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REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2005

ROLL CALL:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Peters Township Sanitary Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman. Board members present were G. Robert Jacobs, Gerald C. Grubesky, John P. Slagle, Denver E. Yingling, and George A. Khalouf. Also present were Terry Soster and Kevin Hoffman, KLH Engineers, Inc.; Fred E. Baxter, Jr., Solicitor; James J. Miskis, Manager; Mark A. Chucuddy, Assistant Manager; Patricia Foote, Financial Controller, and Mildred Paff, Admin/Acctg Clerk.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

The Minutes of the September 13, 2005 meeting were approved, with a minor correction, by a motion made by John Slagle, seconded by Denver Yingling, and carried without a dissenting vote

VISITORS:

1. William & Valeta Schneider and Dick Bryant re: Hidden Brook

James Miskis, Manager explained that last month, the temporary pumping system to allow a limited number of lots to be connected was checked out and approved. In early September, the Authority started to release permits to a number of homes that could take advantage of that temporary pumping system. Also during the month the old pump station (Hidden Valley Manor) was taken out of service and all flows were directed to the Hidden Brook Pumping Station and that pump station has been operating trouble free for several weeks. The next step was for the Hidden Brook developer to initiate re-laying the one sewer line segment that was too flat and the other step in the process was to start doing the stabilization of the soils beneath the two manholes that had settled. The developer did not make satisfactory progress during the month. The developer's first submittal to the Authority on the remediation plan for the two manholes lacked detail and was rejected by the Authority. With the effort of KLH Engineers and the Authority's geotechnical engineer, the developer's plan was approved conditionally identifying all the other concerns that the Authority had wanted in the plan. The developer did mobilize GeoMechanics, their geotechnical engineer, who will be doing the grouting work and started to install the piping systems that will eject the grout underneath the manholes today. There has been no progress in re-laying the flat sewer segment and the Authority's position in the last week or so was that if they did not get a contractor out in short order, the Authority, at this meeting, would initiate the process of using performance security to engage our own contractor to do the work. Under that threat, they did finally engage a contractor, Oakdale Construction, to do the work. Oakdale has mobilized the equipment and should start the work on Monday, October 17, 2005.

Mr. Bryant inquired if everything would be totally fixed within the next two weeks? Mr. Miskis said that it should be done. John Slagle asked if we are anticipating that grouting the manhole will stabilize the manhole and it will not move. Mr. Miskis said that it will be surveyed when completed and periodically

during the 18-month maintenance period, it will be measured to assure that it has not moved. Should problems arise during the 18-month maintenance period, the maintenance period will be extended.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Fred Baxter, Solicitor, has prepared, for the Chairman's signature, one abandonment right of way and two rights of ways for the Hidden Brook Project.

The attorney for Queen of Heaven Cemetery has objected to the Authority's request in the proposed agreement that if they want to build another building after the one proposed now, they will be required to connect to the sanitary sewer. John Slagle inquired what happens to the buildings presently on septic systems. Mr. Miskis said that the two existing mausoleums are connected to the sanitary sewer. The two buildings on septic were existing structures and could not be made to connect to the sanitary sewer.

Mr. Miskis said they are proposing new land development on a piece of property that has access to the public sewer. The existing buildings on septic systems, falls under Ordinance No. 79 distance requirement and we cannot mandate their connection until we install a sewer to within 150 feet of the buildings. Because the new mausoleum is on a piece of property that has access to the sewer system, and that is what generated the order to connect to the public sewer.

Representatives of the Queen of Heaven Cemetery requested to be removed from the Agenda for the September meeting and they have not requested to be on a future Agenda. Mr. Miskis will send a letter to the Township that no variance has been granted for a septic system.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Copy on file

In regard to the Piney Fork Municipal Act 537 Plan, a copy of the certified letter, dated October 5, 2005, from Donna Davis, DEP, to Bethel Park was received in which DEP states that they strongly encourage Bethel Park to consider Peters Township Sanitary Authority's request for sewer service as the environmentally sound thing to do to serve this area.

Mr. Hoffman reported that only one bid was received for the Brush Run WWTP Hydraulic Optimization Project for the bid opening on October 10, 2005. Oakdale Construction submitted a bid of \$58,760.00. The engineers and management recommend awarding the bid to Oakdale Construction because of the interceptor work that has been completed will bring substantially more flows into the plant. John Slagle moved to award the bid for the Brush Run WWTP Hydraulic Optimization Project to Oakdale Construction in the amount of \$58,760.00. The motion, seconded by George Khalouf, carried without a dissenting vote.

Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. has been scheduled for the Annual Budget Final Draft Review meeting.

Mr. Hoffman, KLH Engineers, said the Crossgates Sewer Project has been completed and the Township has been informed that they may want to inspect the site. As the contractor was to complete the project by October 9, 2005 but did not complete it until October 10th, a change order for a one-day extension will be prepared without penalty.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Copy on file

Mr. Miskis, Manager explained that the Valleybrook Road Slide Area Sewer Replacement Project was more expensive than anticipated. There is a progress payment to the contractor, Oakdale Construction, in the amount of \$55,000. The 15-inch relief sewer was concrete encased at a cost of \$23,000, the 18-inch replacement sewer was \$23,000, the 21-inch replacement was \$83,000, and the overall project involved 770 feet of pipe.

The Authority's current lease expires April 30, 2006 and the terms include an option two year period but the landlord must be notified by October 31, 2005 if we wish to exercise the option. John Slagle moved to approve entering into the two option years of our lease. The motion was seconded by Gerald Grubsky and carried without a dissenting vote.

The Authority is proceeding to purchase a Ford, one ton, 4 wheel drive truck with a utility body. The cost of this vehicle through the Westmoreland County COG is \$40,572.00. The Authority will investigate selling the 1993 GMC flat bed as the COG would only allow \$2,000 for a trade-in. John Slagle moved to authorize the purchase of a utility vehicle. The motion, seconded by Denver Yingling, carried without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Miskis said the Authority will continue investigating purchasing a used bobcat rather than new. The bidding procedure will be required on the used equipment if over \$10,000.

In regard to the Marricco Plan No. 2 Subdivision, Denver Yingling moved to enter into a Right of Way Agreement with Joseph and Marisa Marricco. Gerald Grubsky seconded the motion that carried without a dissenting vote.

George Khalouf moved to accept the East McMurray Road sewer extension from Hays Road for ownership. The motion was seconded by Gerald Grubsky and carried without a dissenting vote.

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Copy on file

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW: Copy on file

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION: Copy on file

PAYMENT OF BILLS & REQUISITIONS:

John Slagle moved to approve payment of Revenue Fund checks 13226 through 13302 totaling \$70,881.85; Developer Fund expenses of \$34,876.79; Capital Improvement & Redemption Fund Requisition No. 25-05 listing four vendors totaling \$172,175.12, and PLGIT Tap & Assessment check no. 129 in the amount of \$1,267.30. Gerald Grubsky seconded the motion that carried without a dissenting vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Reappointment of Board member, George Khalouf

Mr. Khalouf term expires January 1, 2006. Mr. Khalouf would be pleased to continue serving on the Authority Board and a letter will be forwarded to the Township requesting that George Khalouf be reappointed

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned into an Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss the results of the interview with Meridian Realty Advisors.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Paff, Admin/Acct. Clerk