

Maidencreek Township Authority  
August 15, 2024

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

Also Attending: Ty Leinneweber of SDE, Daniel Becker of Kozloff Stoudt, Ray Palumbo, Russ Stoudt, Debbie Kline and Tania Beerman of the Maidencreek Township Authority.

Absent: Patrick Donovan of the Maidencreek Township Authority

Guest: Diane Hollenbach of Maidencreek Township

Jim Nothwehr called the August 15, 2024 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Authority (MTA) to order at 11:05 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**

Mr. Becker of Kozloff Stoudt reported the project is moving forward. Mr. Becker stated he received a telephone call from Beth Kohl, the attorney for Crossing at Maidencreek. Beth reported there are several items that need to be addressed before the Off-Site Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement can be finalized. There is a concern regarding interference of the pipe lines in the easement area running close to existing trees and a shed. Ty Leinneweber of SDE stated the pipe lines will be at least 10-feet away from the trees, and the shed is not encroaching enough to be an issue. Another concern is potential crop damage in the future. Mr. Leinneweber does not believe this will be an issue unless they are farming all the way to the railroad tracks. Mr. Becker stated it is very typical when requesting an easement through farmland that crop damage payments are requested and agreed upon. The property owner has asked if the MTA will allow them to have a temporary holding tank on the property. Mr. Leinneweber does not recommend allowing a holding tank since the MTA does not know when the line will be constructed. Ty Leinneweber stated there is a manhole that already exists in the front of the property and there was discussion on alternative options regarding the connection to the manholes.

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to approve the completion of the sanitary sewer line easement agreement to include that the Maidencreek Township Authority has no objection to allowing the trees and shed to remain where they are currently with the understanding if they would interfere in the future they would need to be relocated, and in the future if the MTA would need to go back after the line has been constructed and dedicated, the MTA will be responsible for crop damage, and that the request for a temporary holding tank has been denied. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

##### **Wolfson Group**

Mr. Becker stated the revisions to the agreements are being finalized. Ty Leinneweber reviewed the Pump Station drawing to make sure it provides a record of what will be on their site.

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Ty Leinneweber is waiting for the final pump station plans to be submitted and to have the May 16, 2024 letter addressed before SDE can sign off on the land development drawings.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jack May to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the July 18, 2024 regular monthly meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Evansosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Well 5 Nitrate Probe**

Ray Palumbo reported there have been issues with the nitrate probe for Well #5. Mr. Palumbo further explained that Well #5 was down for several weeks in the early summer because it took almost a month for the nitrate probe to be repaired and returned to the MTA. There was discussion regarding the purchase of a second nitrate probe from Hach Company at a cost of \$13,000.00 to be kept as a spare. Russ Stoudt confirmed a spare nitrate probe is necessary to avoid down time and a potential issue if one of the other wells has an issue and cannot run. The Board is in agreement that a spare probe is necessary.

A motion was made by Jack May to approve the purchase of a nitrate probe for Well #5 from Hach Company in the amount of \$13,000.00. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Sewer Overflow Evaluation**

Ty Leinneweber reported SDE is requesting approval from the Board to move forward with a quote received for \$23,020.00 to conduct the flow metering study of portions of the sewer collection system. Mr. Leinneweber explained the flow meters will be installed late August or early September and be in place prior to any heavy rains coming through in the fall.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to approve a quote received for \$23,020.00 and authorize moving forward with the flow metering study of portions of the sewer collection system. The motion was seconded by Tom Evansosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Muhlenberg Interconnection**

Mr. Becker reported Muhlenberg's Board approved the minor changes to the Memorandum of Understanding subject to their solicitor's final review.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Muhlenberg contingent upon the MTA solicitor, staff, and engineer's review and approval of any further changes to the Agreement. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the Motion, it passed unanimously.

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

Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. submitted Pay Application No. 5 Requisition No. 7 for payment. The request was for \$216,687.88 with a balance to finish of \$2,445,524.71, which includes 10% retainage for the amount of work completed to date.

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A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to approve and authorize payment of the Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. Requisition No. 7, Application for General/Mechanical Payment No. 5 in the amount of \$216,687.88 upon review and approval of SDE. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Mr. Withers EDUs**

The MTA received a request from Mr. Withers to remove one EDU from his account. A trailer on his property was abandoned and sold at a tax auction, and he is unable to remove it from the property. Mr. Withers wants to reduce his sewer rental fee from 4 to 3 EDU's. Mr. Withers will close the sewer connection to the trailer. Patrick Donovan has no objection to reducing the EDU as long as Mr. Withers provides evidence the connection is closed and a satisfactory inspection is completed by MTA.

A motion was made by Jack May to reduce the EDU billing from 4 to 3 units for the Kenneth Withers trailer park account after satisfactory inspection by Mr. Donovan and Mr. Palumbo that the sewer connection is closed. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Meter Setter Failures**

Tabled.

**July 2023 Flood Damage**

Ty Leinneweber reported that next week Empire Services will begin bringing in dirt to raise the berm. Mr. Leinneweber stated that Phase 1 to raise the berm should be completed by the end of next week.

**Leak Reduction Request**

**Debra Joswick, 38 Damascus Drive, Blandon**

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to authorize a one-time leak reduction per MTA policy for Debra Joswick, 38 Damascus Drive. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

**Tyrone Fredericks, 206 Longleaf Drive, Blandon**

A motion was made by Tom Evanosky to authorize a one-time leak reduction per MTA policy for Tyrone Fredericks, 206 Longleaf Drive. The motion was seconded by Roger Sensenig and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

**UPDATES**

**Well 6 & 7**

Ty Leinneweber reported the contractors began pouring footers for the treatment building and two wellhouses. Most of the water and sewer lines are constructed but not yet connected to the public

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lines. SDE is waiting for the basin to be stabilized before allowing them to put water into the basin. The project is moving as planned and winter work will begin on time.

**Ontelaunee Township Easement**

Mr. Becker stated he has not heard from Ontelaunee Township’s solicitor regarding the draft easement agreement. Mr. Becker has prepared a draft easement agreement and will forward it to their solicitor for review. Mr. Becker will request a revised plan from Ontelaunee Township to identify and label the easements more clearly on the Plan. Mr. Becker will change the draft agreement if necessary to be more consistent with the Plan.

**Tree Removal– Well 6 & 7**

Ray Palumbo reported that Bartlett Tree Experts removed a huge tree on the Well 6 & 7 property line that previously damaged a neighbor’s fence when branches fell in a storm. The total cost to remove the tree was \$5,500.00. Mr. Palumbo stated the tree removal was done safely. Mr. Palumbo will obtain quotes from arborists to evaluate the remaining trees on the property line to see if the trees are healthy or need to be removed or if any branches need to be removed to avoid property damage to the neighboring properties on Cornerstone and Henry Drive.

**UV Installation**

Russ Stoudt reported that Bank One was installed last Tuesday and Bank Two was installed on Wednesday. Mr. Stoudt reported that Bank One has been running all week without any problems. The project will be completed on Friday and Mr. Stoudt does not anticipate any issues over the weekend. The vendor will provide additional training and answer any questions when the project is complete. Ty Leinneweber of SDE explained the install went very well and is pleased with the work.

**Automatic Transfer Switch**

Russ Stoudt reported the installation of the ATS has been delayed until after Labor Day.

**Reservoir Spillway**

Ty Leinneweber reported Maidencreek Township’s Board of Supervisors have questions on what will happen if the spillway is breached and the potential for flooding. Patrick Donovan and Ty Leinneweber met with the Board of Supervisors on August 8, 2024 to explain what they have been discussing with DEP. The Supervisors requested the MTA to move forward, but to give them an opportunity to review the plans and designs before SDE submits to DEP for final approval. Diane Hollenbach of Maidencreek Township appreciates the MTA’s patience in this matter.

**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 - \$47,403.34, Construction in Progress - \$21,753.43, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - \$7,246.91, CIP Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$21,000.00, Payroll Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$45,000.00, Emergency Account Transfer from Operator Acct - \$0, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - \$2,315.64, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - \$26,285.90, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - \$19,343.21 for a total amount of \$190,348.43. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to approve Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses for SDE invoice #119745 in the amount of \$290.91. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to approve Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses for Kozloff Stoudt invoice #199760-006 in the amount of \$1,900.00. 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 Kozloff Stoudt invoice #199760-081 in the amount of \$4,412.00. The motion was seconded by Tom Evanosky and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Sensenig to approve Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses for Kozloff Stoudt invoice #199760-086 in the amount of \$644.00. The motion was seconded by Dawn Geschwindt and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jack May and seconded by Tom Evanosky to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 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	