

The re-organization meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, January 2, 2025. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe, Steve Arnold and Matt Motsko were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ed Andres, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Board member Phil Gogel was absent. Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM.

The first item on the agenda was the re-organization of the Board. The previous Board consisted of Carl Sharpe-Chairman, Steve Arnold-Vice Chairman, Duane Deppe-Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Motsko-Asst. Secretary/Treasurer and Phil Gogel-Board member. After a brief discussion, Carl Sharpe made a motion to appoint Steve Arnold as Chairman, Carl Sharpe as Vice-Chairman, Duane Deppe as Secretary/Treasurer, Matt Motsko as Asst. Secretary/Treasurer and Phil Gogel as Board member. Matt Motsko seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 5, 2024 were presented for approval. Matt Motsko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dave Getz presented the financial report as follows:

Sewer Operating Account:

Balance December 5, 2024		\$762,081.17
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$58,530.11	
Operating Expenses	\$29,947.11	
Balance January 2, 2025		\$790,664.17

Assets:

Truist Money Market	\$150,017.11	
Total Available		\$940,841.16
Truist CDs	\$506,108.34	

Sewer Balance January 2, 2025		\$1,446,952.50
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The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of January 2, 2025 is \$229,365.30.

Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance December 5, 2024		\$ 29,454.14
Receipts	\$ 1,300.80	
Expenses	\$ 3,294.80	
Balance January 2, 2025		\$ 27,460.14

Total Sewer Accounts January 2, 2025		\$1,474,412.64
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Water Operating Account:

Balance December 5, 2024		\$26,603.40
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$ 151.42	
Operating Expenses	\$1,596.99	
Truist Loan Payment	\$5,194.25	
Total Expenses	\$6,791.24	
Balance January 2, 2025		\$19,963.58

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of January 2, 2025 is \$1,180.57.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance December 5, 2024 & January 2, 2025	\$ 114.90
Total Water Accounts January 2, 2025	\$20,078.45

Carl Sharpe asked Dave about the Huber inspection starting today. Dave said a Huber technician was to be here Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3 for an inspection on the Huber screen at the Wood Drive Pump Station. The technician was flying from California to Philadelphia. He did not arrive at the pump station until after 2:00 PM today. He did what he could on the system but will return on Friday morning to continue. Audrey Wood from Cowan and Chris Knopf from Fulford Associates are to be there to assist.

The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$6,791.24. Carl Sharpe made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account was \$29,947.11. Matt Motsko made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Account was \$3,294.80. Carl Sharpe made a motion to pay these bills. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operations Report, Ken Fulford said the digesters at the Danielsville WWTP were emptied. Dave Getz said Allstate hauled nine loads from the digesters to Lehigh County but there was still a foot or so in the bins. The hauler said he could not stay to finish the final load due to overtime problems. Ken will contact Allstate about the digesters. Ken said he would also contact Environmental Services for other projects.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said Cowan will proceed with the LSA grant search and applications. She said LTMA is to sign on PA DGS for surplus purchase method research generators available.

On the Water Tank cleanup and repair, the contract was awarded to MIDCO for diver entry with cleanout included plus detailed report for interior structures and maintenance recommendations. MIDCO will set up a time for the job (probably in spring of 2025).

On the system infiltration inflow project, the Danielsville collection system manhole lining and general sewer system repair work bid for Contract 1 was rejected. Contract 2 notice of intent to award was issued. Payment and performance bonds were received and are awaiting modification for signing of agreement and scheduling of preconstruction meeting. Angelika requests the Board to make a motion for the approval. Steve Arnold made a motion to approve the notice of intent to award the project to Advanced Rehabilitation Technology for \$105,138.50. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Angelika said there is no news on the Northwoods Development Project, although she did advise that Bellview Pump had been contracted to televise the sewer lines in Northwoods.

On the Blue Mountain Drive Minor Subdivision, Rob Hain of Berks Surveying has been working with Cowan and LTMA on a single house sewer connection plan. Angelika recommends that LTMA grant conditional approval of the plan. Steve Arnold made a motion to grant conditional approval subject to HOP and Lehigh Township approval. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Hilltop Center, Angelika said the land development plans for Pennsville WWTP, an extension was approved at the 4/9/2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. Lehigh Township extended the Pennsville Land Development plans recording until February 2025. Jaindl Co. is on the agenda for the Lehigh Township Board of Supervisor's February meeting. She requests a member of LTMA and Cowan to attend that meeting.

On the DRBC Docket Renewals, Angelika said the final Danielsville Docket was approved by commission at their 12/5/2024 business meeting. Danielsville Docket D-1994-053 CP-4 was received on 12/16/24.

Angelika requests a motion be made by the Board to attain Cowan Associates as the LTMA Engineer for 2025. Steve Arnold made a motion to continue using Cowan Associates for Engineering work with LTMA for 2025. Carl Sharpe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Solicitor's Report, Atty. Andres said the tax sale on 3898 Jenny Drive, Danielsville PA, was purchased by Jesse Lawley of P. O. Box 228, Mountain View Drive, Danielsville, PA. All liens on the property are still active. Atty., Andres said there is a Judicial Sale on a property in the Township, will be available in February 2025. Ed said the Chairman or Vice-Chairman should go to the meeting for this judicial sale.

There being no further business to conduct, Steve Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.