

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe and Steve Arnold were present as were Audrey Wood, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Board members Matt Motsko and Phil Gogel and Solicitor Ed Andres were absent. Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes for the April 4, 2024 meeting presented for approval. Duane Deppe 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 April 4, 2024		\$189,510.86
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$52,657.47	
Operating Expenses	\$84,021.52	
Balance May 2, 20i24		\$158,146.81
Assets:		
Truist Money Market	\$150,007.99	
Truist CDS	\$506,083.38	
Sewer Balance May 2, 2024		\$814,238.18

The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of May 2, 2024 is 237,755.17.

Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance April 4, 2024		\$ 31,538.28
Receipts – Interest	\$.81	
Expenses	\$ 77.00	
Balance May 2, 2024		\$ 31,462.09
Total Sewer Accounts May 2, 2024		\$845,700.27

Water Operating Account:

Balance April 4, 2024		\$ 32,487.65
User Fees, Penalties	\$11,620.96	
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,564.54	
Truist Loan Payment	\$ 4,654.31	
Total Expenses	\$ 6,218.85	
Balance May 2, 2024		\$ 37,889.76

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of May 2, 2024 is \$206.05.

Water Escrow Account:

Balance April 4 & May 2, 2024 \$ 114.90

Total Water Accounts May 2, 2024 \$ 38,004.66

The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$6,218.85. 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 \$84,021.52. Duane Deppe made a motion to pay these bills. Steve Arnold seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was one bill from the Sewer Escrow Account for \$77.00. Steve Arnold made a motion to pay this bill. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

On the Operating Report, Ken Fulford said his whole crew has been working with Automation Resources to upgrade the PLC at Danielsville WWTP. Dave Getz said that Mike from Automation Resources was in today to clear up a couple items Zach had from him. Alyssa asked about the PLC at Pennsville. Dave said the Tri Star should be able to handle any problems from the Pennsville system until the new plant is built.

Ken said he will be changing the way we unload the digesters at the Danielsville WWTP. He would like to have Allstate empty both digesters completing and set up a new schedule after that.

Ken said Chris Knopt and Zach Alexander are working with Leon Haydt of Bellview Pump and Allstate or Amy's to clean out the sludge from #2 contact tank. This sludge should be hauled to Lehigh County. They will then get #1 contact tank cleaned out so both sides can be used at the same time.

On the Engineering Account, Audrey Wood was filling in for Angelika Forndran. On the grant programs, Audrey said the H2O grant of \$2.2 million was executed on 3/26/24. She added that no extensions will be approved as the American Rescue Plan Act required all funds be expended by 12/31/2026. She added that the DCED LSA grant for \$74,697.00 required closeout by June 30, 2026.

On the Reed Bed restoration project, Audrey said only one bid was received on the April 18th date so it was extended to 5/2/24. There was still only one bid received. The original bid received on April 18 was for \$289,534.00; when the same bid the second time the bid was \$300,500.00.

Ken Fulford said the Board should re-examine the use of the reed beds instead of hauling to Lehigh County. He said that most of the reed beds in the area, including Lehigh County Authority, Slatington plant. Ken suggested that we use the reed beds we have now until they are totally full and then resume hauling out from Allstate Septic System to Lehigh County. Carl Sharpe would like to table this item until all the Board members and the Solicitor are in attendance. This item will be discussed at the June meeting.

Back to the Engineering Report, Audrey said the operator has been working with the Huber screen to set the screen and wash press operation to modify the control settings as needed.

On the System Infiltration program, Audrey reported there were fourteen rain events totaling 5.44 inches at the Danielsville Plant. There was a 16.9% difference between the plant readings and the Omni-Site readings at Wood Drive.

Audrey received the preliminary findings from the Pipe Data View CCTV work from the work on April 1 to the 4th. The main problem found was a hole on the main on Blue Mountain Drive between Manhole 197A and 138. She said this is listed as an emergency repair and have Bellview Pump make the repair. She said there are several other minor items noted that will be taken care of in the near future.

On the Northwoods Project, Audrey was with a conference call with Valley Community Management (HUD home installer) on 4/10/24. LTMA and LT engineers reviewed the outstanding items and agreed that the homes discharging to Independence Lane (Heritage Village connection) could be connected upon completion of all testing and inspections within drainage area, including proper inspection for lateral connections into homes. Lehigh Township is responsible for the issuance of all permits.

Other items discussed on the conference call were that the developer is to pay the tapping fee for all 64 EDUs prior to the first home connected, and connection details.

On the Hilltop Center project, Audrey said Ebert Engineering submitted a draft letter for request for time extension on April 12, 2024. LTMA time extension request letter dated 4/26/24 was signed and emailed to Cowan and DEP on 4/17/24.

On the Lehigh Township new maintenance building, Audrey witnessed passing vacuum test of doghouse MH on April 16, 2024. It was requested cover be replaced with one indicating LTMA Sanitary.

On the Service Line Inventory for the Water System, Dave Getz reported that we have received 27 of 100 customers service line information request flyer.

On the sewer connections , Audrey provided the as-built for solicitor's update of LTMA sewer easement on 3734 Lehigh Drive, Pennsville. A proposed connection at 4282 Mountain View Drive has been discussed but nothing has been started yet.

There being no further business to conduct, Steve Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Duane Deppe seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.