

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
AUTHORITY BOARD**

Minutes of the meeting held on April 27, 2021

A meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Authority Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Blain on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center located at 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Board members present in addition to Mr. Blain were Robin Lindsey, Chris Judd, Norman Zoumas, Paul W. Navarro, David Ramsey, and Robert Oakes. Also, in attendance were William Weaver, Tim Nolt, Bradley N. Gotshall, Township Manager, Steve Stine, Solicitor, Melissa Smith, GHD, and Alton Whittle, GHD.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Zoumas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Lindsey motioned to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021, and March 23, 2021. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Blain called for a voice vote, and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Board Members' Comments**

There was none.

**Stormwater Fund**

Resolution 21-07 Authorizing Condemnation of a Storm Sewer Easement  
for the BC-2 A/B/C and 5B project

Mr. Zoumas made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 which authorizes the condemnation of a storm sewer easement for the BC-2 A/B/C and 5B project.

Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Blaine called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

### Township Reports

Mr. Weaver reported that the Township received the Permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Stone Brook Stream Restoration Project, but they are still waiting to receive the federal permit. The Stone Brook Stream Restoration project is on schedule and will be put out for Bid this summer. The staff and representatives of HRG will provide an update on the Survey results and recommendations at the board meeting in June.

The PennDOT project is going well, but there is a dispute with the contract with RES. Representatives of PENNDOT met with their attorneys and emailed some recommendations to the Authority. Mr. Weaver noted that he is going to meet with Erin Letavic, HRG on April 29, 2021, to discuss PENNDOT's recommendations and he will likely accept PENNDOT's recommendations. Mr. Weaver noted that he and representatives of HRG would provide an update to the board at the June 22, 2021, meeting.

### SANITARY SEWER FUND

#### **Business**

#### Presentations of the PADEP Consent Decree Draft BC and PC CAP Revisions

Mr. Weaver presented an overview of the Consent Decree Corrective Action Plans (CAP's) for Paxton Creek (PC), Beaver Creek (BC), and Spring Creek (SC) basins.

Presentation: Consent Decree Requirements, Paxton Creek, Beaver Creek, Spring Creek Basin status updates, Lessons Learned, Program Costs, and the Impact on Rates.

Mr. Weaver noted that the BC and PC CAP tables require minor amendments and resubmission to DEP for approval. The CAP work required at Paxton Creek is near completion and the project cost totals are available for the Board to review.

Note: This presentation is available at the Municipal Center upon request.

Mr. Blain noted that there have not been any overflows since 2013 and that's amazing.

Mr. Judd noted that the Township achieved the reduction of overflows by eliminating the influx of groundwater into the pipes and this explains 90% of what the Township Authority is doing every month and that it is a huge percentage of the resident's sewer bill; when sewer rates increase the funds are paying this massive project.

Alton Whittle, GHD, was present to review the projected Sanitary Sewer Fee rates, elimination of overflows, and the results achieved by the staff to date. He mentioned that back in 1999 the Township had 44 overflow locations whenever it rained and there was two or more inches, since then the overflows have been eliminated and no other Municipality has achieved these results. GHD had originally projected \$8-12 dollar increases every quarter, and now the rates are reduced significantly. The Township is way ahead of schedule with the improvement projects and sewer rates.

Mr. Whittle commended the Authority staff for a job well done.

Mr. Blain reiterated, the achievements since he has been on the board are amazing; there have not been any overflows since 2013.

Mr. Judd noted that this is a massive undertaking, and the Township must do a better job at telling this story.

Mr. Weaver recommended that the Authority Board authorize GHD to submit the revised CAP tables for Paxton and Beaver Creeks.

Mrs. Lindsey made a motion to approve authorize GHD to submit the revised CAP tables for Paxton and Beaver Creeks. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Blaine called for a voice vote and there was a unanimous vote of approval.

Mr. Blain thanked Alton Whittle and the staff of GHD for a job well done.

#### Dedication of Developer Installed Sewers

Melissa Smith, GHD noted that both the Shadebrook Phase 4 and Stray Winds Farm Phase 6 developments have been completed and have satisfied all the Authority requirements for dedication.

Mr. Zoumas motioned to approve the Stray Winds Farm Phase 6 Dedication of Developer Installed Sewers. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Blaine called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Zoumas motioned to approve the Shadebrook Phase 4 Dedication of Developer Installed Sewers. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Mr. Blaine called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Lindsey abstained from voting.

#### Resolution 21-08 Adopting Construction Specifications for Pipe Busting & Private Sewer Lining

Mr. Weaver noted that the staff has requested that GHD prepare an addendum to add information to the construction specifications for contractors. He mentioned an issue with a pipe busting and the homeowner hiring a contractor to perform the work.

Melissa Smith, GHD, noted that the Standard Construction Specifications are normally for developers installing new sanitary sewers or homeowners installing a new building sewer or service lateral to serve their house. The plumbers and local contractors are now performing this work and telling the homeowners that a pipe has busted, and suggesting lining, so the homeowners do not have to have their yards dug up. The specifications did not cover individual contractors hired by homeowners and this addendum provides clear expectations for the

contractors. As part of the addendum, the staff agreed to include a completion certificate so the work can be inspected before it is completed.

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Weaver to clarify why the resident is required to apply for the permit. Mr. Weaver explained that there were multiple incidents with a specific contractor who proposed to replace sewers that were replaced by the Authority. Before last year there were no requests from plumbers or property owners for pipe bursting.

Mr. Weaver announced that the specifications have been prepared by GHD and have been reviewed by staff and GHD; both recommend approval of Resolution 21-08 to adopt Addendum #1 to the Standard Specifications.

Mr. Judd encouraged residents to view the video demonstration of a pipe bursting on YouTube.

Mr. Zoumas motioned to approve Resolution 21-08 which adopts Construction Specifications for Pipe Busting and Private Sewer Lining. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Mr. Blaine called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Resolution 21-09, 21-10, & 21-11 Authorizing Condemnation of Sanitary Sewer Easements for the Red Top Road and McIntosh Road Sewer Relocation Projects

Mr. Zoumas motioned to approve Resolution 21-09, 21-10, and 21-11 authorizing condemnation of Sanitary Sewer Easements for the Red Top Road and McIntosh Road Sewer Relocation Projects. Mrs. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Blaine called for a voice vote, and the vote was unanimous.

Township Reports

Mr. Nolt provided an update on the construction project BC-2 A/B/C and 5B, using the website [www.lowerpaxtonatwork.com](http://www.lowerpaxtonatwork.com) He encouraged residents to visit the website to follow current construction projects in the Township.

Mr. Weaver noted that the construction project includes road paving, at least 5.5 miles of road will be paved and approximately 30 driveways too.

Mr. Nolt provided an update on the 2020-2021 Lining project, the contractor is Granite In-liner, LLC, and they are working with two sub-contractors, Musson Brothers, Inc. from Wisconsin, and Morrow Services from Ohio to line the manholes.

Mr. Nolt announced that 18 mainlines have been completed, lined, air tested, televised and all have passed the air test.

Jim Wetzal provided an update on the BC-7 project. There are currently 177 properties in in the Meadow Brook Development area. The I&I crew has replaced the PVC and completed work on 77 properties to date. Of the 177 properties, 67 properties are complete, and that includes lawn restoration and concrete. This project is

Mr. Weaver announced that the Authority Accountant will provide quarterly financial statements which represent all cash in the bank and bond funds for the capital program.

#### Engineer's Report

Mellisa Smith, GHD was present to answer questions about the Engineer's Report.

#### **Announcements**

Mr. Blain announced that the next Authority meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Zoumas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shellie Smith  
Recording Secretary

Approved by,



Chris Judd,  
Assistant Secretary