

Silver Lake Township Municipal Authority
March 24, 2025

Board Members present: Paul Adams, Rick Holgash, Carl Speicher, and Julie Perlick. Also present, Robyn Walter and Michael Hester, Mick Goodwin from Milnes, and Paul Tholey III from Site Specific

Paul Adams called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

No changes to the agenda.

No business from the floor.

Unfinished business- Grant Path Forward status – Mick Goodwin reviewed with the Board options for moving forward with the grant, and answered questions. We will not have enough money to complete our entire project, so discussion weighed pros and cons of buying materials and paying for labor/installation later, or reducing the project size. The prototype designed by Site Specific works. Paul Tholey reviewed the cost of the items for upgrade and stated that their price is probably good for a year. The information is on CoStars. Mr. Goodwin said that if Milnes was appointed the engineer for the SLTMA, we can likely pay them out of our 15%. Mrs. Walter will check on that as Milnes was appointed at the organizational meeting, but she had been informed by the grant manager that we needed an RFP before engaging Milnes. The Board was hoping the grant would cover 62 full upgrades and 28 with just the retrofit. Due to the cost of the materials, Robyn Walter will check to see what we are allotted for purchasing and if that figure can be increased. After discussion, the Board agreed that we should bid about half of the grant or 31 full upgrades if we can't increase our purchasing money allotted. The next step will be to advertise. After this discussion, Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Tholey left the meeting.

Julie Perlick gave the Report of the Secretary- The Operator's report from February to March was received; notice of PA Rural Water Assoc. trainings; and PA 1 call information on submitting tickets on-line were also received.

Rick Holgash made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2025 meeting. Carl Speicher seconded. All approved. Julie Perlick stated that an error was found in the January minutes where the previous customer service representative's name was inserted in place of Robyn Walter. Carl Speicher made a motion to accept the amended January minutes. Rick Holgash seconded, all approved.

Carl Speicher gave the Report of the Treasurer – The Finance Committee members that were able to, met. Cash is down. We were at \$158,000 last year and are at about \$151,000 presently. We have about \$31,000 in checking which will pay the bills until rents start coming in. Mr. Speicher stated that he had sent out a budget, but it is not the correct copy. He will send the corrected budget out electronically so the Board can review it and make decisions about an increase for this year. Due to the customer bills needing to be prepared before the next meeting, the Board agreed to vote on the rent increase on-line and ratify at the next meeting.

Julie Perlick made a motion to pay the current bills. Carl Speicher seconded. All approved.

Paul Adams stated that he contacted Tom Ankney to review job responsibilities discussed at the last executive session regarding checking the SLTMA email for customer calls. The Customer Service Representative takes care of that. Mr. Ankney resigned his position as Coordinator. Paul Adams stated that the Board accepts the resignation with regret. The position will not be re-hired at this time.

Robyn Walter gave the Report of Customer Service – Mrs. Walter stated that Chapter 94 Reports are being completed. There have been no customer calls. A resolution is needed for a permit to bore under the road to put in a sewer pipe. Signatures from the Board Chair and Secretary are needed. Mrs. Walter reminded the Board that there needs to be a discussion of the customer's roadway that is reportedly being washed out by the SLTMA's runoff. She will bring that up at the next meeting, as the spring thaw should be over by then. Also, Robyn Walter stated that she will be using counter checks for the grant.

The Operator report covering 2/21/2025 to 3/21/2025 was submitted electronically and reviewed.

New business – New Grant opportunity via Arnie Kriner. The board discussed work that should be done on the Laurel Lake system. The airchains need to be replaced and while they are out, the lagoons should be dredged, per Mr. Hester. Potential costs and options were discussed. The Board expressed some reluctance to engage in another grant while this one is on-going and costing more out of pocket than anticipated.

As there was no further business to discuss, Julie Perlick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Speicher seconded. All in favor. Paul Adams ended the meeting at 7:33 pm.