**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**Municipal Building, 27 W Market Street, Palmyra, PA**  **September 2, 2021**

Call to Order- 6pm

Meeting was called to order by Donald Plourde.

The following members were present:

Dale Kreider, Chairman Donald Plourde, Secretary

Steven Oliver, Assistant Secretary Mark Panassow, Treasurer

John Vanderhoef, Member

The following staff were present:

H. David Miller, Engineer Tom Long, Solicitor

Scott Galbraith, Public Works Director Glenda Hollinger, Accounts Administrator

**Public Input** – Sarah Rogers, had a question concerning the water that was coming from a pump at the West Plant during the storm the previous evening which resulted in nearly eight inches of rain. She wanted to know if it was raw sewerage. Scott Galbraith answered, that when the stream rises during extreme rainstorms the elevation becomes higher than the gravity discharge pipe from the wastewater facility and as a result the stream then flows into the facility through the discharge pipe. The water then must be pumped back out and downstream using the Authority’s six-inch trailer mounted diesel pump. This water contains stream water and effluent discharge from the facility. The Authority has over the years been looking to a permanent fix for this issue.

**Minutes-**

1. Approval of August 5,2021 Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes with a typo correction. Member Steve Oliver made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mark Panassow. Motion carried.

**Treasurers’ Report**

1. Financial Statement – Fund 9A & 9B Revenue & Expenditure Statement Month Ending 8/26/2021.

Account Balances $1,412,254.21.

Requisitions –Member Steve Oliver moved to approve Requisition #09-2021 in the amount of $465,321.32. Seconded by Donald Plourde. Motion carried.

**Correspondence/Reports**

1. Board of Supervisor’s minutes from August 10, 2021.
2. Board of Supervisor’s Workshop meeting minutes August 25, 2021.
3. Planning Commission meeting minutes from August 17, 2021.
4. Fund 09 Operating & Maintenance Report.

**Engineer’s Report**

1. Member Mark Panassow made a motion to approve Requests for Payment regarding the East plant aeration upgrade project #4, for Garden Spot, and #5, for JEV Construction, pay applications. Seconded by Steve Oliver. Motion carried.

**Solicitor’s Report**

1. Tom Long gave an update on the Twin Kiss property. There will be a sheriff sale on September 20, 2021.
2. A question arose in reference to the separate sewer district known as the Mount Gretna collection system. For the benefit of new member John Vanderhoef, attorney Long presented a history of how the township-owned and operated Mt. Gretna sewer system pre-dated the formation of the Municipal Authority.
3. As there are some noted “grey areas” in the management agreement between the Municipal Authority and the township Board of Supervisors, Tom Long was asked to speak with township solicitor Patrick Armstrong with hopes of providing some clarity to the agreement, or perhaps arrive at mutually acceptable revisions to the agreement that will provide needed clarity.

**New Business**

1. Discussion on reorganization of the Municipal Authority Board. Member John Vanderhoef made a motion to make Don Plourde the new vice-chairman, Steve Oliver Secretary. Seconded by Mark Panassow.
2. As the Authority now uses the Township’s credit card for incidental items purchased online or locally, the need for the Authority to have their own credit card was discussed. It was decided to continue as is unless any problems arise with sharing.
3. Consideration of a Campbelltown Community Foundation. After discussion, the Authority decided they should stick with their forte of sewer matters only, and that seeking funding for this type of organization would be a topic better suited for the Township Board of Supervisors.

**Old Business**

No orders of business

The Authority went into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters

The Authority returned from Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. and entered regular business.

**Good and Welfare**

Dale Kreider had read in a Municipal Authorities Association publication that a new law was passed allowing tenants of multi-family dwellings to contest sewer user fees if they consider them to be unfairly assessed. Mr. Kreider asked Mr. Galbraith to investigate how the condos at Northside Crossing are being billed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, member Mark Panassow moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. It was Seconded by Steve Oliver. All were in favor.

Secretary