

Silver Lake Township Municipal Authority
August 25, 2020

Board Members present: Paul Adams, Dale Tifft, Carl Speicher, Rick Holgash, and Julie Perlick. Also present, Bernadette Kanna and Michael Hester

Paul Adams called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

No business from the Floor.

One change was added to the Agenda. The Board discussed that there should be a control in place on our account to move money. Julie Perlick made a motion that any check or transfer over \$7,000 should require 2 signatures. Carl Speicher seconded. All approved.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved on a motion made by Dale Tifft and seconded by Carl Speicher. Approved. No July meeting was held, due to lack of a quorum.

Correspondence reviewed. Information advertising webinars was received from 811. Also, EnTech advertised a round table series; the PA Municipal Authorities Association solicited membership and the report of the Coordinator was received.

Bills for last month were paid based on an email vote. The vote was ratified at this meeting with Julie Perlick making a motion and Dale Tifft seconding. All approved. Julie Perlick made a motion to approve bills from the current month. Dale Tifft seconded. All approved.

Carl Speicher gave the Treasurer's report. A finance committee meeting was held. Cash is below where we were at this time last year. Last year we had about \$391,000 and this year we are at \$365,000. Rents are down, cost for attorney fees, grinder pump repairs and lagoon maintenance projects are up this year. There may be adjustments made later to account for long term expenses.

The report from the Coordinator detailing customer repairs was submitted and reviewed.

Bernadette Kanna gave the customer service report. She needs to get back to customers who want to disconnect properties from the system. Discussed differences between whether there is a dwelling there or not. Clarification will be sought from the Township on the wording of ordinances. Reviewed current by-laws governing connection and disconnecting. Paul Adams alerted Township Supervisor Francis Fruehan that we are seeking this information.

Report of the Operator was provided by Michael Hester. Mr. Hester said that the plants are running well and all ammonia testing is within permit limits. He also stated that three bids for sludge removal from the Quaker Lake site were received. Bids were opened by Bernadette Kanna at the meeting. Koberlein Environmental submitted a bid for \$0.15/gallon for transport and disposal; Rural Wastewater Management submitted a bid for \$0.179/ gallon and Russell Reid submitted a bid for \$0.1547/gallon. The Board will award the bid after further review of terms of each bid.

Unfinished business: The appeal to the new permit regulations was withdrawn. We will need to follow the new permit guidelines for daily testing. Discussed that we will need to review the financial impact of daily testing to see if it will impact customer pricing.

Also, Paul Adams sent a letter to the Laurel Lake Association regarding the Board's intent to purchase the property rather than continue the lease.

The Board entered an executive session at 8:11 p.m. to discuss terms of the real estate purchase. The regular meeting resumed at 8:29 p.m.

New Business: None

As no further business was presented, Carl Speicher made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dale Tifft seconded, approved.