

Hanover Township Sewer Authority
April 16, 2024
Bavington Road Sewer Treatment Plant

Chairman Timothy Seech called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was taken. Chairman Seech, Vice Chairman Chris Truby, Board Member Ralph Speer, Project Manager Eric Buzza Field, Operations Manager Mark Lashhorn, and Office Manager Patty Garrett were present.

Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Voelker was not present at the beginning of the meeting. Solicitor Matt Kalina was not present. There were five (5) citizens/business owners present.

Public Comment: John Greenwood, External Affairs for West Penn Power, attended the meeting to explain the power restoration coordination with the emergency management agencies. All HTSA facilities are now categorized as critical facilities. West Penn Power testing of the incoming service did not show any problems explaining the power issues at the plant. Additional metering may be installed.

Executive Session: There was an executive session via Zoom on March 28, 2024 from 10:00 am until 10:25 am to discuss possible legal issues. No action was taken at this meeting.

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Truby made a motion to accept the March 19, 2024 meeting minutes as written; Mr. Speer. second. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Voelker presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2024. The Operations account began the month with \$23,525.65 with deposits of \$73,869.18 and expenditures of \$66,670.01 for an ending balance on March 31, 2024, of \$30,724.82. The Maintenance Fund had a balance of \$2,104.34, and the Tap Fund had a balance of \$185,957.76. Mr. Seech made a motion to accept the March treasurer's report; Mr. Truby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices: Mr. Seech made a motion to ratify the bills in the amount of \$64,869.14; Mrs. Voelker second. Motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Mr. Truby made a motion to ratify payroll for the periods March 17 through March 30, and March 31 through April 13, both in the amount of \$1,484.78; Mr. Seechy second. Roll call: Mr. Seech – yes, Mr. Truby – yes, Mrs. Voelker – abstain, Mr. Speer – yes. Motion passed.

Office Manager Report: The office received a complaint from a customer that HTSA personnel are trespassing on his property to check the grinder pump without prior notification.

The Muni-Link Virtual Conference is scheduled for April 17. Mrs. Garrett to attend online.

Mrs. Garrett to attend the township supervisor's meeting on March 21, to request the township pay the HTSA board member monthly stipends.

At this point, July is the earliest month that contracts can be entered into for grant work. An exact date is expected in the near future.

The DEP has ideas to compel residents to connect who have not already done so.

The updated status sheet of open projects was presented to the board members.

HTSA received correspondence concerning the upcoming sheriff sale and a PNC loan.

There was no liens filed and no liens satisfied.

Mrs. Voelker made a motion to accept the office manager's report; Mr. Speer second. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: The increased main line pressure on Perkins Lane is probably indicating a line blockage down the line. Mr. Lashhorn to isolate the blockage to a smaller area and contract with Robinson Pipe to jet the line. Samples of the blockage and from the line above the blockage to be sent for analysis. A discussion ensued with the residents of Perkins Lane who were in attendance concerning this issue.

Old Business: The new owner of the property at the Bucey pump station has not been doing any more work for the past couple weeks.

Mr. Kalina to draft a letter to GoDaddy addressing the over-billing since 2012.

Solicitor's Report: There was no solicitor's report.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Buzza submitted graphs and average flow data for the Paris area.

Mr. Buzza submitted the Chapter 94 report to the DEP by the March 29, 2024 deadline.

The design for the pump station by-pass is finished. Grant agreement information is needed before work can be done.

Mr. Seech made a motion to accept the engineer's report as written; Mr. Speer second. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: There was no further public comment

Adjournment: Mr. Seech made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.; Mr. Truby second. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Voelker/ Secretary