Maidencreek Township Authority
August 20, 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

Guest: Erick Hardwick of Metropolitan Management

Jack May called the August 20, 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 Karl Bolognese to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the July 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Met Management Leak Reduction Request

Dan Novakovich provided an overview of the leak at Met Management in Pit E Apartment 5. On 07/02/20 during the quarterly meter reading the MTA discovered pit E was completely filled with water and the majority of the meters could not be read electronically. The problem was communicated to Met Management the same day. Met Management responded later that day that they were taking care of the issue. On July 8th, the MTA found the problem had not been corrected. Apartment E5 had a leak resulting in 965,000 gallons of water used as of 07/02. As of 07/08, apartment E5 used an additional 120,000 gallons of water. Dan reiterated that there have been other issues with leaks in the past, and a sewer charge reduction has been given in the past. At this time in regards to the 965,000-gallon leak, the MTA would like to offer the sewer charges be forgiven 100% and the water charges be forgiven at 75% and utilize the one-time leak reduction with the request that:

1. Met Management will install sump pumps in the meter pits within 90 days of agreement.
2. Met Management will perform monthly inspections of the pits for any issues.

It was communicated to Erick Hardwick of Met Management that the additional leak of 120,000 will not be given a leak reduction as notification of the leak was given to Met Management and the problem was not addressed for several days. Erick will speak to senior management and regional maintenance and contact Patrick Donovan to let the MTA know if they are in agreement with the above request.

NEW BUSINESS

Redner's Quick Shop and Car Wash

Ty Leinneweber of SDE stated Land Development Plans for water and sewer review have been received for Redner's Quick Shop and Car Wash to be located at the intersection of Rt 73 and Rt

222. The plan is to use the connection installed from the current Rt 222 project. Ty provided the Board with an update on the proposed plan and requested approval to send the review letter.

A motion was made by Jim Nothwehr to approve the review letter for the Redner's Quick Shop and Car Wash plan and authorize SDE to send the letter to Redner's Properties, LP. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Route 73 Water Line Replacement

Ty Leinneweber of SDE provided an update for the Rt 73 Water Line Replacement project. The 12" and 8" line in Main Street has been installed and is looped from Wesner Road to Grove Road. The 12" line has been charged and successfully pressure tested and bacteria tests show no presence of bacteria. Services are being switched over on the new 12" line. The 8" line has been charged and successfully pressure tested and awaiting results on bacteria testing. They are starting to install services in the 500 block. We are currently waiting for the HOP to install handicap curbs.

Greg Unger of SDE has drafted a letter to the homeowner regarding the findings of the unknown underground storage tank that was exposed during construction in the area of 435 Main Street partially in the MTA right-of-way. Mr. Becker will review this letter and respond to SDE with comments.

Barrasso Excavation, Inc. Application for Payment No. 2 was presented for approval. The request was for $322,780.40 with retainage of $21,431.60 with a balance of $212,599.60.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to approve and authorize payment of the Barrasso Excavation, Inc. Application for Payment No. 2 in the amount of $322,780.40 upon review and approval of SDE. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

COVID 19/Accounts Receivable Status

Mr. Donovan reported that the Township has opened their office to the public and the MTA plans to follow suit. The Township will construct a plexiglass shield for the front counter for protection of the staff. Once this structure is built, the MTA will open to the public.

UPDATES

Health Insurance Options

To be discussed on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

PMRS Pension Plan Review

Mr. Donovan updated the Board on the PMRS pension plan evaluation conducted by Peter Karapelou of Beyer-Barber Company. Mr. Donovan has requested the Board authorize an extensive actuarial analysis of the MTA pension plan.

A motion was made by Dan Novakovich to increase the available funds to $7,000.00 to have an extensive actuarial analysis of the MTA pension plan performed. The motion was seconded by Jim Nothwehr and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Status of Storm Damage

Mr. Donovan provided an email along with photos of the August 2 and 4, 2020 storm damage to the Board prior to the meeting. A detailed inspection report was provided to DEP by Mr. Donovan.

PennDot Coke Conflict Area

At this time, the MTA is awaiting PennDot's decision in regards to the new reimbursement agreement. Patrick Donovan and Karen Pollock will reach out to PennDot for an update.

Fire Hydrants

Mr. Donovan reported all 232 hydrants have now been painted with only minor additional work needed.

Route 222 Project

Karen Pollock of SDE updated Ty Leinneweber via email. Ty reported the project is continuing as expected. Rt. 73 and Rt. 222 south of Rt. 73 are installed, charged, successfully pressure tested, and bacteria tests show no presence of bacteria. Services are being switched over to the new line. The crew is currently working on the Betterment portion along Rt. 222. Work is progressing as expected.

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 Karl Bolognese to accept the Treasurer's Report and authorize the following payments: Routine/Regular Bill List - $49,127.28, Construction in Progress - $32,980.52, Reimbursable Expenses Paid by Developer - $292.69, Payroll Account Transfer from Operator Acct - $80,000.00, Validate Checks Signed Between Meetings - $1,681.00, Special Checks Requiring Special Handling - $18,880.00, Additional Checks after Board Book Delivery - $368,250.62. 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 Jerry Hartman to approve SDE Professional Staff Reimbursable Expenses as follows: SDE invoice #101268 in the amount of $292.69. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jim Nothwehr to recess the meeting at 6:13 p.m. until Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. to continue meeting discussions. The motion was seconded by Dan Novakovich and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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
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Daniel Becker, Kozloff Stoudt, MTA Solicitor
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