Maidencreek Township Authority
September 19, 2019

Attending Board Members: Karl Bolognese, Jack May, Dan Novakovich

Absent Board Members: Jerry Hartman, James Nothwehr

Also Attending: Ty Leinneweber from SDE, Daniel Becker of Kozloff Stoudt, Patrick Donovan, Debbie Kline of the Maidencreek Township Authority and Diane Hollenbach for Maidencreek Township.

Guests: Allen Gehringer

Karl Bolognese called the September 19, 2019 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Authority to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Maidencreek Township municipal building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

PLAN REVIEW STATUS – None.

DEVELOPMENT CLOSEOUT STATUS
Melrose Place – Ongoing. Mr. Becker continues to work with the developer.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jack May to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the August 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Pension Plan Administrator

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to appoint Jack May, the 2020 Chairman of the Authority, as the Pension Plan Administrator. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MMO Pension Obligation 2020

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to approve the MMO Pension Obligation for 2020 in the amount of $44,673.00. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

September Shut-Off List

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to approve the September Shut-Off list as presented. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

2020 Budget and Five-year Plan – The budget and five-year plan were discussed briefly. A special meeting will be scheduled to discuss in detail as not all board members were in attendance today. The dates of September 25, 26, 27 and October 1, 3 and 4 were proposed. Patrick Donovan will contact Jerry Hartman and James Nothwehr to coordinate a date that all board members will be available to attend.

2020 Rate Increase – Mr. Donovan reported that in October of this year the MTA will have completed three full years of the 3% increase of the five-year plan to increase rates. Mr. Becker will prepare the 2020 rate resolutions.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to authorize Mr. Becker to prepare the rate resolutions for a 3% rate increase for 2020. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Purchase of Real Estate – Daniel Becker stated that the Agreement of Sale has been signed and can be executed by the MTA today. Mr. Becker provided a review of the results of the Phase II Study for 105 E. Wesner Road. The contamination was identified and attributed to coal waste originating from the operation of the railroad in the surrounding area. The contamination is not a result of the current owner. Mr. Becker's recommendation is to continue with the purchase of the property to protect the wellhead. Allen Gehringer stated that the current tenant is still living there but will vacate the property as soon as they are advised to do so. The current owner would like to settle as soon as possible. Mr. Becker instructed Mr. Gehringer that the property has to be cleaned up by the current owner and the property must be vacant. Mr. Gehringer will call Patrick Donovan for a walk-through of the property when it has been cleaned up. Settlement will be scheduled for Friday, September 27, 2019.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to authorize the execution of the agreement of sale, Resolution 01-09-19 authorizing the purchase of the property, Resolution 02-09-19 authorizing the acceptance of the deed in lieu of condemnation, authorization for Mr. Becker to execute the realty statement of value, and authorization for Karl Bolognese to sign any documents necessary for closing. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Metering of Met Management Apartments – This project is 100% complete.

Rules and Regulations – Ongoing.

Well #7 Project – Patrick Donovan provided an update for the Board. Over the Labor Day weekend the pump failed for approximately three days and muddied the well. The pump has been replaced and filters were put in place. The pump is now operating well. Turbidity continues to run high only after a heavy rainfall.

LEAK REDUCTION REQUESTS

Lillian Quillman, 64 Mountain Spring Rd, Blandon

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to authorize a one-time leak reduction per MTA policy for Lillian Quillman, 64 Mountain Spring Rd. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

ROUTE 222 PROJECT

Patrick Donovan reviewed the Penn Dot actual bid costs for the 222 Project. The MTA bid costs are $1,278, 750, of which $750,000 is for betterments. The MTA will be running a 12" line from Adele to Rt 222 to replace approximately 760" of pipe. Another improvement is from Rt 222 to Tamarack Blvd. This will eliminate the 760" of cast iron pipe in the system and will tie back into the 12" line on Adele and loop up to Tamarack. This will be a major benefit for the overall system. Diane Hollenbach of the Township added that this is the area that has been designated for commercial development, and the improvements of the water lines will be beneficial for the area. Mr. Donovan will let Penn Dot know the betterments have been approved.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to approve the betterments for the 222 Penn Dot Project. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Becker had nothing further to add.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

SDE submitted a written report. Ty Leinneweber had nothing further to add.

AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Donovan had nothing further to add.

TREASURER'S REPORT & PAYMENT OF BILLS

Dan Novakovich reported that everything appears to be in good standing and had nothing further to report.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the following payments: Routine/Regular Bill List - $37,399.70, Construction in Progress - $6,298.79, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - $254.15, Payroll Account Transfer from Operator Acct - $80,000.00, Emergency Account Transfer from Operator Acct - $3,000.00, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - $15,536.70, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - $30,598.92, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - $9,855.98. Jack May seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S/SOLICITOR'S REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to approve all Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses as follows: SDE invoice #97342 in the amount of $254.15. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

2020 Healthcare and HSA Funding

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to renew the current H.S.A. policy on September 1, 2019. Single employees shall contribute 10% of the annual premium and non-single employees shall contribute 15%. The motion was seconded by Jack May and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM upon a motion by Dan Novakovich and seconded by Jack May.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Kline
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Recording Secretary

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

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