

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017**

Call to order

Chairman John Siefarth called the meeting to order at 6:30. Those in attendance were Len Kinter, Robert Ellsworth and Michal Lea. Richard Zahrobsky was not present. Engineer Dave Kerchner and Solicitor Chris Lovato were also present.

Minutes

Robert Ellsworth made a motion to approve the August minutes. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financials

Robert Ellsworth made a motion to ratify the prepaid water and sewer bill lists. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Ellsworth made a motion to pay the water and sewer bill lists. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor's Report

On file

Solicitor's Report

No report

Executive Session

Robert Ellsworth made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation at 7:15. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Session

Michal Lea made a motion to return to regular session at 7:30. Robert Ellsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Dave Kerchner reminded the Board that there were numerous issues that were identified during the initial inspection of the 79N/Deer Run pump station. Of the identified issues, entrapped air in the discharge piping was assumed to be the primary contributor to the pump failures. Once identified, the entrapped air issue was resolved by the Authority. However, following the completion of the repair work, two more recent pump failures have occurred. After the first pump was removed from service and examined, it was determined that a seal failure occurred because a repair facility installed faulty parts, and it neglected to install the correct parts during a previous

repair. Dave also reported that it is conceivable that the second of the recent pump failures occurred because the pump was in service for a period of time prior to resolving the initial trapped air problem. At this point, it is difficult to determine if the pump failure problems have been completely resolved.

Dave Kerchner and Bill Davis reported that the pump manufacture (Wilo) has requested an opportunity to review the pumps and the overall pump station. Bill Davis will work with Wilo to schedule a site meeting. In addition to the Wilo representatives, someone from the authorized repair facility, as well as Dave Kerchner, Bill Davis and Bill Taylor will attend the meeting. Following the meeting, Dave Kerchner will report to the findings to the Board.

Dave also provided an estimate to replace the existing pumping configuration with a wet well mounted, suction lift pumping configuration. He recommended that the Board table any discussion regarding the cost estimate, until we have the results from the site meeting with Wilo. Len Kinter asked if the Township or the Authority would pay the expenses relating to the pumping configuration change. The Board agreed that, if necessary, the responsibility for the costs will be discussed at a later date.

The Glenfield meter pit replacement project will likely begin mid-October.

The open channel meters continue to record less than expected flows to Sewickley, and the Township is still in discussing this issue with Sewickley.

It appears as though Masonic Village is planning an expansion on the property. At some point, they will provide plans to the Township for review. Also, the Authority will be asked to review and approve the water and sewer service to the proposed expansion.

Dave Kerchner reported that there may be one or two new occupants in the Industrial Park. Based on his understanding of the current water service configuration to the unoccupied buildings, he suggested that Board consider updating the water rules and regulations relating to fire service to the building.

Old Business

Solicitor Stone and Engineer Dave Kerchner composed the Industrial waste water permit application. The application also has a fee schedule attached. **Michal Lea made a motion for the permit fee to be \$250. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

Robert Ellsworth made a motion to purchase a spare pump for the 79N station at \$9,342. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Michal Lea made a motion to adjourn at 8:19. Robert Ellsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Harris