



MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2022

7:30 PM

Approved

In attendance: L. Schack, Chairman (via video conference), W. Quinn, Vice-Chairman (via video conference), H. Harper, Member (via video conference), B. Watts, Member (via video conference), Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary, G. Matthew Brown, P.E., DEE, Authority Administrator and David Schlott, Jr., ARRO Consulting, Inc.

Call to Order

L. Schack, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Draft minutes of the April 26, 2022, meeting were presented. W. Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. B. Watts seconded. It was so moved.

Approval of Payments

Following a brief discussion and questions, B. Watts made a motion to approve the payments for May 2022. W. Quinn seconded. It was so moved.

Treasurer's Report Following a brief discussion and questions W. Quinn moved to accept the balance sheet and the statement of revenue and expenses as submitted in good faith by the Township Treasurer. H. Harper seconded. It was so moved.

Authority Administration Reports

M. Brown noted that all facilities were operating well and within permit.

M. Brown provided a monthly update on land available for disposal. He noted the developer looking to partner with the Authority for land procurement in West Vincent Township was preparing a presentation to West Vincent Township at their June Board of Supervisor's meeting and had reached out to request if the Authority could participate. M. Brown said he could on behalf of the Authority and expressed the Authority's continued interest in the additional land for disposal.

M. Brown reiterated a conversation he had with T. Scheivert; Township Manager relative to the use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) monies provided the Township to help abate the facilities fee by approximately half to homeowners connecting to the sanitary sewer on Byers Road and in Milford Farms. He noted a draft letter to the connectors was included in the Board packet for their approval reflecting this amount.

The Board, by consensus, approved the letter to be sent to the residents on Byers Road connecting to the new sanitary sewer.

M. Brown noted the fifth and sixth Conditional Use Hearing for the Toll Brothers 100 Greenridge Road project were held on May 9th and 22nd at the Pickering Elementary School. He noted he was in attendance. The developer's engineer completed his presentation on sanitary sewer work proposed. He said the presentation was consistent with the discussions to date. The bulk of the work for the sanitary sewer system would be completed during the Land Development Phase so there was little to comment on at this point.

M. Brown noted the rotating screen at the Route 100 WWTF which had long been a maintenance problem is no longer operational. He requested the engineers do a brief study to offer options for replacement in the 2023 Capital Budget.

M. Brown advised the Board that following a conversation with the Township Solicitor, Kristin Camp, Esq, it was determined the current mandatory connection ordinance only specifies connections within the Route 100 Wastewater System. He recommended the Board opine that the ordinance should be amended to include all the systems in the Township. M. Brown noted he has spoken with the Township Manager about this undertaking who approved the participation of the Township Solicitor.

M. Brown discussed follow-up action to the public participation at the April meeting regarding the draft Act 537 Plan. He said based upon the public comments offered on inclusion of the Bordeaux Estates Development and the request for sewer from other developments adjacent to the current system, that the Authority consider removing Bordeaux Estates from the plan. He also noted the septage management ordinance is in place to monitor the performance of the current septic systems in the development to ascertain need in the future. B. Watts then made a motion directing the engineer to remove Bordeaux Estates from the draft Act 537 Plan and to authorize the engineer to monitor the septage management plan annually to determine, Township-wide, which developments not in the plan may need to be considered for public sewer. W. Quinn seconded. It was so moved.

Following several additional questions and a brief discussion on the reports, W. Quinn then moved to accept the Authority Administrators Reports as submitted. H. Harper seconded. It was so moved.

Open Session

Frank Nemia, 107 LaSalle Lane a resident of Bordeaux Estates, thanked the Authority for their decision on the draft Act 537 Plan and that they "listened" to the residents.

Dan Farina, 109 Lafayette Circle a resident of Bordeaux Estates agreed with Mr. Nemia and praised the Authority for maintaining their pledge not to "force" public sewerage on those who did not want it.

During Mr. Farina's comments the "virtual" part of the meeting was dropped unexpectedly due to technical difficulties. The time was 8:01 PM. M. Brown and G. Jonik were able to restart the meeting at 8:20 PM. A quorum of the Authority (Schack, Quinn, Harper) rejoined along with the engineer and Mr. Farina.

Mr. Farina continued his comments stating the Authority needed a better way to keep the residents informed, any future solutions to a problem needed to meet the need and asked whether the Authority would "shove things down people's throats" in the future. He also asked if the Authority sought legal counsel opinion on B. Watts recusal, since he was a resident of Bordeaux Estates. M. Brown stated that the Authority Solicitor

opined that the B. Watts was open as a member of the Authority to express his thoughts but for any decision regarding constructing sewer in Bordeaux Estates, B. Watts would want to consider recusing himself. D. Farina then asked why B. Watts was allowed to offer any motion regarding Bordeaux Estates if he was to recuse himself. M. Brown stated the motion was not to move forward with sewerizing Bordeaux Estates, so recusal was unnecessary. Plus, it was a Board of five voices, not just one.

Next Meeting Date: June 28, 2022 - 7:30 PM

L. Schack noted the date and time of the next meeting of the Authority. M. Brown noted that the meeting would be a "hybrid" type.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Authority, H. Harper moved, seconded by W. Quinn to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Matthew Brown, P.E., DEE
Authority Administrator