

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Miller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Miller added item number 2.5 to the agenda, which is a presentation by Control Systems 21.

#### ATTENDANCE

Kevin Miller, Chairman  
Sue Sunday, Vice Chairperson  
Ronald Eckerd, Secretary

Michael Pykosh, Solicitor  
Mark Bruening, Engineer  
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carl Kuhl, 153 Brindle Road, stated that he reviewed the 2014 financial reports, which shows that 1/3 of the income goes to treatment costs and 2/3 goes toward debt service. We need to address the debt service.

#### CONTROL SYSTEMS 21 – EAGLEi PRESENTATION

Chad Arnold and Corey Heckman, from Control Systems 21, gave a presentation of the Eaglei Data Collection system. This system would allow us to eliminate the land lines that we have to each of the pump stations. The EAGLEi system uses Verizon cell lines to transmit the data. They will do a cellular survey of each location to make sure there is cell phone service available. If the cell services is questionable there is a booster available that may work. Alarms at any of the pump stations would be texted or emailed to who is on the contact list. The township office would be able to log into the website and collect flow data, pump run times and other information. There is not a battery back up on the system, but most pump stations have generators so the system will run off of the generator. The EAGLEi system is approximately \$3,000 per unit, plus installation costs. There is also a monthly fee of approximately \$40 per site for the cell line and data service.

#### MINUTES

**On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 regular meeting.**

#### OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Eckerd questioned why the Northern flows were high. Mr. Miller and Mr. Bruening explained that there are some I&I issues and with the amount of rain we have received the flows have increased. Mr. Pykosh commented that the Southern flows seemed pretty good for the amount of rain we have received. Mr. Bruening agreed.

**On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Operations Reports for June.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Bruening stated that the Mechanicsburg Plant Upgrade Project is complete. There are funds left in the Northern Capital Project Fund and we will need to determine what to do with these funds.

**On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Miller, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report.**

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

Mr. Pykosh stated that one account has entered into a payment plan with him and another account is to be paid off by the end of the week.

**On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Ms. Sunday, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Lien/Debt Report.**

CAPACITY REPORT

Mr. Eckerd questioned how the Southern District has zero EDU's available and how we get more. Mr. Bruening explained the Chapter 94 reporting process. He added that if a large developer came into the township we could be a broker between the developer and South Middleton to reserve capacity, but all costs would be on the developer. Mr. Pykosh stated that we could buy more capacity, but it would increase the current sewer customer' rates.

**On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to accept the Capacity Report.**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pykosh state that the Board of Supervisors approved moving forward with the Sewer Action Plan. He is in the process of converting liens to judgements and filing suits against the properties with bigger liens, which would start the Sheriff sale/foreclosure process.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bruening reviewed the Engineer Report dated July 8, 2015.

Mr. Miller verified with Mr. Bruening that the Mechanicsburg Treatment Plant upgrade was complete. Mr. Bruening said yes, except for some final grading and very small issues.

Mr. Miller stated that there is approximately \$49,000 in the Northern Capital Project fund that could be utilized to correct with inflow. The Board will need to look at this and discuss options to make the system better. Mr. Bruening thinks there is a time frame that the funds must be used by. Mr. Miller asked Mr. Pykosh to look into this.

Mr. Bruening provided a report from the Electro Scan demonstration done in May. Mr. Miller asked

that his report be added to the August agenda to be discussed.

Mr. Miller asked how the process is going with the South Middleton Plant Upgrade. Mr. Bruening they will not meet the September deadline. The last he heard the plant upgrade must be operational by January 2016 and then they have until May/June 2016 to complete the grading and paving. The Supervisors have asked him to attend progress meeting to get an update and find out the schedule.

## OLD BUSINESS

### PUMP STATION PHONE LINES

Mr. Miller explained that he was contacted by the Supervisors about ways to eliminate costs in the Southern district. We currently have five pump stations with landlines that cost about \$2,700 per year. He would like to find an option to use up to date technology that could pay for itself in one to two years. There is a wireless modem option that he would like to look into further, which would allow us to eliminate the landlines and the cell service that Control Systems 21 was suggesting. The Control Systems 21 product was a vital option, but he would like to do more research. Ms. Sunday stated the Control Systems 21 option was ideal, but she is concerned with the cost.

## NEW BUSINESS - None

### STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Eckerd stated that he is new to the Board and trying to learn. He is not aware of all the history with these matters. The sewer rates are excessive, which is the issue with people not paying their bills. How do we tackle this? Lower bond rates or get help from our local representatives. Spreading the cost over more people would be helpful.

Mr. Miller explained that some areas are not on sewer, but the township monitors those systems. We could add more areas, but that would increase the debt which would increase the rates.

There was further discussion by the Board regarding the history of the sewers and where the debt came from.

## ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery  
Recording Secretary