

Maidencreek Township Authority
July 20, 2023

Attending Board Members: Jack May, Dan Novakovich, Joe Rudderow III, Jim Nothwehr

Also Attending: Greg Unger, Ty Leineweber and Nick Volk of SDE, Daniel Becker and Matthew Sciamanna of Kozloff Stoudt, Patrick Donovan and Debbie Kline of the Maidencreek Township Authority.

Guests: Jason Peters

Jack May called the July 20, 2023 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Authority (MTA) to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Maidencreek Township municipal building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

PLAN REVIEW

Crossing at Maidencreek

No action this month.

Wolfson Group

No action this month. SDE received revised plans on 07/14/23. Second plan review letter will be presented at the August meeting for the Board's consideration.

Trinity Bible Fellowship Church

No action this month.

Forkin - 5704 Allentown Pike

No action this month.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Nothwehr to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the June 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Joe Rudderow III and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

July 2023 Flood Damage

Greg Unger of SDE reported the waste water treatment plant sustained major flooding and damage from an extensive amount of rain due to the storm on Sunday July 9, 2023. Mr. Unger reported Alltek Industrial Services, Inc. was called on site to work with the general manager, MTA staff and SDE to quickly develop a plan to get the plant operational. Primary treatment was regained on Monday. Mr. Unger provided a detailed review of the damage to the plant as well as a timeline of repairs to the various equipment. DEP was notified of the flooding on Sunday. Mr. Unger provided updates to DEP as the plant was restored to compliance within sixty hours. The estimated damage to the treatment plant is \$750,000.00.

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The Board discussed flood insurance. At this time, the waste water treatment plant is not covered by flood insurance. This matter was discussed in depth in the past, and the decision was made at that time to not purchase flood insurance. The Board will reevaluate the value of flood insurance versus investing in changes to the plant and equipment elevations to prevent flooding in the future.

A motion was made by Joe Rudderow III to instruct SDE to evaluate options for stormwater mitigation at the treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Donovan reported following the flood Well 5 had a change in chlorine demand. The well was shut down until this can be investigated further. He also reported due to the flooding there is an area on one side of the water tank in Tree Tops that was washed out. This will need to be restored.

The Board thanked Patrick Donovan, the staff, and the professional staff for all their hard work and effort during this emergency.

Emergency Invoices

Mr. Donovan stated the primary contractor working extensively with the MTA staff to get the plant operating estimates they will need five weeks working solely with the MTA to get out of the emergency state. Mr. Donovan requested the Board consider paying the emergency rate of \$180.00 per hour for two employees for a period of five weeks. The Board instructed Mr. Donovan to reevaluate after 30 days to determine if the contractor can get back to 8-hour shifts.

A motion was made by Joe Rudderow III to authorize payment to Alltek Industrial Services, Inc. at the emergency rate for a period not to exceed five weeks. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

UV System

Mr. Unger reported the ultraviolet system is up and running manually following the flooding because spare parts were available at the plant to repair it. Parts are no longer available from the manufacturer. SDE advised the Board to make it a priority to develop a plan to replace the UV system as there is a several months lead time to order the equipment and get it installed.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to direct SDE to start to develop a plan for replacement of the UV System. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Well 6 & 7 Construction Project

Mr. Donovan reported he received a letter of confirmation for a loan from Fleetwood Bank. After some discussion, the Board would like Mr. Donovan to contact Jamie Schlesinger of PFM to discuss other financing options.

A motion was made by Jim Nothwehr to authorize Mr. Donovan to contact Jamie Schlesinger of PFM to discuss financing options. The motion was seconded by Joe Rudderow III and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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The Board discussed the timing to build the Well 6 & 7 Well House. After much discussion, the Board authorized SDE to issue an Intent to Award to the lowest bidder for each of the contracts as follows:

1. General/Mechanical - Blooming Glen Contractors.
2. Plumbing - W. C. Eshneur & Son, Inc.
3. HVAC - Rogers Mechanical Co.
4. Electrical – Garden Spot Electric, Inc.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to authorize SDE to issue an Intent to Award, Notice of Award, and Notice to Proceed to Blooming Glen Contractors for general/mechanical, W.C. Eshneur & Son, Inc. for plumbing, Rogers Mechanical Company for HVAC, and Garden Spot Electric, Inc. for electrical contingent upon the successful completion of contracts and review by the Engineer and Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed with 3 ayes and one nay from Joe Rudderow III.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Routine and Emergency Repair Services

Ty Leineweber of SDE reported one bid was received at the MTA office on 07/18/2023 for Routine and Emergency Water/Sewer Services. The bid was submitted by M&A Excavating, LLC. Ty reviewed the bid with the Board and stated the rates are reasonable and recommended to issue a 3-year contract.

A motion was made by Jim Nothwehr to award the Routine and Emergency Repair Services contract to M & A Excavating, LLC and authorize SDE to issue a Notice of Intent to Award, Notice of Award, and Notice to Proceed to M & A Excavating, LLC for a 3-year contract contingent upon the Engineer's and Solicitor's review. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

LEAK REDUCTION REQUESTS – None.

UPDATES

Board Email Addresses/Devices

Mr. Donovan reported the iPads have been set up for Jack May and Joe Rudderow III. A meeting will be scheduled next week to complete the set up for Jim Nothwehr and Dan Novakovich. Email addresses have been created for all of the Board members and will be used for all correspondence going forward.

OTWS, Gaspari Tract

No Update.

Antenna Radio Read System

No Update.

Muhlenberg Interconnection

No Update.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

SDE submitted a written report.

AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Donovan had nothing further to add.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Joe Rudderow III to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the following payments: Routine/Regular Bill List - \$56,383.13, Construction in Progress - \$3,318.46, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - \$2,660.00, Payroll Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$0, Emergency Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$0, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - \$0, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - \$36,507.09, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - \$3,411.12 for a total amount of \$102,279.80. Jim Nothwehr seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S/SOLICITOR'S REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

A motion was made by Joe Rudderow III to approve Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses for SDE invoice #114104 in the amount of \$2,660.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Executive Session – The MTA Board went into executive session at 12:50 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

The MTA Board came out of executive session at 1:25 p.m. No action was taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Rudderow III and seconded by Jim Nothwehr to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Kline

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Recording Secretary

Minutes are subject to change prior to approval of the Maidencreek Township Authority.

cc:	Maidencreek Township Authority Board	Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
	Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager	Maidencreek Township Planning Commission
	Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., MTA Engineer	Daniel Becker, Kozloff Stoudt, MTA Solicitor
	Maidencreek Township Manager	Maidencreek Township Authority Plant Operators
	Ontelaunee Township	