

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ATTENDANCE

Kevin Miller, Chairman
Doug Stouffer, Secretary
Sue Sunday, Treasurer
Russ Ogle, Vice Chairman

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Hodecker from Charter Homes was present and provided some history on the Sinclair Road project. He then explained that Charter Homes is stuck between the Supervisors and Authority in the permitting process. They would like to obtain a building permit to start building homes or even a model home, but to obtain a building permit they are required to have a sewer connection permit. A sewer permit cannot be issued because the lines have not been fully installed, tested and dedicated to the township. Mr. Hodecker stated that the land and home will remain property of Charter Homes until the sewer is dedicated and then home can be connected, once connected then Charter will be able to sell the home.

Mr. Pykosh stated that he will look into the matter and contact Mr. Hodecker with a response.

Carlton Parry, 1301 Church Street was present. He stated that he is from up North where he worked in the sewer field and he currently works for South Middleton Municipal Authority. He questioned what the Authorities goal is? The costs are going up, how do you move forward to correct the I&I issues? He has questioned being able to review the camera reports from USG or Mr. Rehab to look at I&I issues. He also questioned if the Authority has thought about selling the White Rock system?

Mr. Pykosh asked who would we sell the system to and what would happen to the rate payers if the system was sold? Most companies want to make a profit off, which could cause the rates to go even higher.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Bruening explained that we have done some work to correct the I&I issues and our flows have gone down. We have hydro-sealed manholes and replaced 14 manholes. We have portable flow meter that can be used to isolate areas in need of repair. If we were able to find more grant money then we may be able to fix another area. At this time we just don't have the money to fix the system any further. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Parry for his interested and is welcome to share other ideas from his past experience.

MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Ogle, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2013 regular meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Stouffer, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the Operations Reports for September and October.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

LIEN/DEBT REPORT

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

CAPACITY REPORT

On the motion of Mr. Miller, 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 stated he didn't have anything to report.

Mr. Miller asked if he could give an update on any liened sewer accounts with a balance of \$5,000 or more at the next meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Bruening reviewed Engineer reports dated October 9 and November 8, 2013.

Mr. Stouffer asked what was going on with Simmons Road sewer connections. Mr. Bruening said he has gotten prices to bore under the road, which were approved and he is in going to apply for the needed PennDot permits.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW FLOW DATA

Mr. Miller stated that we are seeing benefits during rain events from the repairs that were made. We are heading in the right direction.

REQUEST FROM JEFF WILBUR - CLEANING

Mr. Bruening stated the modified basket is ready to be installed at the Spring Pump Station. He would like set up a cleaning protocol with Jeff Wilbur to make sure the well is cleaned out.

HOME BASED BUSINESS DISCUSSION

After some discussion by the Board, the general consensus is that additional fees should be charged for home based businesses that have increased usage due to non-family member employees or patrons. The type of business could also affect the fees.

Mr. Pykosh is aware of this and will keep in mind when the Supervisors discuss the matter at a January workshop.

RULES & REGULATIONS UPDATES

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Ogle, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to table this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

2014 MEETING DATES

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Stouffer, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to approve the 2014 meeting dates, as prepared.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Miller, and seconded by Mr. Ogle, and by unanimous vote of the members it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary