



## MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2021

7:30 PM

Approved

In attendance via video teleconference: B. Watts, Chairman, H. Harper, Vice-Chairman, D. Carlson, Member, L. Schack, member, G. Matthew Brown, P.E., DEE, Authority Administrator and David Schlott, Jr, P.E., ARRO Consulting, Inc.

### **Call to Order**

B. Watts, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Draft minutes of the September 28, 2021, meeting were presented. D. Carlson made a suggested change to clarify an item under the Administrator's Reports then made a motion to approve the minutes with the change. H. Harper seconded. It was so moved.

### **Approval of Payments**

Following a brief discussion and questions, a motion was made by D. Carlson to approve the payments for October 2021. H. Harper seconded. It was so moved. Following a brief discussion and questions D. Carlson moved to accept the balance sheet and the statement of revenue and expenses as submitted in good faith by the Township Treasurer. L. Shack seconded. It was so moved.

### **Authority Administration Reports**

M. Brown noted that all facilities were operating well and within permit.

M. Brown provided a monthly update on land available for disposal. He noted he had been in communication with the developer interested in working with the Authority on a property in West Vincent Township that had a good preliminary soils report. The developer was meeting with the property owner and West Vincent Township to move forward with the property. M. Brown noted there's no change in the status of the other sites they were reviewing.

Four homeowners adjacent to the proposed Toll Brothers project at 100 Greenridge Road were in attendance. M. Brown shared that ARRO's soil scientist confirmed the preliminary estimate put forth by Toll that the disposal areas delineated on the sketch plan showed 20,000 to 22,000 gpd of disposal capacity. M. Brown again warned that this was very preliminary in nature, and he had heard nothing more from Toll about

arranging a site meeting with PADEP to discuss and review the project. He reiterated there were a number of steps yet to be completed before any disposal area was approved for the area. He also noted this would be treated effluent, not raw sewage proposed for disposal. Several questions and comments were put forth by the Authority members and the attending homeowners. The Authority unanimously requested M. Brown keep them informed of the progress.

M. Brown shared that the Byers Road project had run into another challenge relative to a storm sewer that conflicted with the proposed sanitary sewer. He said they were aware of the storm sewer conflict and had intended to pass the sanitary sewer beneath the storm sewer. He said the storm sewer was discovered to be in such poor condition that excavating beneath it would not be possible and it would have to be replaced. This involved about 200 feet of storm sewer. He noted the estimate from the contractor to replace the storm sewer was approximately \$115,000. He also noted he discussed this with the Township engineer and Township Manager. Since this extra cost was created by the sanitary sewer project, the engineer felt strongly that it would be eligible for inclusion in the Authority's State grant for 50% reimbursement. The Township Manager had then noted the Township could reimburse the remaining 50%. The Authority through unanimous consent directed to move forward with the replacement and to obtain a formal change order from the contractor.

M. Brown then noted they had received another draft Water Quality Management (WQM) permit for Phase III of the Route 100 WWTF. He noted that he, the operator and the engineer saw striking improvements to the discharge and sampling criteria but noted the Total Nitrogen, BOD and Suspended Solids requirements remained tightened based upon the capacity of the Fetters Property disposal fields to accept Nitrogen and due to the errant negotiation by the developer's engineer with respect to the organic content of the effluent. M. Brown noted this would impact operation costs. He did note that once the Fetters disposal fields were in operation, a special study could be conducted to attempt to influence PADEP to return to the former Total Nitrogen limit. M. Brown noted he had discussed this with PADEP who agreed on that process. The Authority unanimously stated that if the cause of the increase in operation costs due to adjusting the treatment methods to accommodate the developer of the Fetters property, that developer should pay for that increase. M. Brown said he and ARRO were working on identifying that cost increase and would present this to the developer.

L. Schack then asked about the status of the letter to the homeowner whose septic system was causing odor issues in the Stonehedge development. M. Brown noted he had not yet prepared that and said he would immediately.

Following several additional questions and a brief discussion on the reports, H. Harper then moved to accept the Authority Administrators Reports as submitted. L. Schack seconded. It was so moved.

### **Open Session**

Four members of the public were in attendance to hear if there was any update on the 100 Greenridge Road development. Two requested copies of the preliminary soils report provided by Toll. M. Brown noted that since it was submitted to the Authority it

was subject to public disclosure. The Authority agreed and permitted M. Brown to release the information to the interested homeowners.

**Next Meeting Date: November 23, 2021 - 7:30 PM**

B. Watts noted the date and time of the next meeting of the Authority. M. Brown noted that the meeting could be virtual, in-person or a hybrid at the Authority's discretion.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Authority, D. Carlson moved, seconded by H. Harper to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Matthew Brown, P.E., DEE  
Authority Administrator