

Maidencreek Township Authority  
January 13, 2016

Present: Karl Bolognese, Daniel Novakovich, Jack May, James Nothwehr, Jerry Hartman, Patrick Donovan – General Manager, Daniel Becker – Kozloff Stoudt and Meagan Dompkowski – recording secretary

Guests: Diane Hollenbach, Pamela Stevens, Kevin Manmiller

Dan Novakovich called the January 13, 2016 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Authority to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Manmiller addressed the Board on Giorgio Foods's on site sewer system. Giorgio's problem began back in December when a bad release of solids into the creek occurred. Giorgio reacted quickly and the creek was clear, but DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) has been watching closely since. The plant was shut down for a small period of time to adjust a piece of equipment. Giorgio started back up, but had a small amount of old sediment or solids laying in the effluent line running down to the creek. A plume came out and DEP happened to see the discharge occur which resulted in DEP coming down on Giorgio again. The plant is going through more upgrades and this should help to fix the problems DEP found.

#### PLAN REVIEW STATUS

**Redner's Warehouse** – Nothing to report.

**Brandywine Transportation** – The pavement restoration is temporary on West Wesner currently. SDE wrote a letter informing the contractor come spring to have the cold patch removed and replace it with hot mix. SDE will be monitoring the site and the contractor is required to replace the patch if it begins to pop out.

DEVELOPMENT CLOSEOUT STATUS – None.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by James Nothwehr to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the December 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hartman and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **January 2016 Shut-Off List**

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to approve the January 2016 shut-off list. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

### **Donations for 2016**

A motion was made by James Nothwehr to approve the following donations: Blandon Fire Police - \$300.00, Berks Conservancy - \$500.00, Fleetwood Library - \$200.00, and Blandon Ambulance - \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Karl Bolognese and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Well #6 Off Site Easement** – Jeremy Breidenstein made a second counter offer to the Authority. Mr. Breidenstein countered at \$1,250.00.

The Board authorized Mr. Donovan to proceed with the Authority's offer of \$1,250.00 and a permanent easement to Mr. Breidenstein.

**Well #6 Church Easement** – The Authority fenced in the areas around Well #6 and posted No Trespassing signs in preparation for winter. The church voiced a concern regarding access to the land abutting the Well 6 property. The Board had previously discussed a possible easement for the church. The Authority had agreed before to allow the church onto the property as needed.

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to send a letter stating the Authority has no objection to the church coming onto the property on a as needed basis. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**349 Main Street Issue** – The curb box cannot be located. The bill is getting high and there are leaks. Homeowners have been notified of both leaks and the Authority has heard nothing back.

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to approve the filing of a lien against 349 Main Street, dig up the curb box and shut the service off. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**117 Lindbergh Avenue Lateral** – The Authority plans showed a lateral going into the property at the proper location and depth. A contractor was brought out to locate the lateral based on the Authority plans. The lateral was never installed and instead a Y was put in. The records were incorrect and as a direct result of this, the property owner incurred an expense he did not plan on. Mr. Donovan suggested to the Board splitting the bill with the property owner.

A motion was made by James Nothwehr to have the Authority reimburse the property owner for half of the contractor bill. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hartman and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Union Negotiation Team Appointment** – Dan Novakovich was appointed to the personnel committee during the Reorganization meeting. There was no need to ratify the appointment of Dan Novakovich to the union negotiations team.

**Giorgio Foods Discharge Agreement** – Mr. Becker updated the Board on the issue with Giorgio's on site sewer system. DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) was going to shut Giorgio down. Giorgio came to the Authority for help. The Authority will charge Giorgio a full cent to treat effluent coming out to around \$25,000 a day and \$75,000 a month. Giorgio will

run their industrial waste through their system and then pump the clean waste over through an Authority manhole to the Authority's plant for treatment. The Authority will take a portion of Giorgio's clean waste, some will be trucked out and the remainder will be put into the stream.

The Authority does assume some risk which is why the Authority is asking for additional compensation in their agreement with Giorgio. Some risks are possible upset to the Authority's plant which could cause issues with DEP and more wear and tear on the plant that would not normally be experienced. Mr. Becker and Mr. Donovan met with Kevin Manmiller and a Giorgio operator to discuss an agreement between the Authority and Giorgio. The agreement states the number of gallons the Authority will take from Giorgio, some stop gap measures and a provision that states the Authority can stop at any time for any reason.

Mr. Becker and Mr. Donovan are looking for authorization from the Board to proceed in completing the agreement. The agreement will be circulated to SDE, Mr. Donovan and then to the Board for comment.

A motion was made by James Nothwehr to authorize the agreement proceeding subject to discussion and review by the General Manager and Engineer. The motion was seconded by Karl Bolognese and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jerry Hartman to authorize execution of the agreement after completion. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

#### ROUTE 222 PROJECT

Pamela Stevens updated the Board on the status of the Route 222 project. The Cost Sharing Packet that was submitted to PennDot was approved. Checks were out to be signed for general permits for two utility stream crossings. The water permit is for the water line to continue down south 73 to continue for a loop to Adele Avenue. The water line would be replaced and upgraded. The sewer permit is for the sewer bore along the Route 222 bridge and Willow Creek. Two easements will be needed for this particular part of the project and SDE is working with the Solicitor regarding the two easements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

LEAK REDUCTION REQUESTS – None.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The independent contractor agreement was approved by State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF) and is ready for Board approval.

A motion was made by Jerry Hartman to approve the independent contractor agreement. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Becker asked for a brief executive session to discuss personnel.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT

**Well #6 and Well #7** – Construction is still suspended until spring.

### **Eichelbergers Application No. 3**

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to approve the Application No. 3 to Eichelbergers in the amount of \$33,295.50. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Well #6 Change Order No. 3** – The change order was for a deduct or credit for the credit for not using the Aqualate portable sedimentation tanks and appurtenances.

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$21,995.00. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**ART Application No. 6** – Metal building addition is now 95% complete which included punchlist inspection by both the Authority and SDE. Utility piping extensions are expected to be done by January 15, 2016. The electrical will resume in the next week and should be complete by the end of January.

A motion was made by James Nothwehr to approve Application No. 6 to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology in the amount of \$104,642.50. The motion was seconded by Karl Bolognese and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

### **Eastern Environmental Change Order**

A motion was made by Jerry Hartman to approve the Change Order to Eastern Environmental in the amount of \$2,225.68. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

### **General Permits for Stream Crossing**

A motion was made by James Nothwehr to approve the two check for the General Permits for stream crossing for the Route 222 project. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Sludge Hauling Contract** – Pamela Stevens advised the Board that the Authority's sludge hauling contract is expiring soon.

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to authorize the Engineer and General Manager to do the necessary items to prepare a bid for a new sludge hauling contract. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

## AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Donovan had nothing further to add to his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT & PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jerry Hartman reported that everything appears to be in good standing and had nothing further to report.

A motion was made by Jerry Hartman to authorize the following payments: Routine/Regular July Bill List - \$18,346.42, Construction in Progress - \$31,028.56, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - \$533.09, Payroll Transfer from Operator Acct - \$27,486.35, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - \$10,037.29, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - \$113,775.98, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - \$141,939.02. James Nothwehr seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to approve the payment of Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Solicitor in the amount of \$88.00. The motion was seconded by James Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

The Board went into an executive session from 12:10 p.m. to 12:37 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Meagan Dompkowski*

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Recording Secretary

***Minutes are subject to change prior to approval of the Maiden Creek Township Authority.***

- cc: Maiden Creek Township Authority Board Maiden Creek Township Board of Supervisors
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