

The regular meeting of Lehigh Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, April 4, 2024. Board members Carl Sharpe, Duane Deppe, Steve Arnold and Phil Gogel were present as were Angelika Forndran, Ed Andres, Ken Fulford, Alyssa Fulford, Owen Baker and Dave Getz. Board member Matt Motsko was absent. Chairman Sharpe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The minutes of the March 7, 2024 were presented for approval. Phil Gogel 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 March 7, 2024		\$191,574.25
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$46,801.11	
Operating Expenses	\$48,864.50	
Balance April 4, 2024		\$189,510.86

Assets:

Truist Money Market	\$150,007.99	
Truist CDs	\$506,083.38	
Total Assets	\$656,091.37	

Sewer Balance April 4, 2024		\$845,602.22
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The balance of our delinquent sewer system customers as of April 4, 2024 is \$237,755.17.

Sewer Escrow Account:

Balance March 7, 2024		\$34,475.66
Receipts	\$1,090.04	
Expenses	\$4,027.43	
Balance April 4, 2024		\$31,538.28

Total Sewer Accounts April 4, 2024		\$877,140.50
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Water Operating Account:

Balance March 7, 2024		\$38,679.86
User Fees, Penalties, etc.	\$2,012.48	
Operating Expenses	\$3,550.38	
Truist Loan Payment	\$4,654.31	
Total Expenses	\$8,204.69	
Balance April 4, 2024		\$32,487.65

The balance of our delinquent water system customers as of April 4, 2024 is \$1,027.20

Water Escrow Account:	
Balance March 7 and April 4, 2024	\$ 114.90
Total Water Accounts April 4, 2024	\$32,602.55

The total bills to be paid from the Water Operating Account was \$8,204.69. Steve Arnold made a motion to pay these bills. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Operating Account was \$48,864.50. Carl Sharpe asked how many weeks of sludge hauling were being paid from Allstate Septic. Dave Getz said it was for six weeks at the Danielsville Plant. Carl asked what happened on the bill from W. G. Malden. Dave said the flow meter and sensor stopped working and had to be replaced. Steve Arnold made a motion to pay these bills. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The total bills to be paid from the Sewer Escrow Accounts was \$4,027.42. 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 operator on the weekend found that no flow was recorded on the flow meter. We had W. G. Malden in to replace the meter and sensor.

Ken said we should be getting good flow information from the CCTV work done this week due to the heavy rains.

Ken has completed the Chapter 94 reports for the Danielsville and Pennsville WWTPs. Copies were forwarded to LTMA. Angelika Forndran would like to have a copy of the Chapter 94s. Dave Getz will send her a copy.

Ken made PA DEP will be in for an inspection at the Pennsville WWTP next week.

On the Engineering Report, Angelika Forndran said the H2O Grant Agreement 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. Any emails sent to LTMA should be reviewed by Audrey Wood prior to processing.

On the reed bed restoration project, Audrey Wood of Cowan presented the nonmandatory pre-bid meeting on April 4, with bids due on April 18 for review at the May 2 Authority meeting. Four companies reps were in attendance.

On the pump station, Angelika said the bubbler system was re-installed inside a steel standpipe and wet well was cleaned on the Butternut Pump Station of 3/4/24. The Omnisite flow readings improved following the installation. On the Wood Drive Pump Station, Bellview

replaced the WAP brushes on 3/4/24, The final settings of both the screen and wash press to optimize the performance can be done remotely with Huber Tech and Operator after the screen basket is cleaned.

On the System Infiltration Inflow Program, Pipe Data View CCTV work was done from April 1 to April 4. Preliminary findings include leaking riser joints and one hole in the sewer main. Cowan will get the findings from Pipe Data View shortly. Bellview Pump has received the larger and wider risers that were special orders and will install them today or tomorrow.

On the Water Service Line Inventory Program, information flyer was sent with the quarterly invoice to all water customers. Dave Getz said that one customer has already sent the information with pictures.

On the Hilltop Center, sent a letter dated April 2, 2024 to the Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors concerning the Water Booster Pump Station Phase 2 Land Development to request an extension so the modifications to the Land Development plan resulting from the revised Water Booster Station and WWTP design plans as prepared by Ebert Engineering can be submitted to the Township for review and approval before Land Development plan recording

Angelika said the Hilltop Center Utility Services Agreement for LTMA has been signed. She has asked for a signed copy of the agreement.

Angelika said the permits tracking sheet shows the LTMA PWS Permit No. 4820502 for the construction of the water line from the City of Bethlehem water filtration plan expires on May 25, 2024. She has told Fred Ebert that he should contact LTMA with a request for time extension when required.

Ebert Engineering submitted the water and sewer plans dated 2/5/24 for the LVRS development for the main water and sewer pipe connecting to the Pennsville WWTP and water booster station site. Cowan received it on March 4, 2024. This set of plans includes the easement outline for the main pipes to be dedicated to LTMA on the LVRS property. Angelika provided a "draft only" copy dated 4/4/24 for the review. She said the easements must be detailed and cleaned up prior to sending the letter out.

On the Solicitor's Report, Atty. Andres said he signed the Jaindl Service Agreement; signed copies will be provided for LTMA and Cowan. Ed said the Northwoods Phase 1 addendum letter will be reviewed by Cowan. He said the tapping fee for Northwoods will be reviewed.

On the Manager's report, Dave Getz got an update from Automation Services for the new PLC at the Danielsville WWTP. They will begin work on the program the week of 4/15/24.

Dave said Pipe View Data for completed their CCTV work this week. We received an email from a customer concerning them leaving big ruts in their yard while working at the manhole. The Board said that we will cover the cost of any damages that were done in the yards.

There being no further business to conduct, Duane Deppe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.