



## MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2024

7:30 PM

Approved

In attendance: J. Samarco, Chairman, B. Watts, Vice-Chairman, J. Shipe, Member, R. Maas, Member, G. Matthew Brown, P.E., DEE, Authority Administrator and Karl Schmit, P.E. and David Schlott, Jr., P.E., ARRO Consulting, Inc.

### Call to Order

J. Samarco called the virtual meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

### Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of the July 2024 meeting were discussed. B. Watts moved to approve the minutes as submitted. J. Shipe seconded. It was so moved.

### Approval of Payments

Following a brief discussion and several questions, B. Watts moved to approve the payments for August 2024. J. Shipe seconded. It was so moved.

### Treasurer's Report

Following a discussion and several questions, J. Shipe then made a motion to accept the balance sheet and the statement of revenues and expenses as submitted in good faith by the Township Treasurer. R. Maas seconded. It was so moved.

### Authority Administration Reports

M. Brown noted that all facilities were operating well and within permit. He provided a monthly update on land available for disposal. He noted there was no update from the developer looking to partner with the Authority for land procurement in West Vincent Township (WVT). M. Brown noted he would continue to monitor the progress of the project. M. Brown also noted that no movement had occurred on the offer put forth for the Senn Property. He noted that it had been several months the offer made by the Authority had been sitting on the table with the Senn trustees. He said because they had an offer extended that they really could not actively pursue other opportunities. He suggested waiting until October 1, then giving the trustees 30 days' notice that unless a decision was made regarding the offer, that the Authority would be rescinding its offer. The effective date for this would be October 30<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with this plan.

M. Brown noted that he and the Authority Solicitor were awaiting a further updated and more detailed summary of costs from McKee for the payment of the Authority's share of Phase III of the Route 100 WWTF. He said he expected to have an agreed upon figure for the next

meeting. M. Brown noted there was still a request by McKee on the method of payment of the tapping fee. After further discussion, the unanimous consent of the Authority remained that payment of the tapping fee should be made in accordance with the developer's agreement. M. Brown noted McKee may want to attend the next meeting to make their case for the methodology they were proposing.

M. Brown noted construction was about to begin on the Milford Farms project. He stated that a construction schedule had been received by the engineer and was currently under review.

M. Brown noted that the conversion of the Eaglepointe WWTF would be advertised for bid in about a month.

M. Brown noted a problem with odors caused by organic growth in various lagoons. He pointed to special concern with the storage lagoon at the Route 100 WWTF. He noted he would be including in the 2025 capital budget a project to install aerators in this lagoon.

M. Brown reviewed the problems with the Little Conestoga Pump Station and the need to replace the Muffin Monster grinder. After a brief discussion and several questions, J. Shipe moved to replace the grinder for \$17,858 as quoted by Deckman Motor. This is an emergency repair as determined by the Authority Administrator. J. Samarco seconded; it was so moved.

Following several additional questions and a brief discussion on the reports, R. Maas made a motion to accept the Authority Administrators' Reports as submitted. J. Shipe seconded. It was so moved.

### **Open Session**

Nick Romano questioned the extension of public sewer out Little Conestoga Road toward his development. M. Brown noted the current draft Act 537 Plan did not provide for an extension that far down the road and that there was a citizens group from a development in his vicinity who worked hard to curtail any further extension down Little Conestoga Road. They went so far as petitioning PADEP. The Authority removed the plan for further extension beyond the Waterview/Highview area but would be monitoring the septage inspections as required by ordinance in the area. Mr. Romano expressed his dissatisfaction with the current plan and insisted that public sewer was desired not just by him but by his neighbors. M. Brown stated the plan could always be amended and that there was no shortage of need within the Township.

### **Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2024 - 7:30 PM**

B. Watts noted the date and time of the next meeting of the Authority. M. Brown noted that the meeting would be in-person.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Authority, B. Watts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. J. Shipe seconded. It was so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

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