Maidencreek Township Authority
May 8, 2014

Present: Earl Rothermel, Karl Bolognese, Daniel Novakovich, Marie Coraluzzi, Patrick Donovan – General Manager, Gregory Unger – Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Daniel Becker – Kozloff Stoudt and Diane Hollenbach – recording secretary

Guests: None

Earl Rothermel called the May 8, 2014 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Authority to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PLAN REVIEW STATUS

Esbenshade's Greenhouses – There has been no submittal since the last review.

Village at Summit Crest Phase 2 – Waiting on the Developer to submit missing paperwork. The lateral on the Manmiller property, 1 Farview Circle, Blandon, is being installed. The Solicitor stated that a bring down search will need to be performed on the title.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the April 10, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Electric Curtailment Proposal – Pat Donovan reported that he had signed a contract with ECS because there was a deadline after which the Authority could not participate. The contract will pay the Authority $8,000 and allows the Authority to get out of the program every February 1st with thirty days' notice.

A motion was made by Marie Coraluzzi to approve entering into an electric curtailment contract with ECS. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Natural Gas Line at Sewage Treatment Plant - Pat Donovan reported that he is moving forward with the installation of a gas line to the sewage treatment plant for the main building and the proposed new buildings. There is a seven year payback for using natural gas in the existing building. Mr. Donovan is also getting three quotes for the heating unit replacement.

Reading Area Water Authority Stream Testing Request – The Reading Area Water Authority has submitted a request as part of their Source Water Protection Plan to test the Willow Creek below the Maidencreek Township Authority's sewer treatment plant. Pat Donovan and Diane Hollenbach each serve on the RAWA Source Water Protection Steering Committee. RAWA currently plans on testing the Willow Creek between Schaeffer and Route 73 on Township Public Property. Since the Willow Creek does not flow directly into Lake Ontelaunee, the Authority Board was unsure as to why testing was needed but did agree as good neighbors to offer RAWA the testing samples the Authority staff takes regularly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Excess Use Letters – Tabled

Home Occupation – Tabled.

LEAK REDUCTION REQUESTS

Met Management – Dan Becker reported that he has sent half a dozen emails and will prepare an agreement for Jill Nagy, Met Management's attorney to present to her client if the Board desires. The bill has been paid in full and the Authority is waiting for Met Management to agree to receive a refund.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an agreement for the Met Management leak reduction. The motion was seconded by Karl Bolognese and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Policy, Beeper Policy –The Motor Vehicle Policy and Beeper Policy were tabled pending the union negotiations.

Bylaws – Dan Novakovich asked if the duties outlined in the Bylaws for the Secretary Treasurer were found in the Municipal Authorities Act. Dan Becker confirmed that they were. The Board discussed procedure for review of the Treasurer's Report and Solicitor review of contracts. The current Treasurer's Report contains a bill list, budget comparison and P & L and the Board may request to review any other information at any time. Minor contracts may not need a review, but auto renewal provisions should be looked at carefully in them. The section 4.10 Check and Payments reads, "Checks and payments shall not be made until approved by motion." The Solicitor will add, "or ratified at the following board meeting.

Employees Sitting on Township Boards – The Board agreed that an employee could sit on a Township Board as long as it was a compatible office and that this is more of a Township issue.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Unger reported that the utility pump bid to install a sump pump in the existing dewatering pit to feed yard hydrants, the new chemical feed building and dewatering press came in lower than expected.

A motion was made by Marie Coraluzzi to give the intent to award, the award and notice to proceed to Blooming Glen for Contract A & B in the amount of $91,366.50 contingent upon the satisfactory review of the solicitor of the bid bond and payment bond. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Well #6 – Greg Unger of Systems Design Engineering Inc. reported that the test well yielded a lot of water with less than 4 parts per million of nitrates. The rest of the test results have not been received. Mr. Unger believed that this is a very strong aquifer and it may be possible to get a well with a yield of 800 gallons per minute. The next step is to drill another test well and create a predrilling plan. PA DEP will require drilling of several monitoring wells to determine the cone of depression. Mr. Unger recommended permitting for a 700 gallon a minute well. The distribution lines nearby are eight inch or six inch cast iron and the velocity of the water will have to be watched. Mr. Unger suggested two options going forward. Option 1 would be to develop a predrilling plan, drill a second test well and clean it up, do a full source analysis and reconstruct the well as a production well. Option 2 would be to go right to permitting for a production well. Option 1 provides insurance that there is good water. In addition to either option, the Authority should communicate with the Supervisors on the project and about the well's long term future use of the community.

A motion was made by Marie Coraluzzi to authorize the Engineer to proceed with Option 1 at a cost of $27,500 for the Well #6 Project. The motion was seconded by Karl Bolognese and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

AUTHORITY REPORT

Melrose Place Dedication of Lines – There is no action on the plan. The Authority is waiting for the developer.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Marie Coraluzzi to authorize the following payments: Routine Bill List - $14,651.70, Construction in Progress - $7,148.38, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - $77.50, Payroll Transfer from Operator Acct -$29,262.83, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - $32,609.22, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - $25,765.99, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - $85,891.03. Dan Novakovich seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a copy of Jill Felker's resignation email.

The Board went into executive session from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. upon a motion by Dan Novakovich and a second by Karl Bolognese.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Hollenbach
Recording Secretary
Minutes are subject to change prior to approval of the Maidencreek Township Authority.

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