

Maidencreek Township Authority  
March 14, 2024

Attending Board Members: Jack May, Jim Nothwehr, Tom Evanosky, Roger Sensenig

Absent Board Members: Dawn Geschwindt

Also Attending: Greg Unger and Ty Leinneweber and of SDE, Daniel Becker of Kozloff Stoudt, Patrick Donovan and Debbie Kline of the Maidencreek Township Authority.

Guests: Diane Hollenbach of Maidencreek Township

Jim Nothwehr called the March 14, 2024 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Authority (MTA) to order at 3:30 p.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**

Ty Leinneweber of SDE reported he reviewed the revised plan and discussed this with the Board. He stated there are several items that still need to be addressed by the developer. Mr. Becker reported he spoke to the developer, Massimo Caloiero, regarding the sewer easements and the various options to secure the easements. Mr. Becker suggested that Mr. Caloiero contact the owners of the adjoining properties again to discuss the possibility of securing the easements in order to progress with the development plan.

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to approve the review letter as discussed for Crossing at Maidencreek and authorize Ty Leinneweber of SDE to send the review letter to Crossing at Maidencreek. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

##### **Wolfson Group**

Ty Leinneweber of SDE reported he reviewed the revised plan and discussed this with the Board. He stated there are several items that still need to be addressed by the developer. SDE is awaiting a draft agreement/commitment from Wolfson Group before proceeding with preparation of PennDOT Highway Permit.

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to approve the review letter as discussed for Maiden Creek Associates, L.P. and authorize Ty Leinneweber of SDE to send the review letter to Maiden Creek Associates, L.P. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jack May to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the February 15, 2024 regular monthly meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

**Phillip's Farm Well House Construction Project**

Blooming Glen has provided Charge Order 1 for additional cost for site materials, various upgrades for Well House Buildings and Control Building, and credit for triple pane to double pane windows. Change Order 1 will increase the contract amount \$14,180.66 with no increase to contract time.

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to authorize and sign Change Order 1 for Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc., Contract A in the amount of \$14,180.66. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. submitted Pay Application No. 3 Requisition No. 5 for payment. The request was for \$318,734.12. SDE is recommending payment of the Pay Application at this time as SDE has received proof payment has been paid by Blooming Glen for stored materials. SDE has confirmed the material stored on site is per the invoices received.

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to approve and authorize signature and payment of the Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. Application for General/Mechanical for Resolution 5, Pay Application No. 3 in the amount of \$318,734.12 for work completed for the Philips' Farm Water Treatment Facility Project. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Rogers Mechanical Company has provided Change Order 1 for building material upgrades to heater and exhaust fans. SDE requested approval by the Board to accept and pay this change order.

A motion was made by Jack May to authorize and sign Change Order 1 for Rogers Mechanical Company, Contract C in the amount of \$8,394.00. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**UV System**

Mr. Unger provided an update on the UV project. Eastern Environmental has provided a proposal for installation in the amount of \$56,700.00 through COSTARS. This is an increase in cost from the previous estimate due to a schedule change in order to set up an alternate disinfection process. Mr. Unger will forward the contract to Kozloff Stoudt for Mr. Becker's review. Mr. Unger plans to have the final documentation for approval and signing for the April Board meeting. The anticipated date of delivery of the UV equipment is the beginning of May.

**Chapter 94**

Greg Unger of SDE provided a detailed review of the 2023 Chapter 94 Report. Mr. Unger stated the Chapter 94 report shows the waste water treatment plant is in good condition at this time. Mr. Unger reported planning for the treatment plant and collection system will be necessary in the near future based on growth and a potential increase in EDUs. SDE's recommendation is to accept the 2023 Chapter 94 Report as presented and authorize SDE to submit electronically by March 31, 2024.

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A motion was made by Jack May to authorize the chairman to sign the 2023 Chapter 94 report and authorize SDE to submit the 2023 Chapter 94 Report to DEP by March 31, 2024 as recommended by SDE and the MTA staff. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Berks Montgomery Municipal Authority**

Mr. Becker reported the written agreement to accept municipal sludge from Berks Montgomery Municipal Authority (BMMA) requires further review and changes at this time. Mr. Becker will work with the BMMA solicitor to make the necessary changes. The finalized agreement will be available for review by the Board at the April meeting.

**NPDES Renewal Application**

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to authorize the chairman to sign the NPDES Permit Renewal Application for the waste water treatment plant and authorize SDE to submit the NPDES Permit Renewal Application to DEP. The motion was seconded by Tom Evansky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Biosolids Objection**

Mr. Unger reported the Township received notice that a biosolid site is proposed in proximity to Well 5. The biosolid site is approximately 800 feet from Well 5. There is a concern various contaminants could be transported and infiltrated into the water source for Well 5. Additional testing of the biosolids is required to test for contaminants such as nitrate and PFOA/PFOS. SDE on behalf of the MTA and the Township strongly objects and has asked the PA DEP Waste Management Program for disapproval of the application to add this property as an additional field to the existing permit. The Board directed Mr. Unger to send the objection letter to the PA DEP Division of Drinking Water Management as well. Diane Hollenbach stated there is an item on the Township agenda for the March 14, 2024 meeting regarding a Point Source Water Ordinance.

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to ratify and approve the letter that was prepared and submitted to the PA DEP Waste Management Program by Greg Unger of SDE. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Evansky to authorize the professional staff and general manager to continue to take necessary steps to oppose the application for a biosolid site located next to the MTA Well 5 property. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Meter Setters**

Tabled.

**July 2023 Flood Damage**

Ty Leinneweber stated he has received three quotes for the emergency repair for Phase 1 to raise the berm height along the dike berm at the rear of the treatment plant property. The quotes were

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received from Empire Services, M&A Excavating LLC, and Schlouch Incorporated. SDE is recommending the MTA accept the lowest responsible quote from Empire Services in the amount of \$44,312.10.

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to accept the quote for the emergency repair for Phase 1 to raise the berm height along the rear of the Waste Water Treatment Plant from Empire Services at a cost of \$44,312.10 subject to staff, Engineer's & Solicitor's review of the contract. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

#### LEAK REDUCTION REQUESTS

##### **Frances Michalowski, 233 Callery Drive, Blandon**

A motion was made by Jack May to authorize a one-time leak reduction per MTA policy for Frances Michalowski, 233 Callery Drive. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

#### UPDATES

##### **Muhlenberg Interconnection**

Mr. Becker reported the MTA and professional staff had a meeting with Muhlenberg Township on March 14<sup>th</sup>. They have now stated they need an increase from 500 gallons per minute to 1,000 gallons per minute. This increase will require the approval from the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) to approve an increase to the allocation permit. The Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed at the joint meeting and several changes were made. Rates were discussed with the Board today at length. The Board suggested keeping the flat rate consistent and incrementally increasing the water rates along with the MTA customers. Mr. Becker will make the changes to the Memorandum of Understanding and provide to Mr. Donovan for distribution to the Board for their review before sending to Muhlenberg Township.

##### **Well 6 & 7**

Ty Leineweber stated the project is still on hold due to the weather. SDE will instruct the contractor to resume the project in April.

##### **Employment Search**

The employment search was discussed in executive session.

##### **Sewer Overflow Evaluation**

Mr. Donovan stated he met with Matt Peleschak from SDE to begin the evaluation of the MTA sewer collection system. Mr. Peleschak will provide an outline for Mr. Donovan to discuss with the Board.

**Ontelaunee Township**

Mr. Donovan reported the Ontelaunee Township Board agreed to the MTA request for their assistance with the costs associated with the flood damage at the waste water treatment plant for a total reimbursement of \$16,242.00.

**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 Jack May to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the following payments as presented: Routine/Regular Bill List - \$61,175.14, Construction in Progress - \$10,491.10, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - \$604.46, CIP Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$10,000.00, Payroll Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$60,000.00, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - \$348.16, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - \$24,616.65, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - \$21,888.66 for a total amount of \$179,124.17. Roger Sensenig seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**ENGINEER'S/SOLICITOR'S REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES**

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to approve Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses for Kozloff Stoudt invoice #197922-081 in the amount of \$459.00. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to approve Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses for SDE invoice #117666 in the amount of \$145.46. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Executive Session** – The MTA Board went into executive session at 5:03 p.m. to 5:16 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

The MTA Board came out of executive session at 5:16 p.m. and took action as follows:

**Employment Offer to Tania Beerman**

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to make an offer of full-time employment to Tania Beerman for the position of Office Assistant at a starting rate of \$22.50 per hour with 15 days of P.T.O earned on a monthly basis of 1.25 days. Ms. Beerman shall be eligible for all other full-time benefits as outlined in the policy statements and current existing policy statements. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Evanosky and seconded by Jack May to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 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  
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager  
Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., MTA Engineer  
Maidencreek Township Manager  
Ontelaunce Township  
Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors  
Maidencreek Township Planning Commission  
Daniel Becker, Kozloff Stoudt, MTA Solicitor  
Maidencreek Township Authority Plant Operators