

Silver Lake Township Municipal Authority
January 26, 2021

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

Paul Adams called the organizational meeting to order at 7:04 pm and appointed Carl Speicher as Temporary Chairman.

Carl Speicher asked for a motion for Chairman. Dale Tifft made a motion to appoint Paul Adams as Chairman, Rick Holgash seconded, all approved.

Julie Perlick made a motion to appoint Rick Holgash as Vice Chairman, Paul Adams seconded, approved.

Dale Tifft made a motion to appoint Carl Speicher as Treasurer, Paul Adams seconded, approved.

Paul Adams made a motion to appoint Julie Perlick as Secretary, Dale Tifft seconded, approved.

Rick Holgash made a motion to appoint Dale Tifft as Vice Treasurer, Julie Perlick seconded, approved.

This part of the organizational meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Dale Tifft and seconded by Rick Holgash at 7:10 pm. The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:11 pm.

At 7:42 the executive session ended and organizational meeting resumed, on a motion made by Dale Tifft and seconded by Rick Holgash.

Julie Perlick made a motion to appoint Milnes Engineering as the municipal authority's engineer, Dale Tifft seconded, approved.

Dale Tifft made a motion to appoint Michael Hester as Operator, Rick Holgash seconded, approved.

Dale Tifft made a motion to appoint Chris Short as Technician, Carl Speicher seconded, approved.

Carl Speicher made a motion to appoint NBT Bank as the bank and depository, Dale Tifft seconded, approved.

Rick Holgash made a motion to appoint Jon Foster as solicitor, Dale Tifft seconded, approved.

Carl Speicher made a motion to appoint Piaker and Lyons as our accountant and auditor. Dale Tifft seconded, all approved.

Julie Perlick made a motion that all meetings for 2021 be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Silver Lake Township Building, Dale Tifft seconded, approved.

Julie Perlick made a motion to appoint the Susquehanna County Independent for all advertising, Rick Holgash seconded, approved.

Julie Perlick made a motion to adjourn the organizational portion of the meeting, Dale Tifft seconded, approved.

Paul Adams called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:47 pm.

No changes to the agenda.

No business from the floor.

Julie Perlick gave the Report of the Secretary- No Board correspondence received other than advertisements.

Dale Tifft made a motion approve the minutes from the last meeting as submitted. Carl Speicher seconded. Approved.

Carl Speicher gave the Report of the Treasurer – The finance committee met. The SLTMA grossed \$153,000 this year, which is a loss of \$68,000, compared to last year. \$65,000 of that was spent on upgrades to the lagoons and maintenance. Cash balances are down to \$236,000. Last year at this time, our cash balance was \$337,000. The Board discussed looking at current charges to customers and upcoming expenses over the next few months to determine if adjustments are needed, based on our aging system. The Operator was asked to provide the Board with a list of projects needed to maintain the system. Mike Hester agreed to supply this to the Board.

Report of the coordinator – Received and reviewed for the two months submitted.

Bernadette Kanna gave the Report of Customer Service – it was a quiet month. There were some customer questions about bills that were handled. The permit for the Quaker Lake lagoon was submitted to DEP and there was acknowledgement of receipt. Mrs. Kanna also received information about loans and grants and will look into whether any grants are applicable to the SLTMA. There was brief discussion about no recent calls coming through from the call center. Bernadette Kanna will look into that. Paul Adams will speak to Tom Ankney and Chris Short to make sure that if customers are calling them directly, we get an email as per Board procedure.

Mike Hester gave the Operator report. The Quaker Lake lagoon is not discharging yet due to the work that was done, and is re-filling, so no testing was done. The Laurel Lake ammonia levels are over the limit due to the cold weather.

Unfinished business- Paul Adams spoke to Brian Hunsinger of the Laurel Lake Association and told him that we would like to walk the area to point out what property we would like to purchase. Dale Tifft had also spoken to him to say that he and Carl Speicher would be willing to show up at a Laurel Lake Association meeting to discuss the finances of the proposed purchase if needed.

No new business was presented.

Julie Perlick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07, Dale Tifft seconded, approved. Paul Adams adjourned the meeting.