Maidencreek Township Authority
July 16, 2020

Attending Board Members Via Teleconference: Karl Bolognese, Jerry Hartman, Jack May, Jim Nothwehr, Dan Novakovich

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

Jack May called the July 16, 2020 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Authority (MTA) to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom video conference and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Nothwehr to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the June 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hartman and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Route 73 Water Line Replacement

Ty Leinneweber of SDE provided an update for the Rt 73 Water Line Replacement project. Construction started on 06/29/2020. Water connection from 12" line in Wesner Road has been connected to the existing 6" line in W. Wesner Road and in Main Street. They are now moving west on Main Street. They have installed approximately 450" of new 12" line.

Ty reported an unknown underground storage tank was exposed during construction in the area of 435 Main Street partially in the MTA right-of-way. Greg Unger of SDE recommended a letter be written to inform the homeowner of the findings and to also contact DEP of the findings to allow them to determine next steps in regards to the tank. The Board was in agreement and asked SDE to take the lead on drafting the letter.

Barrasso Excavation, Inc. Application for Payment No. 1 is presented for approval. The request is for $84,420.00 with retainage of $9,380.00 with a balance of $535,380.00.

A motion was made by Jim Nothwehr to approve and authorize payment of the Barrasso Excavation, Inc. Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of $84,420.00 upon review and approval of SDE. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hartman and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Water Tank Inspection

Mr. Donovan reported that he received a bid for $5,600.00 from Job Site Resources, LLC, to provide ROV inspection of the interior of the MTA Elevated Water Tanks located at Tree Tops and the Reservoir. Inspection has not been done in the last several years and has been recommended by SDE.

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to authorize Job Site Resources, LLC, to provide in water ROV inspection of the interior of 2 – 400,000-gallon Elevated Water Tanks for

a total of $5,600.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

COVID 19/Accounts Receivable Status

Mr. Donovan provided the Board with an email prior to the board meeting along with a report on the accounts receivable as of 7/15/2020.

Audit for Year Ending 9-30-2019

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to approve the audit for year ending 09-30-2019. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to approve and authorize the Chairman and General Manager to sign the 2020 engagement letter at a rate of $9,800.00. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hartman and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Met Management Leak

Mr. Donovan updated the Board on a major leak found at the Met Management Apartments in Pit E that flooded the entire pit. Met Management did repair the leak a few days after we alerted them to the issue. Approximately 1,000,000 gallons of water was used as a result of the leak.

PMRS Pension Plan Review

Mr. Donovan reported along with reviewing the pension contract, the MTA was given the Unfunded Liability amount for the current year and it is considerably higher than previous years. Mr. Donovan spoke to John of Kosmerl & Company P.C., for guidance and was given the name of a pension plan consultant to speak to. Mr. Donovan had a conversation with Peter Karapelou of Beyer-Barber Company and based on concerns that arose during this conversation, he strongly recommends that the Board allow the consultant to evaluate the MTA pension plan.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to engage Peter Karapelou of Beyer-Barber Company to evaluate the MTA pension plan short-term and long-term liability at a cost not to exceed $5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PennDot Coke Conflict Area

Karen Pollock of SDE updated Mr. Donovan this morning. At this time, the MTA is awaiting PennDot's decision in regards to the new reimbursement agreement.

Fire Hydrants

Mr. Donovan stated 105 of the 232 hydrants have been painted to date.

Route 222 Project

Karen Pollock of SDE updated Ty Leinneweber via email. Ty reported the project is continuing as expected. Construction has gone through the intersection of Rt. 73 and work is continuing during night hours.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Becker had nothing further to add.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

SDE submitted a written report. Mr. Unger had nothing further to add.

AUTHORITY REPORT

Mr. Donovan had nothing further to add.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Jerry Hartman to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the following payments: Routine/Regular Bill List - $31,309.06, Construction in Progress - $25,906.13, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - $301.31, Payroll Account Transfer from Operator Acct - $0, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - $0, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - $8,316.92, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - $112,251.93. Jim Nothwehr seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S/SOLICITOR'S REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

A motion was made by Karl Bolognese to approve SDE Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses as follows: SDE invoice #100862 in the amount of $301.31. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hartman and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

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
Daniel Becker, Kozloff Stoudt, MTA Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority Plant Operators
Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
Maidencreek Township Planning Commission
Eugene Orlando, Esq., Orlando Law Firm, Solicitor
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