

**EAST LAMPETER  
SEWER AUTHORITY  
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**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The East Lampeter Sewer Authority met on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2025, at 4:00PM at the Township Building 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA. 17602.

The meeting is being conducted virtually utilizing Zoom, which is a cloud-based platform for remote video and audio conferencing. The meeting is being recorded.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman, Mr. Rick Robinson.

**Members' Present:** Mr. Rick Robinson, Mr. Todd Stumpf, Mr. Gavin Scalyer

**Members Present via Zoom:** Mr. Fred Clark

**Members Absent:** Mr. Vinod Patel

**Present were:** Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assist Twp. Manager, Mr. Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director, Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Twp. Manager, Mr. Matt Cichy, HRG

**Present via Zoom:** None

**Guest were:** None

**Reorganization:** Chairman – Rick Robinson, Vice-Chairman – Fred Clark, Secretary – Vinod Patel, Treasurer – Todd Stumpf, Asst Secretary/Treasurer – Gavin Scalyer  
Engineer - HRG  
Accounting Firm – Herbein & Co

Motion Made by Mr. Stumpf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Scalyer. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular December 11, 2024, meeting was approved.

The treasurer's report was:

\$ 3,283.42 ELSA PLGIT-Admin checking account as of 12/31/2024.

\$ 453,570.76 Stormwater PLGIT-Class checking account as of 12/31/2024.

**A. Sanitary Sewer:**

**The following administrative bills were presented for payment:**

Report of Approval for Checks dated January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, totaling \$4,467.46

**The following requisitions were presented for payment:**

03-654 HRG - \$11,699.98

Stauffer Run PS Upgrades  
Stauffer Run PS Wet Well Lining  
Rockvale Redevelop Sewer Capacity Study  
Strasburg Pike Sewer Ext.  
Hobson Road Sewer Lining Project  
Oaks Pump Station 2 Elimination

03-655 Desco Design Construction – \$945.73

Stauffer Run Final Payment

Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Stumpf to pay the Sewer Bills/Requisitions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Clark. Motion carried.

**B. Stormwater:**

**The following bills were presented for payment:**

Report of Approval for Checks/Transfers January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, totaling \$405.00

Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Scalyer to pay the Stormwater bills. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Clark Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**A. Sanitary Sewer:**

- i. Stauffer Run Upgrade:
  - a. Mr. Cichy - Close out of the Desco contract, with the signature of the application for final payment, the contract close out documents will be sent out and issued
  - b. Mr. Cichy – Over the holidays Evirorep, the Gorman pump manufacturer representative provided an email on an update from the pump vibration testing performed in November with what the path forward would be. They put a trimmed impeller on the one pump to have the motor speed match the pump speed. It did improve the pump performance and would reduce the shaft fatigue. They feel the overall vibration levels are still a little high. They are proposing to eliminate motor stand & shims and put in direct coupled pumps. There are some issues with that as it would impact future maintenance. Mr. Cichy will be following up with them this month to discuss the pros & cons. Mr. Robinson is concerned with the warranty, stated it should not start until

functioning properly. Mr. Scalyer asked if there is a crane to access. Mr. Cichy stated there is an internal monorail hoist.

ii. CFA Funding-

a. Oaks #2 Elimination Project

Mr. Hutchison stated Township has not met with landowner concerning easements & hope to do so in the coming weeks.

b. Hobson Road Sewer Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Rehab anticipates doing work late February/early March. Project sign will need to be put up stating CFA funding. Mr. Thomas stated project will only be 3 days, don't want to spend money on signs since project is so short, will print signs in-house. Mr. Cichy stated take a picture of sign to show it was there.

c. Stauffer Run PS Wet Well Lining Project

Contractor shutdown due to weather. Forecasted for late winter early spring when it will occur, space pump later.

iii. Strasburg Pike Project

Mr. Cichy working on completing the design engineers report for the project. Should be able to provide it to Township Staff 1<sup>st</sup> week of February for review and have it ready for submission to DEP.

iv. Tapping Fee Analysis

Mr. Cichy stated an email was sent from HRG on 12/23/2024 concerning recommendation charge study. Phase 1 was to review the information to see if it made sense to proceed with a full study. Phase 1 showed increase of 55% to account for most recent project costs. Phase 2 would offer reporting calculations to support the information. Question as to how will the new tapping fee impact projects that are currently in the planning stages or land development stages. This needs to be looked into more & possibly have a solicitor's opinion as well. Mr. Cichy states study would be done by the end of the month. Mr. Robinson asked what the Township thinks. Mr. Hutchison stated he was a little surprised with the fee increase, been the overall investment in the system to provide service not only to existing customer but future customers as well. Mr. Robinson wants to do best for what is right for the residents. It shouldn't cost residents money when private companies need to upgrade sewer. Mr. Clark would like to spend the \$3,500.00 to finish study. Motion made by Mr. Stumpf t, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Clark. Motion Approved.

B. Stormwater:

- i. PRP Update  
Ms. Hitchens stated PA DEP did not approve the portion of the plan that includes the revolving fund which is the agricultural projects in the urban area or just at the edge of the urban area. Township is in the works with setting up a meeting with PA DEP staff and higher up staff as this has been a runaround for the last 2 years. Looking to have meeting set up this week or next week. If that doesn't get us where we need to be will be contacting Legislators. Ms. Hitchens also stated we did receive from Chester County Conservation District the permit for 93 Strasburg Pike for that pollution Reduction Project.
- ii. Willow Road Box Culvert  
Mr. Thomas stated Sewer Authority contributed \$50,000.00 for the project which Township is teaming up with High. Permit received from PA DEP, Meeting set with HRG which is on 1/16/2025 to finalize bid documents & answer any questions to get it out to bid.

#### **New Business:**

##### **A. Sanitary Sewer:**

- i. Rockvale Capacity Study  
Mr. Cichy stated HRG submitted the study results to the Rockvale engineer. There is not sufficient capacity available. When you add in the proposed Rockvale redevelopment flows to the existing peak flows that were metered, portions of the existing sewer system will exceed the available capacity & remaining portions will exceed 75% of the capacity of the pipe. The analysis showed there are proposed upgrades that are required to be able to handle the Rockvale redevelopment flow, which includes adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> barrel to the existing siphon under Millcreek, upsizing a 12" gravity interceptor to a 15" pipe and upsizing the 8" sewer main in Rockvale to a 10" sewer main. Mr. Hutchison stated there will be discussions in the near future with the developer. Question asked about the I & I. Would it be cheaper to remove the I & I from the system to make more capacity in the existing pipe available, the answer was no, it might cost more. Mr. Hutchison feels we should remove the I & I as much as we can, there are still ongoing operational costs that going with having extraneous flows in the system. Mr. Robinson stated they will need to agree that the upgrades need to be done & the direction will affect the cost. Pipe is cast iron, Interceptor is concrete. Tie into interceptor 6 years ago and thickness was still good. Mr. Robinson hopes to hear from Rockvale in the next few weeks.

##### **B. Storm Water:**

- i. None

#### **Other Business:**

Mr. Hutchison stated Township will be using David Miller Associates as the new

SEO.  
Forecast Meeting – 1/29/2025 @ 5:30pm

**Public Comments:**

None

Adjournment at 4:40 P.M. Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Stumpf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Scalyer. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. at the Township building 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike.

Respectfully submitted- Tara Hitchens – Asst. Township Manager