiers, draining and cleaning both chlorine tanks and repairs have been made to the scrapers on the primary clarifier.

Mr. Tagert reported that the Authority has taken over ownership of the pump station at the Oaks at Lafayette Hill development and staff is checking it on a daily basis.

Mr. Tagert reported that everything is moving along with the SCADA system. He met with Joe Guagno today and toured some of the pump stations. There are a few remaining punch list items but overall the project is significantly completed.

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

**Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2017-07 – Reducing Performance Escrow** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Quirus to approve Resolution No. 2017-07, which reduces the performance escrow from \$38,182.00 to \$5,252.85 for a project at tax parcel number 65-00-10789-009, carried 3-0.

**Motion to Approve Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Quirus to approve the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release between Richard H. Cutler and Susan M. Leoni and the Whitmarsh Township Authority regarding a property located at 75 Stenton Avenue with tax parcel number 65-00-11125-006, carried 3-0.

**Conshohocken Brewing Company** – Mr. Clarke reported that we could soon be taking a more aggressive stance with the brew pub as efforts to work with them to fix their on-going problems have been left unanswered.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Wagner reported that it is a goal of the Authority to resolve the nitrification issues that have been plaguing the plant for years. Mr. Wagner stated that staff began adding coagulant to the influent three weeks ago and already there is some improvement.

Mr. Wagner stated that the plant underwent a toxicity study to make sure there was nothing inhibiting our plant. Nothing was found.

Mr. Wagner stated that there have been a few issues with Waste Management in getting dumpsters to us in a timely manner as whatever sludge the plant produces needs to be hauled away immediately. Staff is working with Waste Management to resolve this issue.

Mr. Wagner stated that Mr. Mason and Mr. Tagert met with management of Conshohocken Brewing Company to offer suggestions on how fix the issues they are having. Mr. Wagner will also be meeting with them shortly to discuss the same issues and let them know we are willing to work with them but if they do nothing about the issues they are having, we will have no choice but to impose sanctions on them.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Motion to Approve 2018 Proposed Operating Budget** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to approve the 2018 Proposed Operating Budget as presented, carried 3-0.

**Motion to Pay Trijay Systems, Inc.** - A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg to pay Trijay System, Inc.'s Application for Payment No. 4 for Project No. IC&EE 158-002 in the amount of \$50,936.00, carried 3-0.

**Approval of Monthly Expenditures** – A motion was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Ms. Quirus to pay the expenditures and bills as presented in the amount of \$723,634.04, carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Ferris and seconded by Mr. Riesberg, carried 3-0.

*Minutes Prepared by Dottie Winterbottom*