

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 16, 2015

Call to order

Chairman John Seifarth called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Tom St. Clair, Claudia Brenneisen and Len Kinter. Edward Beaman was not present. Township commissioner Anthony Lisanti, Engineer Mike Basista and Solicitor Harlan Stone were also present.

Minutes

Tom St. Clair motioned to approve May 2015 minutes. Len Kinter seconded. The May minutes were approved unanimously.

Financials

Jim Humes from the office of Creese and Smith presented a draft of the 2014 audit. The Board will review the draft and vote to accept the audit at July's meeting.

Tony Lisanti clarified the motion made by the Board in May to transfer \$50,000 from the sewer Contingency account to the sewer Capital account. **Len Kinter made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from sewer Contingency to sewer Capital account. Claudia Brenneisen seconded. A roll call vote was taken. John Seifarth, Len Kinter and Claudia Brenneisen voted yes. Tom St. Clair voted no. The money will be transferred.**

Tom St. Clair made a motion to pay the bill list for both sewer and water. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The bill lists will be paid.

Maintenance Supervisor's Report

On File

Engineer's Report

On File

Solicitor's Report

On File

Old business

Bill Davis reported the fire hydrant damaged in a hit and run on Duff Rd. was replaced. The damage report was sent to the insurance carrier for the Authority.

The garage extension is complete except paving of the parking lot. The main door to the garage was moved to the side of the building which may require a possible change order to the garage contract. Stone aggregate purchased to raise the building floor above existing grade will increase the garage cost above bid price. In addition, the original bid did not include wire mesh in the floor slab, but Bill Davis said its inclusion was necessary to support the weight to which the garage floor would be subjected thus avoid cracks in the slab. The Township agreed to issue a change order to its concurrent paving project contract to include paving the Authority garage parking lot. The Authority will reimburse the Township approximately \$11,000 for the cost of paving the Authority garage parking lot.

The Red Gate Rd. sewer flow meter readings have been decreasing consistently. Bill Davis reported the length of inaccurate channel cross section, which had been corrected using mortar, has subsequently deteriorated. At least 3 feet in length of deteriorated channel needs to be restored with more durable hydraulic cement. This will be a time consuming and costly project because of the extensive preparation time required to by-pass flow around the work area. David Kerchner will send a letter to Borough of Sewickley to advise them the readings are too low and the need to estimate the monthly flows until the necessary repairs and calibration are made to the meter.

The engineers have applied for two permits needed for the 12 inch hillside waterline replacement between Old Hill Rd. and I-79. Upon receipt of these permits, the Authority may advertise for bids on the project.

New business

The Sewickley Heights Manor pump station had a power surge during a bad storm. Pump controller was knocked out rendering pumps inoperable in automatic mode. Backup of sewage occurred until the pump controller was reprogrammed. It was also observed that the pump station wet well was filled with grease. Tri State Maintenance is engaged to clean the wet well. Tony Lisanti, who wants to be proactive, requested that a "flyer" be included with the next sewer related communication warning residents to not dump grease in their drains.

The engineers provided a draft of a water budget reflecting another 15% increase in rates beginning July first. **Tom St. Clair made a motion to accept and approve the recommendation of the engineer to increase the water rate 15% effective July 1, 2015. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Tom St. Clair made a motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to prepare appropriate resolution for Board's approval regarding the rate increase. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Nicole Harris pointed out the security deposits for water and sewer was insufficient to cover a customer's bills since the water rates have been raised. **Len Kinter made a motion to raise the security deposits for both water and sewer to \$150 each. Tom St. Clair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourn

Tom St. Clair made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Claudia Brenneisen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Harris
Secretary