

**EAST LAMPETER  
SEWER AUTHORITY  
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**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**

The East Lampeter Sewer Authority met on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 4:00PM at the Township Building 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA. 17602

Due to COVID-19 virus, the meeting is being conducted virtually utilizing Zoom, which is a cloud-based platform for remote video and audio conferencing. The meeting is being recorded. The Township building is NOT open for this meeting so that all participants can observe and maintain social distancing.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman, Mr. Rick Robinson.

**Members Present:** Mr. Rick Robinson, Mr. Todd Stumpf, and Mr. Vinod Patel

**Members Present via Zoom:** Mr. Brent Stoltzfus

**Members Absent:** Mr. Fred Clark

**Present were:** Mr. Matt Cichy, HRG, Mr. Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director, Mr. Ralph Hutchison Twp. Manager

**Present via Zoom:** Susan, Mark, Guest

**Guest were:** Mr. Al Duncan, Millers Smorgasbord, Mr. John Smucker, Bird-In-Hand Corp.

Reorganization (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer)

Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Patel to keep ELSA officers the same as 2020 and retain Mr. Matthew J.

Crème of Nikolaus & Hohenadel, LLP, as the attorney. Also retain HRG as engineer and Maher Duessel as the accounting firm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Stumpf. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular Wednesday December 9th, 2020 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was: \$3,766.40 PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) as of 12/31/2020.

**A. Sanitary Sewer:**

**The following administrative bills were presented for payment:**

Report of Approval for Checks dated January 13, 2021 totaling \$762.50

**The following requisitions were presented for payment:**

03-573 City of Lancaster WWTP North 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clarifier Add. Design	\$ 51,209.90
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Total	\$ 51,209.90

**B. Storm water:**

**The following bills were presented for payment:** None.

**The following requisitions were presented for payment:** None.

Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Patel to pay the Bills and Requisitions. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Stumpf. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

A. Sanitary Sewer:

i. Stauffer Run upgrade

Mr. Cichy gave update that they are still working on the final design. The City has requested that ELSA look into the VFD's so that there is smooth flow into the North Pump Station. HRG is looking at possible bids in early 2021.

B. Storm water:

i. Greenfield Road project

Mr. Hutchison explained that they are still working on getting the necessary easements for the project.

**New Business:**

A. Sanitary Sewer:

i. Partners Meeting

Mr. Cichy discussed the projects related to the City projects as listed in the engineers reported dated January 13, 2021

B. Storm water:

i. Pollution Reduction Projects

Mr. Thomas briefly discussed some of the projects that can be done.

ii. Stormwater Pipe Video

Mr. Thomas discussed the need to video tape the lines in the Greenfield area.

**Other Business:** None.

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Smucker discussed that he represented local hotel and restaurant business that are suffering due to the pandemic and the government shut downs that were mandated. He understands the need for the recent storm water fees since he was part of a work study group that was looking to clean up our waterways. Mr. Smucker is requesting that the storm water fee be suspended for the 2021 year. Mr. Patel explained that the fee was necessary since EPA had mandated DEP and DEP is mandating the local municipalities. Mr. Hutchison wrote a letter to DEP requesting an extension of the permit requirements from the current deadline 2023 to 2024 year. The DEP response was nothing was going to happen right now. Mr. Stumpf read parts of the March 2020 minutes in which he suggested that due to the pandemic the fees should be delayed. Mr. Duncan was looking for sewer bill relief due to the restaurants being closed. He feels that the sewer bills should be stopped since during the time of the shutdown there was no flow into the sewer system. Mr. Hutchison explained that the sewer bills is composed of the treatment charge as well as the cost to maintain the system. Mr. Smucker will also be reaching out to the local politicians to help with the DEP extension issue. Mr. Robinson explained that the board is sympathetic to their concerns and will try to help where possible.

Adjournment at 5:15 P.M. Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Stumpf. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Patel. Motion carried.

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 10th, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. at the Township building 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike.

Respectfully submitted- Vinod P. Patel-Secretary