

**WALLACE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
OCTOBER 11, 2011**

The Wallace Township Municipal Authority meeting of Tuesday, October 11, 2011, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building by the Chairman.

Members present:     Barbara D'Angelo, Chairman  
                           Steve DePedro, Vice Chairman  
                           Tom McClung  
                           Roger Ireby

Also in attendance:  Steve Riley, Entech Engineering  
                           Matt Boggs, Entech Engineering  
                           Brian Norris, Clean Water, Inc.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. McClung, second by Mr. DePedro, the meeting minutes of September meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Clean Water, Inc., dated 10/09/11, re: Operator's monthly report for Glen Moore.
2. Clean Water, Inc., dated 10/09/11, re: Operator's monthly report for Highspire.
3. J. Keath Fetter, Esq., dated 10/08/11, re: Solicitor's monthly report.
4. Entech Engineering, Inc., dated 10/07/11, re: Engineer's monthly report.
5. Entech Engineering, Inc., to DEP, dated 9/29/11, re: response to review comments on Chapter 94 Report for Glen Moore WWTP.
6. Entech Engineering, Inc., to DEP, dated 9/29/11, re: response to review comments on Chapter 94 Report for Highspire WWTP.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following bills were presented for consideration:

- a. Verizon - **\$172.19** for phone @ operations bldgs. (Glen Moore & Highspire)
- b. Clean Water, Inc. - **\$2,365.00** for operator services @ Glen Moore & Highspire (September)
- c. Jan Bednarchik - **\$649.00** for secretarial services (September)
- d. PECO - **\$1,832.18** for electric @ main pump station & Devereux (\$1,099.75) and Highspire WWTP and pump station (\$732.43)
- e. Analytical Laboratory - **\$927.65** for lab testing (Glen Moore & Highspire)
- f. Entech Engineering - **\$3,539.01** for engineering services (8/27 – 9/30/11)
- g. Swartz Campbell - **\$705.00** for legal services (September)

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- h. Ink's Disposal Service - **\$1,030.00** for cleaning main and Devereux pump stations; and grinder pump tanks; pump EQ tank @ Highspire
- i. G. Bauer Pest Control - **\$145.00** for mosquito treatment @ lagoons (Aug. & Sept.)
- j. PreDOC - **\$2,180.00** for rebuilding grinder stations @ 32 Ashlea Drive
- k. Deckman Electric - **\$360.00** for 8 float switches
- l. J.T. Seeley - **\$760.10** for contactors
- m. W.G. Malden - **\$329.90** for service call to meter @ Glen Moore WWTP
- n. J. Lewis Excavating - **\$150.00** for topsoil; yard restoration @ 80 Park Lane
- o. Staples - **\$81.99** for toner cartridge

**TOTAL: \$15,227.02**

Mr. DePedro moved to approve invoices "a" through "o" above for the month of October, as presented. Mr. Irey seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **OPERATOR'S REPORT**

Brian Norris attended the meeting to give the Operator's Report for the month of October as follows:

#### **Highspire WWTP**

The plant experienced another high flow day for no apparent reason. The Operator supposed it may be related to pressure testing of the new construction since the situation is corrected within a day. Ink's Disposal was called to haul a load of water out of the equalization tank as a precaution. Ink's was also called to haul sludge and do some cleanup at the plant.

#### **Glen Moore WWTP**

There were no violations of permit conditions in September.

There were two emergency visits in September: 1 Ashlea Drive (pump tripped) and 520 Fairview Road (bad alarm float). A total of four hours was spent checking and resetting alarms as a result of storms.

Flow averages were up in September due to heavy rains. Spray irrigation is ongoing at an elevated rate to make up for lost time. Dave Wolfinger of DEP recently visited the site and noted that lagoon levels are high for this time of year. The Operator assured him he is doing his best to lower the levels following the unprecedented rain events and requested the Department's cooperation by relaxing the spray limits under such conditions.

Completion of the grinder pump survey has been delayed due to rain. To date, approximately half of the inspections have been completed. Five or six grinder stations have been identified as critical for refurbishing. A final report will be compiled and submitted by the November meeting. The Operator suggested budgeting for ten to twelve pump rehabs next year.

The Operator received two emergency calls, one at 1990 Creek Road and one at Marty Close Road, related to electrical voltage irregularities. The owner at 1990 Creek Road reported lights dimming when the grinder pump kicks on. A check of the electric panel in the basement showed none of the circuits are marked, and there may be an overloaded circuit. Mr. Irey reported that the entire electrical infrastructure in that area was recently rebuilt after a huge tree fell and took down the electric lines. He has not experienced or heard of any voltage irregularities.

The farmer completed the last harvest of the spray fields. If there happens to be one more harvest, the crop will stay on the ground so spray irrigation will not be interrupted.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Third quarter user fees remain delinquent on the following accounts: John Hammond, James Jenks, David Larkins, Noreen Major, Nancy McDonough, Claudio Soto, and James Trego. A partial payment was received from Sean Clements. The mortgage company for Claudio Soto has contacted the Authority Secretary about the payoff amount on that account. Municipal claims will be filed against those accounts which remain delinquent as of the latter part of October. The McDonough claim will include the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter fees, which were not previously liened.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Dankanich – To date, the contractor has completed the installation of four of the five homes to be connected. The fifth connection, 90 Indiantown Road, is slated to occur in the next week or two. The four homes connected were activated and are now discharging to the WTMA collection system. On 10/07/11, Mr. Riley walked the construction site to confirm that the work was done in accordance with the approved plans and to see if there are any restoration issues on site. Other than a minor concern about one of the air release manhole covers and the presence of asphalt in the joint, the construction site looks to be in very good condition. The washouts along the side of the road do not appear to be from construction activity, but rather the heavy rains over the last month and the lack of substantial stormwater drains/swales in the area. During the site visit, Mr. Riley met up with Roger Irey and Anthony DiRusso from Site Specific Design, Inc., to inspect the grinder pump at 51 Indiantown Road. Mr. DiRusso provided an overview of how the E-One pump operates. Mr. Riley will contact the Solicitor to discuss whether it is necessary to have a formal document with the homeowners to accept dedication of the new facilities. He will also inquire about the procedure for seeking reimbursement of the construction costs paid by the five original participants in the event future property owners seek to connect to the Indiantown Road extension, and will inquire whether the original owner or the new owner, in the event of a property transfer, should receive that property's share of the money.

Asset Management Plan – Mr. Riley and the Authority Secretary met with David Busch on September 30<sup>th</sup> to review the data that has been compiled and discuss how to move forward. Mr. Busch provided a list of documents/information that he would need. This information has been provided, and it is anticipated that he will be completing the work in less than the 75-days noted in his proposal. Mr. Busch hopes to present a draft report at the November meeting.

Devereux Valve Vault – No further work has occurred in the last month due to the excessive amount of rain received and the overly wet conditions at the site.

Chapter 94 Report – Mr. Riley spoke to Walter Grube of DEP to discuss his comments in his review letter of the Chapter 94 Reports. Based on the discussions, Mr. Riley submitted two response letters, one for each treatment plant, on 9/29/11.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Following the site visit on Indiantown Road and the demonstration of the E-one grinder pump, Mr. Irey requested a proposal from Anthony DiRusso of Site Specific Design, Inc., to retrofit the existing grinder stations. Mr. Irey showed Mr. DiRusso his own grinder station, which has been rehabbed, and his neighbor's grinder station, which has not been rehabbed, to give him an idea of what will be required. Mr. DiRusso provided a quote of \$2,176 for parts and labor to replace all components except the tank itself, which is comparable to the current price from PreDOC to do a partial rehab, and helps further the Authority's objective of preparing the grinder stations to be turned over to the homeowners. Mr. Irey will forward the proposal to the Operator for his review and comment. For comparison, PreDOC will be asked to revise their pricing to match the scope of work outlined in the proposal from Site Specific for a complete rehab. Mr. Boggs noted that PreDOC does service the E-One pumps, in addition to the Hydromatic and Little Giant pumps, but has advised that two people will be required to pull the pump because it is a heavier duty pump. Mr. Boggs will contact Tom Cosgrove at PreDOC to ask about his experience with the service life of the E-One pump and their ability to repair versus replace it. Mr. Boggs also reported that he contacted a trusted plumber acquaintance of his to elaborate on his unfavorable opinion of the E-One pumps, and found that it had to do with the smaller size of the basin not being a good application for the larger "McMansion" type homes. This should not be a concern with the Glen Moore system where the existing larger basins are being utilized. Mr. Irey will also follow-up with Mr. DiRusso to see an example of one of their pump rehabs.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. DePedro moved to approve Resolution No. 11-04, a resolution formally authorizing the Chairman to sign the Master Casting Agreement with PennDOT, as approved at the last meeting. Mr. McClung seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A draft budget for 2012 will be presented for discussion at the next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Bednarchik  
Secretary