Minutes - DRAFT

Greenfield Township Sewer Authority

September 29, 2022

Roll Call: Shifler, Bonczkiewicz, Apostolakes, Atty Coleman, Travis Long JHA

Absent: Graziano

Motion to dispense with the reading of August minutes by Shifler, 2nd Bonczkiewicz all in favor

* Engineer Report – Travis Long
  + No capital improvement projects at this time
  + Grant status for pump station could now be delayed by 14-16 weeks; may need to request more funding due to inflation/cost of materials
    - Suggest preparing for pump station build at the February 2023 meeting
    - Costs for pump stations continue to increase; GTSA has requested $500K but new prices are growing to $700K to $1M
    - Travis Long recommends that GTSA provide separate bids for each of the pump stations
  + One instance of effluent exceedance occurred in August and is being monitored
  + Travis Long reached out to Trojan to learn of any status or action regarding the bulbs and ballasts replacement; GTSA has been waiting for status and Travis plans to speak with Trojan about their lack of response
  + Glen Shifler asked about the option of a new system and Travis noted that it would cost a lot for a new system
  + Regarding the Consent Order and Agreements, Harry Coleman reported that he is continuing to correspond with DEP on draft permit.
  + Regarding the generator replacement project, there’s a very long lead time to acquire a new generator and GTSA agreed to review other sources/different types of generators and proceed to order one; Travis Long recommends that GTSA keep the project in future reports to show due diligence; Don Flynn would like to include the purchase into the 2023 budget; Glen Shifler will add this topic into next month’s meeting agenda
  + Regarding the new construction of a structure by the homeowner’s contractor above a GTSA-owned sewer line, Travis Long recommends not approving the build as this sewer line will affect four other homeowners (sewer lines); Harry Coleman agrees with this recommendation and is awaiting a response from the homeowner
* Public Comments on Agenda Items
  + Jerry Snyder has concerns about the existing generator and its ability to work properly throughout the winter; he suggested that GTSA rent one as emergency back-up; Travis Long, Glen Shifler and Nick Bonczkiewicz agree with this suggestion
* New Business
  + Pump truck continues to have mechanical issues; GTSA is currently using Locker’s pump truck; research on a warranty is in work
  + GTSA reached out to Aqua and met to learn more about their offering regarding the possibility of selling the sewer plant; Glen Shifler stressed that GTSA is only inquiring and will review options; GTSA has concerns about potential rate increases to customers
  + Jerry Snyder commented that there are not many potential companies out there and Glen Shifler commented that he reached out to American Water and they have similar offerings
  + Regarding the Grecco matter, the customer is requesting a refund of monthly sewer fees retroactive from 2015 as he was unaware that he could participate in the annual fee program for disconnected sewer service; Glen Shifler commented that Melissa Graziano has more details; Harry Coleman suggested that GTSA wait until there’s a formal request and GTSA will review and respond at that time
* Old Business
  + Home Serve plans to send out another mailer; Patty Apostolakes commented that this second mailer is similar to the first one and could target customers who did not sign up during the first wave
  + Travis Long asked if GTSA has a list of claims since the program started and suggested that the claims vendor keep a record of calls; Glen Shifler commented that this has been requested from the vendor (Rotor Man)
  + Harry Coleman reported that GTSA sent a request for restitution of $244K regarding the Kepadlo/Evans suit, to recover attorney and professional services and fees, DEP assessment, criminal conduct, and GTSA travel costs to Washington D.C.
  + Harry Coleman reported that he’s in discussion with Kepadlo’s insurance to receive everything that is owed to GTSA and is positive on the outcome; Sue Totsky asked how we will get reimbursement; Harry Coleman explained that the sentencing judge could order restitution by both defendants and jail time; in Harry’s opinion, restitution first might be the best solution to lean in favor of a lesser prison sentence
  + Harry Coleman reported that the sewer customer that had the Christmas overflow finally received an insurance payment
  + Harry Coleman reported that he and Wally Casper had a good conversation on using the township SEO for GTSA work and professional recommendations
  + Nick Bonczkiewicz asked about the status of NEIC and any plans to meet with them; GTSA agreed that the SEO should start attending monthly meetings
* Treasury Report
  + All monthly financials and reports were read and reviewed.
  + Motion to approve payment of checks by Don Flynn, 2nd Bonczkiewicz, all in favor.
  + Motion to accept treasury report as given by Don Flynn 2nd Bonczkiewicz
* Public Comment
  + Jerry Snyder commented that he has concerns with the Home Serve mailer verbiage and is confused on what the warranty covers and asked if GTSA is aware of any claims; Sue Totsky commented that a customer (Courtney Mecca) in her neighborhood posted on social media that they filed a claim and was satisfied with the results
  + Travis Long reinforced his recommendation for GTSA to ask for end-of-year pump replacement claims and track the number of calls (i.e., for the Chapter 94 Report)

Next meeting October 27, 2022 @ 7pm

Motion to adjourn by Glen Shifler, 2nd Bonczkiewicz, all