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WEST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

August 17, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of the West Manchester Township Authority was called to order in the offices of the Shiloh Water Authority on August 17, 2023 at 7:02 pm. Mr. Bentzel, Mr. Thomassy, Ms. Smith, Mr. Williams and Mr. Woodmansee were present as were Mr. Horvatinovic, WMTA, Ms. Young, Engineer, and Atty. Baranski, Solicitor.

PUBLIC COMMENT, QUESTIONS: There were no public comments

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A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting as presented. MOTION passed 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Thomassy reviewed the July, 2023 Monthly Balance report.

Checking Account Balance:	7/1/23			\$ 623,618.34
Receipts:				
Cellular Tower Rental Water Revenue		\$ \$	8,303.13 89,019.26	
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Penalty		\$	419.64	
Interest		\$	26.83	
Tapping Fee		\$	1,380.00	
Refund paid twice		\$	465.12	
Facilities Fee		\$	300.00	
Total Income:		\$	99,913.98	
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Expenses:		\$	48,646.76	
Checking Account Balance:	7/31/23			\$ 647,431.96
Escrow Funds Held:		\$	77,923.71	
Available Balance:				\$ 570,508.25

Capital Reserve Fund:

PLGIT Beginning Balance: 7/1/23 \$842,975.93

Interest \$ 2,517.08

PLGIT Ending Balance: 7/31/23 \$ 845,493.01

MOTION was made by Mr. Woodmansee and seconded by Mr. Williams to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion was approved 5-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

The last items to finish the tank painting project at Ridings Way are still undone and the contractor does not seem really interested in returning to do the work. It could be completed soon, but Mr. Horvatinovic has not heard from the contractor regarding those last few items.

No additional work on Lead and Copper spreadsheets has been done.

Work was "completed" by Clearwire's contractor to remove the antennas on the Brenda Rd. tank, but debris litters the property; the brackets were not removed from the tank; the tank will need to be spot painted where the work was done; and the \$25,000 escrow payment remains in the Authority's possession. Mr. Horvatinovic will be notifying the contractor that he has 30 days to complete the work, or we will use the escrow account to complete the project.

Mr. Horvatinovic expressed concern that Well #6 seems to be pumping at a much lower rate (21 gpm) than in the past and wondered if the pump needed to be replaced. He will monitor the problem.

Mr. Horvatinovic described his attempts to sell the old pick-up truck. The negotiations continue.

Mr. Horvatinovic reported that the check scanner in the office is working very poorly and, apparently, needs to be replaced. Mr. Thomassy will discuss with Ms. Eyler.

The list of hydrant valves to be installed in the next round of improvements has been completed. Mr. Horvatinovic will be developing the bidding process and package for the next set of hydrant valves to be replaced.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Ms. Young stated that there has been no additional work done on the completion of the repainting project on the standpipe on Ridings Way or the Floodplain project. There was discussion about completing the project ourselves and using the unpaid money in the contract to pay for it.

The Board also discussed a change in the approved project for Buchart-Horn to prepare paperwork and construction plans in case of a sudden availability of grant funds. **MOTION**, by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Woodmansee, to revise the previous agreement with Buchart-Horn to delete the bidding phase of any construction project developed. Motion approved 4-0 with Mr. Thomassy abstaining..

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Baranski discussed the status of the suit against Clearwire; the destruction of old records; the bidding process regarding the hydrant valve replacement project; the process to begin the rehabbing of the garage space into a meeting room; and the proposed resolution regarding the storage of private property on Authority land or buildings.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. **DISCUSSION TOPICS**:

- i. Transition Planning: Mr. Bentzel described the meeting he had with Mr. Smith and that Mr. Smith questioned the billing process, as to how it should be done, and by whom. A discussion ensued regarding the possibilities and Mr. Bentzel suggested that a work session be held by the Board to review work procedures; future staffing levels; and the possibility of changing duties of the employees. He said he would suggest a series of times/dates for the meeting and poll the Board on which dates would work.
- ii. **Records review and disposal:** Mr. Horvatinovic stated that he continues to gather old records that can be disposed of and will bring the information on the next batch to the Board and Solicitor for approval to dispose.
- iii. **Possible building modifications:** Mr. Williams has received bids to renovate garage space into a meeting room and asked that action on this project be taken at the next meeting. He also described what he proposed be done in the proposed meeting room.
- iv. **Truck disposition:** Mr. Horvatinovic is continuing the process of selling the truck.
- v. **Lead and Copper Rule Revisions:** Mr. Horvatinovic had no update.
- vi. **Private use of Authority property:** Mr. Baranski reviewed the Board's intent regarding the private use of the public space owned by the Authority and will develop a proposed Resolution for the next meeting.
- vii. Payroll Outsourcing: No discussion,

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Thomassy stated that a recent review of the Authority's insurance policy with the agent led him to suggest to the agent that the deductible for insurance losses should be increased to \$5,000 from \$500. Members had no objection.

Mr. Bentzel described the schedule that the Authority had set up in 2019 to gradually increase water rates over time. Based on that plan, the next rate increase would occur on January 1, 2025. He asked the Board to consider moving the increase to begin on January 1, 2024 and to discuss it further at the next meeting.

There was no other new business.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- **a. REVIEW OF PUMPING RECORDS:** The Board reviewed the pumping records and water usage for the previous month. Mr. Horvatinovic pointed out the reduction in usage from the high numbers for water used in the prior month because of the leak that was found and corrected in the system.
- **b. PAYMENT OF JUNE BILLS:** June bills were reviewed and a **MOTION** was made by Mr. Thomassy and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve bills from June totaling \$67,665.45. The motion was approved 5-0.
- **c. PAYMENT OF JULY BILLS: MOTION** by Mr. Thomassy, seconded by Ms. Smith to approve bills from August totaling \$44,693.80. Motion was approved 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Thomassy and seconded by Mr. Williams. Motion was approved 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Lee Woodmansee, Secretary