

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
AUTHORITY MEETING**

Minutes of Township Authority Meeting held October 15, 2013

The special meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Authority was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman William C. Seeds, Sr., on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Authority members present in addition to Mr. Seeds were: William B. Hawk, William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain. Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Authority Solicitor; and Ted Robertson and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hawk made a motion to approve the August 27, 2013 Authority meeting minutes. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Seeds called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No public comment was presented.

Board Members' Comment

No comments were provided by Board members.

New Business

Resolutions 13-13-01 through 13-13-30 authorizing condemnation of sewer easements for public sewers and private sewers in the PC5D/E/BC6 North project

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Sewer Authority is proceeding through to construction of the PC5D/E/BC mini-basin project and to do so there is a need for 30 easements from property owners. He noted that the resolutions have been prepared authorizing the condemnation of the

easements that have not been gained as of this time. He noted that staff continues to work with the effected property owners and typically, although the Board will authorize the condemnation so that it can execute the contract to move forward with construction, actual condemnation is rare. He noted Mr. Stine would be happy to address any questions on the condemnation process. He noted that the resolutions are complete for action at this time.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to adopt Resolutions 13-13-01 through 13-13-30 authorizing condemnation of sewer easements for public sewers and private sewers in the PC5D/E/BC6 North project. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Seeds called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on the Oakhurst Interceptor Bids

Mr. Wolfe noted, at the previous Authority meeting, it was discussed that the Lower Paxton Township and Susquehanna Township Authorities have jointly worked to replace and install the Oakhurst Interceptor beginning at the Lower Paxton Gale Drive Pump Station, which will be eliminated, through to Susquehanna Township and beyond. He noted that the referenced Sanitary Sewer Interceptor has been designed by GHD, the appointed engineer for both the Lower Paxton and Susquehanna Township Authorities. He noted that the project has been properly bid; the lowest responsible bid received by Susquehanna Township Authority was from Doli Construction in the amount of \$327,670. He noted that the bid has been reviewed by GHD and found to be acceptable. He noted that the Susquehanna Township Authority has awarded the bid subject to concurrent action by the Lower Paxton Township Authority.

Mr. Wolfe noted that it is staff's request at this point in time that the Authority Board act accordingly and award the bid to Doli Construction for the Oakhurst Interceptor in the amount of \$327,670. He noted that although it is a joint project, Lower Paxton Township's portion of the cost is 80%.

Mr. Hornung questioned when the work will start. Mr. Wolfe answered that normally the work would start 20 to 30 days after the contract is approved. Mr. Hornung questioned how long it would take to complete the project. Mr. Wolfe answered that it would take six to nine months. Mr. Wolfe questioned if there would be any savings on the sewer costs. Mr. Wolfe answered that the Gale Drive Pump Station would be decommissioned and there would be a savings for the elimination of that facility.

Mr. Hornung questioned if the Township experienced overflows from the restrictions in that area. Mr. Wolfe answered yes, noting that it has had them in the Gale Drive system due to the capacity of the pumps. Mr. Hornung questioned if that will go away. Mr. Wolfe answered yes. Mr. Hornung noted that the Township will not be fined by DEP from those overflows.

Mr. Blain questioned why the engineer's estimate was so far off. Mr. Wolfe answered that since the project is not a very large one, the economy of scales were not there. He suggested that GHD used comparable bid amounts from Lower Paxton Township and Susquehanna Township projects that are larger in scope. He noted that given that it is a smaller project, it did not have the economy of scales that the large projects have.

Mr. Seeds noted once this project is completed the Authority will be demolishing the pump station; he questioned if that would be put out for bid. Mr. Wolfe answered that he is not sure how that will be done. Mr. Seeds suggested that it will be discussed further at a future Sewer Authority meeting.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the Authority has to take action on the agreement as it is already in existence. Mr. Wolfe explained that the Authority does not have to take action on the agreement. Mr. Crissman noted that the Authority is only taking action on the bid at this time. Mr. Wolfe answered that was correct.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the low bid to Doli Construction in the amount of \$327,670 for the Oakhurst Interceptor. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Seeds called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Adjournment

Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

William L. Hornung
Authority Secretary