

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
AUTHORITY MEETING**

Minutes of Township Authority Meeting held July 12, 2011

A special meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Authority was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk, on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Authority members present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain. Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Authority Solicitor; William Weaver, Sewer Authority Director; Jim Wetzel, Sewer Authority Operations Supervisor; Mark Hilson, Authority Engineer; Jeff Wendle and Barry Wampler, CET Engineering Services; and Ted Robertson and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Crissman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2011 business meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

Chairman/Board Member Comments

Mr. Hawk noted that Mr. Hornung will be absent from the tonight's meeting.

Township Manager's Comments

Mr. Wolfe took the opportunity to introduce to the Authority members, Mark Hilson, the newly employed Authority Engineer. He explained that he has worked for the Authority for a month and comes from Carroll Township. He noted that he is a Penn State graduate with a degree in civil engineering and is a registered engineer in Pennsylvania. He noted that he comes highly recommended by Solicitor Steve Stine. He reported that Mr. Hilson has received awards

and recognition as a municipal engineer in other capacities. Mr. Hawk welcomed Mr. Hilson to the Township.

Items of Business

Action on Change Order #1 for the PC3B/BC1A Contract for the additional stormwater improvements and time extension

Mr. Weaver explained that this change order is as a result of stormwater work from the Pinci property located on Linglestown Road. He noted that stormwater issues were addressed as part of the sewer contract, noting that there were some clearwater connections dating back to 1995. He noted as part of the mini-basin sewer replacement projects there were storm sewer issues that needed to be addressed, ageing facilities, and clearwater reconnections. He noted that the Metka property needed improvements to some corrugated pipe. He noted that the majority of the change order is to accommodate additional swale improvements that were recommended by the Public Works Department. He noted that some storm sewer improvements were included in the original contract as an alternate; however, some additional swale improvements were needed. He noted that this change order included additional lawn restorations, and grinding tree stumps that will be addressed in the next contract, especially in regards to times when tree stumps are removed.

Mr. Wendle noted that it also includes a credit for eliminating a dropped manhole connection, so the stormwater improvements were \$14,765 and the change order is for \$16,101.18, which reflects a \$3,000 credit for a dropped manhole connection, \$3,800 for the extra lawn restoration and \$479 for an inside drop connection. He noted that the net is \$16,101.18.

Mr. Wolfe noted that it is staff and the engineer's recommendation to act affirmatively on the change order.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the PC3B/BC1A Contract for the additional stormwater improvements and time extension in the net amount of \$16,101.18. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on Change Order #2 for the ARA Contract for additional lining

Mr. Weaver noted that Change Order #2 for the ARA Contract is for additional lining that is a net decrease. He noted that he generally tried to replace sewers when possible, however,

working in the Brook Apartments created many challenges to the Authority. He noted most occurred with the utilities in the area, and it was the recommendation from staff and the engineer to get a price from the contractor to do additional lining. He noted that since the lining increased in volume, there was a reduction in the price.

Mr. Wendle noted instead of just adding lining, he eliminated several bid items that were associated with the dig up and repairs of the area resulting in a negative \$242,959. He noted by adding the additional lining of \$115,000, and some manholes that were ordered had to be paid for as some other bid items that had been expended in the amount of \$30,000 creating a net decrease in the contract price of \$96,779.75.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for the ARA contract for additional lining. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on Change Order #3 for the ARA Contract
for the Red Lobster lateral replacement

Mr. Weaver noted that the Red Lobster is located at the corner of Route 22 and Colonial Road. He explained while replacing the sewer lines along Elmerton Avenue, when the manhole was exposed in this area, it was discovered that there were some issues with the casing pipe beneath Colonial Road. He noted that there were concerns, and although it is a private lateral, there was a need to replace the lateral. He explained that since it is part of the mini-basin program he felt that it was prudent to secure a price from Abbonizio to replace the existing lateral. Mr. Hawk noted that it was a decrease from the original contract price. Mr. Wendle noted that was for the overall project, but this change order is for additional work.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order #3 for the ARA Contract for the Red Lobster lateral replacement in the amount of \$21,185.00. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Wendle explained that the change order is for a maximum of \$21,185. He noted that CET did not agree with the price they provided, however, he was willing to approve time and materials if Abbonizio provided a maximum amount. He stated that he suspects that it will be less than \$21,185. Mr. Crissman amended the motion to read, not to exceed the amount of \$21,185. Mr. Blain agreed with the amended motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on Change Order #1 for the PC1A/1C Contract
for rock removal for new sewer trench

Mr. Weaver noted that this change order was tabled by the Board during the May 24, 2011 meeting due to concerns over the price of rock removal. He noted the change order has been modified at the recommendation of Mr. Hilson, to address the rock that has already been removed, leaving the rock pricing for future rock removal to be adjusted to reflect that it is a given that rock will be an issue at certain locations. He noted that Mr. Hilson contacted Liberty Excavators and they agreed to modify the original change order to reflect the rock removal that has already occurred.

Mr. Hilson noted that Liberty Excavators encountered rock that was not expected. He noted that it impacted the operations as additional equipment was needed and it forced the operations to be shut down. He noted that it resulted in idle workers until the rock removal process was completed as it is a much slower operation. He noted that he was concerned for other parts of the contract work as there would be additional need to remove rock that has already been identified. He noted, in those instances, the contractor can plan for these events and not have their crews standing around with no work to do. He explained that they are two different circumstances, one when the rock removal is known ahead of time, and the other, when it is unexpected. He explained that he is waiting for Liberty to provide a change order for the other areas that will need to be done, and he anticipates the price to be lower than the \$225 per cubic yard.

Mr. Wolfe noted that it is staff's recommendation to approve the change order.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the PC1A/1C Contract for rock removal for a new sewer trench in the amount of \$7,679.25. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on the purchase of a new flusher truck under the State contract

Mr. Weaver noted he would like to discuss the purchase of a new flusher truck under the Costars contract. He noted that Mr. Wetzel has provided a memorandum outlining the purchase process with a recommendation to purchase the new truck from Industrial Motors Supply Company in Harrisburg. He noted that the original budget called for a combination machine but since it can't be used every day, it was decided to purchase only a flusher truck which the Sewer Department is currently using now. He noted the present truck is a 1996 Super Products truck

and it has reached its useful life. He noted that staff has replaced the water pump to provide time to secure three prices for the Board to review. He noted that it is the most important piece of equipment that the Authority owns. He explained, if there is a blockage, time is of the essence to open the blockage to prevent overflows into residence's basements.

Mr. Weaver explained that the new truck would replace the current truck and since it falls under the Costars contract, there is no need to bid the purchase. He noted that Mr. Wetzel and staff reviewed three different pieces of equipment and narrowed the choice down to two units. He noted that it was a unanimous decision to purchase the Super Products truck at a cost of \$183,289.

Mr. Hawk wanted to thank Mr. Wetzel for a well prepared memo explaining the process and for the review work. Mr. Wetzel explained that staff spent much time in researching the different products.

Mr. Crissman noted that staff must have been happy with the current piece of equipment thus providing the reason to choose the same product again. Mr. Wetzel noted that it is a very similar truck and the men are used to using it.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new Super Products flusher truck in the amount of \$183,289.00. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Gary A. Crissman
Authority Secretary