

The regular meeting of the Monroe Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Vice Chairperson Sunday.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### ATTENDANCE

Doug Stouffer, Treasurer  
Sue Sunday, Vice Chairperson  
Ronald Eckerd, Secretary

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

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Line, 381 Criswell Drive, stated that he moved into the township last September and would like to know why the sewer bill is so high. Ms. Sunday said that there are a number of issues. There is debt from installing the sewer system, treatment costs, the system upgrade at South Middleton and the small number of households affects the rates. The southern district is the most expensive.

Mr. Line asked if the Northern district and Dillsburg district are paying the same percentage of debt as the Southern district. He also questioned that if the White Rock debt was turned over to the township or authority. If it was given to the township then all residents should be responsible, not just the Southern district. Mr. Bruening explained that there are three separate districts and the rates for each district is based on the debt that district has incurred. Mr. Pykosh added that the Sewer Facilities Act states that the users of particular sewer system are responsible for the debt for that system. The township has looked at the possibility of combining sewer districts. Mr. Pykosh stated that townships do not hold sewer systems, they go to the authority. The township tries to get grants to help offset expenses of replacing pipes and fixing infiltration issues. We are moving in the right direction, but the sewer rates have to sustain the debt.

Ms. Sunday thanks Mr. Line for his comments. We have been spending time collecting debt and finding solutions to the sewer problems.

Mr. Bruening introduces Erik Schroeder from his office.

### MINUTES

**On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Stouffer, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 regular meeting.**

### OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Eckerd questioned why the Northern flows were still high. Mr. Bruening said that the high flows are due to the rain and high ground water levels.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Eckerd questioned the money remaining in the Northern Capital Project Fund, what it can be used for and if there is a time limit that the funds need to be used. Mr. Bruening stated that the money must be used for capital improvements to the Northern district. He believes there is a time frame, but we need to look into that. Ms. Sunday asked that this item be added to the agenda for next month's meeting.

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

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

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

CAPACITY REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pykosh state that he has started transferring liens to writs, then is able to move to foreclosures. Two residents have been served by the sheriff and he has been contacted by both, who said they will enter into payment plans for past due fee and keep current sewer fees paid. The water shut off process is working. In the first round approximately 40 letters were sent and we are down to one who hasn't paid and has been sent the final shut off notice.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bruening reviewed the Engineer Report dated August 12, 2015. Also attached was an updated flow summary.

Mr. Bruening stated that there was a complaint from 660 Deer Road about an odd discharge with a sewer odor. A water test was done and he reviewed the televising done in 2012. He believes there may be a problem with the lateral at 664 Deer Road, recent work was done on this property, which may have damaged the lateral.

**On the motion of Mr. Stouffer, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to have Mr. Bruening send a letter to the homeowner that there is a problem and the lateral needs to be looked at.**

Mr. Bruening also has a request from Pumping Solutions for a 27 day extension on the Leidigh pump station upgrade. There have been issues with ordering and receiving the materials that are needed for the upgrade. They are expecting the pumps by September 30<sup>th</sup> and the generator by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. If the generator is later than that they have offered to bring in an auxiliary generator, if needed, to make sure we are on track with South Middleton's time frame.

**On the motion of Mr. Eckerd, and seconded by Mr. Stouffer, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the bid extension, which would give a completion date of October 19, 2015.**

Mr. Bruening stated that SMTMA had reported a problem with our Cockleys Meadow flow meter. Control Systems 21 went out to check the flow meter and found that it was being mishandled – laying on its side, being shuffled around, in a dirty area. He sent a letter to address this matter.

Ms. Sunday thanked Mr. Bruening for keeping up with SMTMA.

Mr. Stouffer asked when the plant upgrade will be complete. Mr. Bruening said the final completion date is May 2016.

Mr. Eckerd asked what Monroe's flow percentage is in SMTMA. Mr. Bruening said it is currently 27%, but after the upgrade is complete it will be 13.3%. They have increased capacity, but we have not increased our amounts. Mr. Eckerd asked what our flow percentage is in Mechanicsburg, it looks like 8%. Mr. Bruening said between 7 and 8%

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### PUMP STATION PHONE LINES

The matter was tabled until the September meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### ELECTRO SCAN REPORT

This matter was tabled until the September meeting.

#### STAFF COMMENTS

#### ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Stouffer, and seconded by Mr. Eckerd and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery  
Recording Secretary