

Maidencreek Township Authority  
June 20, 2024

Attending Board Members: Jim Nothwehr, Tom Evanosky, Dawn Geschwindt

Absent Board Members: Jack May, Roger Sensenig

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

Jim Nothwehr called the June 20, 2024 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**

Patrick Donovan reported the developer has once again approached the owners of the adjoining properties concerning securing sewer easements. No action is required by the MTA at this time.

##### **Wolfson Group**

Ty Leinneweber reported SDE issued the fifth plan review to Maiden Creek Associates on June 3, 2024. He also reported the Utility HOP applications have been submitted to PennDOT for their review. Mr. Becker reported Kozloff Stoudt is currently working on the draft water and sewer agreements. Mr. Becker will review the draft agreements with Mr. Donovan and Mr. Leinneweber when they are completed. The professional staff will continue to work with Maiden Creek Associates attorneys and engineers to finalize the development plan.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the May 16, 2024 regular monthly meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **Automatic Transfer Switch**

Mr. Unger of SDE reported the new automatic transfer switch from Philips Brothers Electrical Contractors has been delivered to the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Unger stated he is awaiting revised COSTARS bids for installation from Pagoda Electrical, Inc. and Hirneisen Electrical Inc. The anticipated cost for the installation is approximately \$75,000.00. There could be additional costs of approximately \$25,000 to have a generator onsite to keep equipment operational. SDE has asked the MTA to consider approving the project to move forward at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the anticipated installation to occur in early July.

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A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to approve and authorize the installation of the automatic transfer switch at the waste water treatment plant at a total cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 contingent upon the review and approval of the COSTARS bids by the general manager and professional staff. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Sewer Overflow Evaluation**

Mr. Donovan provided the sewer collection system evaluation that was completed by SDE along with the summary of estimated costs for the project. Mr. Donovan and Matt Peleschak of SDE provided a detailed review of the scope of the project and requested Board approval to proceed with the investigative phase of the collection system.

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to authorize System Design Engineering to proceed with the Investigative Phase of the 2024 Collection System Maintenance Project to include Metering Site Specific Locations, Televising and Manhole Inspections and performing Additional Sewer Lateral Inspections as needed for an estimated cost of \$185,000.00 which includes \$28,000.00 of engineering costs and that all work shall be properly bid and presented to the MTA Board for approval prior to authorizing any contractor to proceed. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the Motion, it passed unanimously.

**Source Water Protection Ordinance**

Patrick Donovan reported to the Board that the Authority has paid invoices to SDE Engineering in the amount of \$1,600.00 in preparation of the Source Water Protection Ordinance on behalf of the Township. Patrick Donovan asked the Board to assist the Township to cover only engineering expenses not to exceed the amount of \$5,000.00. The Township is creating legislation to introduce an ordinance that will restrict activities on certain zones that will benefit the Authority to protect our wells and water source.

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to authorize payment for invoices to System Design Engineering not to exceed the amount of \$5,000.00 to fund the Source Water Protection Ordinance drawn up by the Township. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Ontelaunee Township Easement**

Patrick Donovan advised the Board to donate the easement to Ontelaunee Township as a goodwill gesture as Ontelaunee has given financial assistance to Maidencreek Township Authority for the flood of July, 2023. Mr. Becker states DEP is requiring certain guidelines in Berks County to show a pollution reduction plan for townships. Ontelaunee will use this property as their MS4 program as part of the pollution reduction plan so they can qualify for certain funds and credits.

Mr. Becker has concerns over potential sinkholes and wants to make sure of Ontelaunee's responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the easement. Mr. Becker requires the Easement Agreement to clearly state Ontelaunee will be responsible for the upkeep of cleaning, removing of sediments, disposing of sediments and any repairs to maintain the property satisfactorily.

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A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to donate the land for the requested easement at the waste water treatment plant to Ontelaunee Township based upon satisfactory language of the Easement Agreement upon approval by the Board, Solicitor and Engineer. The Motion is also conditioned upon satisfactory design approved by System Design Engineering. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Sale of Flooded GMC Vehicles**

Patrick Donovan placed advertisements for sealed bids for the sale of the flooded 2017 GMC 2500 with a Fisher snow plow and a 2015 GMC 2500 without a snow plow. Mr. Donovan reported the high bid for the 2017 GMC 2500 was \$12,600.00 and the high bid for the 2015 GMC 2500 was \$7,550.00.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to accept the bid of \$12,600.00 for the sale of the 2017 GMC 2500 and the bid of \$7,550.00 for the sale of the 2015 GMC 2500. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the Motion, it passed unanimously.

**WWTP Berm 1 Raising**

The approved contract, Notice of Award, and Notice to Proceed were signed by the Chairman today. The Notice to Proceed is on July 8, 2024.

**UV System**

The approved contract was signed by the Chairman today. The Notice to Proceed and pre-construction meeting is June 26, 2024.

**Reservoir Spillway**

Patrick Donovan provided updated pictures to the Board showing the damage caused by both storms to the spillway. Ty Leinneuber states the reservoir is intact and is not leaking. His concern is where the water comes through the spillway during heavy storms, the water drops and causes erosion underneath the spillway. Ty Leinneuber explains the wall on the far side of the bank is starting to move but not enough to take action. If we continue to get more storms, we will lose the spillway.

Ty Leinneuber stated if we repair the channel and proceed to go 250 feet down to repair the bank along the access road it will cost the Authority \$75,000.00. Ty Leinneuber stated if the Authority does invest the same money into breaching the dam, we will need to repair the bank improvement along the access road and we can leave it as a stream. DEP requests SDE Engineering to provide calculations to show size of the channel for a 100-year storm if the Authority decides to breach the dam. The engineering cost to complete this process will be an additional \$15,000.00 for review and approval of the plans. DEP will give SDE Engineering a permit to repair the stream to go down to 250 feet. Patrick Donovan will contact Larry Lloyd at Berks Nature to assess where trees can be planted at Mountain Springs. Patrick Donovan wants the project completed by October in order to avoid any more storms to worsen the spillway.

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A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to authorize System Design Engineering to proceed with acquiring permits from DEP to breach the dam. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Meter Setters**

Tabled.

**Closing Maidencreek Authority Office**

Patrick Donovan requests the Board to approve closing the Maidencreek Township Authority's office on Friday, July 5, 2024.

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to authorize closing the Maidencreek Township Authority Office on Friday, July 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

**LEAK REDUCTION REQUESTS**

None.

**UPDATES**

**Muhlenberg Interconnection**

Mr. Becker updated the Board he has spoken with the Muhlenberg Township's solicitor, Tom Rothermel. Mr. Becker continues to move forward with the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Well 6 & 7**

Ty Leinneweber has updated the Board that the basin has been constructed. Ty Leinneweber states that Blooming Glen continues to ask for \$1,600.00 for the extra cost of aerating the soil and their downtime when the soil was unsuitable. Ty Leinneweber denied request to reimburse Blooming Glen \$1,600.00.

**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 Dawn Geschwindt to accept the Treasurer’s Report and authorize the following payments as presented: Routine/Regular Bill List - \$62,481.14, Construction in Progress - \$9,962.82, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - \$581.80, CIP Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$10,000.00, Payroll Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$45,000.00, Emergency Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$0, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - \$45,485.56, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - \$31,452.77, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - \$8,426.69 for a total amount of \$213,390.78. Tom Evanosky 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 SDE invoice #118880 in the amount of \$581.80. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Executive Session** – The MTA Board went into executive session at 12:06 p.m. to 12:54 p.m. to discuss personnel items.

The MTA Board came out of executive at 12:54 p.m. and took action as follows:

The General Manager was directed to provide the Solicitor with a specific list of licenses for the general manager position.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt and seconded by Tom Evanosky to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tania Beerman*

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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	