

**EAST LAMPETER
SEWER AUTHORITY
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**Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 9th 2023**

The East Lampeter Sewer Authority met on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 4:00PM at the Township Building 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA. 17602

The meeting is also 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. Fred Clark, Mr. Brent Stoltzfus

Members Present via Zoom: None

Members Absent: Mr. Vinod Patel

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

Present via Zoom: Cooper Hoover

Guest were: None

The minutes of the regular Wednesday, July 12, 2023 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was:

\$	11,822.05	ELSA	PLGIT-Admin checking account as of 6/30/2023.
\$	1,146,905.70	Stormwater	PLGIT-Class checking account as of 6/30/2023.

A. Sanitary Sewer:

The following administrative bills were presented for payment:

Report of Approval for Checks dated August 9, 2023 totaling \$7,584.02

The following requisitions were presented for payment:

03-621 HGR Route 30 Bridge Replacement and Strasburg Sewer Extension	\$2,154.50
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TOTAL=	----- \$2,154.50
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Motion 1st by Mr. Clark to pay the Sewer Bills/Requisitions. 2nd by Mr. Stoltzfus.
Motion carried.

B. Stormwater:

The following bills were presented for payment:

Report of Approval for Checks/Transfers dated July 12th, 2023 totaling \$266,130.77.

Motion 1st by Mr. Clark to pay the Storm Water Bills and 2nd by Mr. Stoltzfus. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Sanitary Sewer:

i. Stauffer Run Upgrade

The selected contractors received part of the shipment. That shipment was supposed to be received this week. The forecast for the remainder of the shipment is now for mid-August 2023. Once the remaining gear is received, the construction on the project will resume. HRG will meet with the contractors because of the long delay to update them on the schedule and the process.

ii. Possible System Extension on Strasburg Pike

After much discussion and consideration, the authority decided to apply for the smaller project in the grant application with ARPA. The smaller project will cost approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000 and 50% will be requested. The smaller project would focus on the area where there are known failed systems. This will limit the project to the area closer to the Millstream Road and Windy Hill Road intersection. A low-pressure system will be used. The Township will maintain the exterior below grade grinder pump and tank system that would need to be installed on each property being served. Electricity to operate these systems will be paid for by the property owner as part of their normal electric service. As of now, seven properties will have sewer service available to them once the project is complete. Those addresses are 164, 169, 175, 180, 184, 187 and 188. A letter will be sent out to all the residents on Strasburg Pike.

The Authority also decided to go to the Board of Supervisors asking for them to consider altering the homeowner requirement to hook up to public sewer within 60 days to a longer period of time such as 5-10 years. This would be on a case to case basis only if it is a smaller project and engineering for an expansion project allows for a longer hook-up period by homeowners.

iii. Tree House Update

The new system at Treehouse has been completed and is up and running. Mr. Cichy and Mr. Thomas visited the site. Treehouse is continuing to adjust where needed. They changed their housekeeping program in the facility and that has resulted with less flour being deposited into the wastewater system. They welcome future visits and will continue to improve the system.

B. Stormwater:

i. HACC Streambank Construction Project

Ms. Hitchens reported that the project is going very well. It will be matted and planted in mid-October. The Township has had excellent feedback from the HACC representatives for the project contractors and for the project results.

New Business:

A. Sanitary Sewer:

i. City's Flow Monitoring Project

Matt Cichy reported that is no update on the project. The city should have removed the meters. At the last meeting, they stated the findings and determinations should be available within the next few weeks. HRG is yet to receive anything.

ii. Capital Projects

CFA received the application from the Authority for funds from the COVID-19, H2O funds. Disbursement of these funds were not on their July agenda. The earliest they can decide on any awards will be in September.

iv. Additional Funding ARPA Dollars

This was previously discussed with the Strasburg Pike Sewer Extension project. The Authority is applying for 50% for the smaller project.

B. Storm Water:

i. Update on MS4 Storm Sewer Camera Project

The project is underway. It started two weeks ago and will take approximately 4-5 years to complete. The estimated cost is \$100,000 per year. Most of the Greenfield area has been completed. A lot of old corrugated metal pipe needs to be investigated for infiltration.

Other Business:

A new upcoming land development project developer approached HRG for assistance with a project a couple of months ago. One of the parcels in the project is in East Lampeter Township. A lateral on the site would tie into the Township's Sewer System. The Authority discussed this in an earlier meeting and decided that it was a conflict of interest for HRG to work on Township land for a private developer. They told Mr. Cichy to take the recommendation back to his headquarters and have them make their own decision. The developer sent the Township and the Authority a letter that was received today. Mr. Hutchison feels they may need to seek alternate counsel. He is concerned that the letter stated that the East Lampeter portion of the property would tie into Lancaster City's sewer system and not East Lampeter's. He also feels there is a conflict of interest with HRG working with the private developer and that the Township Solicitor is also involved. Mr. Cichy clarified that there is no East Lampeter main along the parcel and the existing building on the property is parallel to the railroad track where the City has a sewer line. Mr. Hutchison feels the parcel should use the East Lampeter sewer system that then goes to the city. He feels there should be no contention and it is straightforward. The Authority all agreed. Mr. Cichy stated that he reported the

Authority's recommendation, that there is a conflict of interest, two months ago when it was discussed. He will report it again.

Public Comments:

Cooper Hoover, 1673 Susan Avenue, was on zoom. She stated that the Sewer Authority came to the back of her property and marked trees for easement. She would like to know what the plan was and if the trees and grass that would be eliminated during the project would be reestablished. There is a large stormwater run off drain at the back of her property. Mr. Thomas explained that the Sewer Authority was marking where the right-of-way and easement are so they can maintain and have access if there is an emergency. The sewer superintendent is meeting with contractors for budgetary purposes only. The project will not happen in 2023 and may not in 2024. The property owners will be notified when the time comes. Ms. Hoover is concerned that the Authority will come in and remove trees and damage fences and other property and not replace everything to its natural state. She has this protection as part of her deed that she read to the Authority. Mr. Thomas reassured her that if and when this project happens that all the deeds will be looked at and plan accordingly. He apologized that the property owners were not notified ahead of time that a budget project was taking place. Ms. Hoover also stated that she received a letter four years ago that stated that she would have to permanently remove her fence because of easement obstruction. She wanted to make clear that the fence was established when she purchased the property and she does not have any plans to permanently remove the fence. She would cooperate if the fence needs to be removed temporarily but will be reestablished afterwards. Mr. Thomas stated that it will be considered if the plan goes through. He thanked Ms. Cooper for bringing it to his attention.

Adjournment at 5:21 P.M. Motion 1st by Mr. Stoltzfus. 2nd by Mr. Clark. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 13, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. at the Township building 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Stoltzfus