

COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

A regular constituted meeting of the Collier Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the township building and was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dan Oberleitner, Chairman.

Roll call listed the following members present:

Dan Oberleitner, Chairman  
Richard Ruffennach, Vice-Chairman  
Dan Fotovich, Secretary  
Gerhardt Egri, Treasurer  
Brian Heil, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also present:

Michael Kaleugher, Solicitor  
Jim Nordquist, NIRA  
Patie Asturi

Member Brian Heil was appointed by the Township of Collier, to replace Edward Smith, and to fill a five (5) year term beginning on January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022.

PUBLIC:

Von Fisher, Realtor for Tseng Ta & Shu Hua Peng, 659 Ridge Road, Pittsburgh PA 15205, concerned with proposed easement that runs across their property, would like the Authority to review an alternative that they are proposing. Solicitor and Engineer advised they would review and that the Peng's contact the Engineer regarding the proposed alternative and he will look into it.

Jason Stevens, 801 Scotts Run Road, Carnegie PA 15106, concerned with proposed easement on his property and his mother-in-law (143 Baldwin Road, Carnegie PA) who didn't receive her packet, had questions regarding Tap-In connection requirement and if there is any exemption from it since his septic tank is in good working order; how much of the project costs would the property owners be responsible for? Solicitor stated notice was sent out to property owners to provide them with information on the project so that they know it is going to happen. Solicitor told Mr. Stevens to contact Engineer regarding any proposed alternate for the easement and they would be required to connect and he would need to talk to ACHD about his septic tank.

Gary & Cindy Alteri, 805 Scotts Run Road, Carnegie PA 15106, they received two packets. Solicitor explained it was because they have two (2) pieces of property, side by side, and packets were sent out by parcel#'s. Solicitor asked if there are homes on both properties and Mr. Alteri stated there is a home on one (1) property and the other is a non-buildable lot. Mr. Alteri asked if a grinder pump was required would it be a specific kind? Engineer said it would be a E1 Grinder Pump. Mr. Alteri asked if different routes could be chosen to tap in. Both Engineer and Solicitor stated it would depend on the property.

The Chairman stated that the Authority's intent is to have a public meeting for the property owners so that they can discuss these concerns and that it would probably be in couple months or so.

Alice Durkalski, 168 Baldwin Road, Carnegie PA 15106, she stated she didn't receive her packet either, but would like to have easement run along property instead of going through it. She showed Board plans where she would like easement changed to. The Engineer stated he would need to review what she is proposing to see if it would work. Solicitor suggested Mrs. Durkalski contact NIRA after they receive the packet next week with the easement information.

Robert Huffnagle, 7 Miller Drive, Carnegie PA 15106, He only received one (1) packet, he has two (2) parcels, do both need to be tapped in? Solicitor explained only parcel that is buildable would be required to tap in.

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On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Egri, the Minutes of December 14, 2017 were approved. Motion carried.

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On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Egri, the Treasurer's Report for December 14, 2017 was approved as submitted. Motion carried.

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On motion of Egri, seconded by Ruffennach, additional bills paid in December 2017 totaling \$10,758.64 and bills paid to January 11, 2018 totaling \$47,429.12 were authorized for payment. Motion carried.

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On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Fotovich, the office staff timesheets from December 14, 2017 through January 10, 2018 were approved. Motion carried.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

The Solicitor asked the Board if they wanted to discuss the Lateral Certification Test Fees and Board decided to table this until February's meeting.

The Solicitor updated the Board on Alcosan raising rates and suggested Board review letter he sent office regarding this to decide what the Board wants to do. The Chairman stated they would review his letter and will table decision until February's meeting.

The Solicitor asked Board if there were any decisions regarding the McGrath lateral connection. Chairman asked if Members of Board reviewed the information and they stated they did. After discussion Chairman stated he thinks Solicitor should write up the agreement with Mrs. McGrath and Bigley Plumbing and Board agreed.

The Solicitor updated Board on status of notices to property owners for Upper Scotts Run Road Project Phase II. He was in the process of preparing the Right-Of-Way mailing next. The Chairman asked when will they go out and the Solicitor told the Board they would be going out Tuesday and that there would be 13 ROW packets mailed out by certified mail. The Chairman asked Solicitor to provide a copy of the list to the Township Commissioners and Manager so that they are aware of the project in case they receive calls from residents.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) Administrative Consent Order

NIRA submitted the Source Reduction Study Report to the Allegheny County Health Department with copies to the PA DEP and ALCOSAN that was due for submission by the December 1, 2017 deadline on November 30, 2017.

ALCOSAN's consultant, AECOM, has cancelled a meeting that was originally set for January 23, 2018 to review the video inspections that were performed by ALCOSAN's contractor on the Thoms Run Trunk Sewer and the results of those inspections and the next steps in the regionalization process. The meeting has been rescheduled for February 6, 2018. NIRA and Mike Kaleugher will attend this meeting on behalf of CTMA.

Thoms Run Trunk Sewer Access Improvements

Conditions along the main trunk line of the Thoms Run Trunk Sewer are degrading such that access, if not addressed soon, will become non-existent. A combination of beaver activities, in action from the Chartiers Valley District Flood Control Authority, and natural vegetation growth are all contributing to these conditions.

Gary Mancini Construction has mobilized on the clearing and access reparations as of today. The work is anticipated to take approximately two (2) weeks, depending on weather conditions.

CDBG Grant Applications

Pre-applications for both the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension and the Summer Drive Low Pressure Sewer System were submitted to the Char-West COG by the September 8, 2017 deadline. Full applications are due November 15, 2017. A decision on the applications is anticipated in late January or early February 2018. Full applications were submitted to the Char-West COG on October 23, 2017.

Based on a phone call from one of his assistants, we anticipate support from State Representative Jason Ortity for the grant application for the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project.

GEDF Grant Application

Applications for the 2018 Gaming Economic Development Fund Grants are due by the end of April. The Char-West COG will assist with the submission of this application.

NIRA recommends the Hilltop Sanitary Sewer Extension – Phase 2 project for submission of this grant application, for which it has been indicated CTMA can also expect support from Representative Ortity. (motion covered under New Business, Item A).

7-Year Maintenance Program

Review updated status of the 7-Year Maintenance Program. NIRA recommends the Steen Road and N. Gray Street Sanitary Sewer Replacements for the 2018 Maintenance Program be authorized by the CTMA Board. (motion covered under New Business, Item B).

Upper Scotts Run Sanitary Sewer Extension – Phase 2

NIRA has prepared and transmitted the exhibits for the thirteen (13) unsecured easements to the Authority's Solicitor for sending to the property owners. NIRA received and reviewed the cover letter proposed to accompany the exhibits, and concurs with the language as prepared.

PA Small Water and Sewer Program

The PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant applications are due by February 28, 2017. NIRA recommends the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension for this application. (motion covered under New Business, Item C).

Miscellaneous

Parkside Residential Subdivision (Hormel) (no change in status)

As of May 18, 2017, all of the Sanitary Sewer System for the Parkside Residential Subdivision is complete. Flushing and video of the lines was performed on August 4, 2017. The video and reports were received and reviewed by NIRA, and a subsequent punch list of items was issued to the contractor on August 18, 2017.

The last remaining items on the punch list have been completed. We now await receipt of the as-built plans, bill of sale, and maintenance security prior to recommending acceptance and adoption of the sanitary sewer system.

Amalfi Ridge Phase II (Maronda Homes)

Foley Excavating, Inc. began work on the Amalfi Ridge Phase 2 internal Sanitary Sewer System on Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

All flushing and televising, with the exception of one sewer segment, has been completed. A punch list was generated and submitted to the developer's contractor on December 27, 2017.

Great Southern Shopping Center

The owner's engineer prepared a proposed remediation plan dated July 13, 2017. NIRA reviewed the plan and provided comments to the engineer on July 17, 2017.

The EADS Group has indicated that the timeframe for the proposed sanitary sewer corrections for the Great Southern Shopping Center was being coordinated with the new Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, and that they were awaiting the building permit for the Fresh Thyme building in order to provide an update. Sewage Facilities Planning Module approval from PADEP was holding up the issuance from the Township of the building permit. As the SFPM approval was received on September 5, 2017, NIRA has again requested an update be provided.

A brief update was provided by Bryan Templin of Zamias Group on October 30, 2017, that contracts for the work have been sent to the owners for execution. An attorney for the owners indicated on October 27, 2017 that they expect to have the corrections and improvements completed by the end of 2017.

Zamias Group's attorney recently indicated that this work has been delayed until the paving season for restoration issues.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: NONE

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OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Approve and sign Fresh Thyme Farmers Market Connection Escrow Agreement (motion covered under New Business, Item D).
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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES: NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion to accept and approve authorizing NIRA to prepare and submit the Gaming Economic Development Fund grant application for the Hilltop Road Sanitary Sewer Ext. Phase 2 Project. On motion of Egri, seconded by Fotovich, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
  - B. Motion to accept and approve authorizing NIRA to prepare plans and specifications for public bid for the Steen Road and N. Gray Street Sanitary Sewer Replacements Project. On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Egri, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
  - C. Motion to accept and approve authorizing NIRA to prepare and submit the PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant application for the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Ext. Project. On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Fotovich, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
  - D. Motion to approve and sign Fresh Thyme Farmers Market Connection Escrow Agreement. On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Egri, motion was approved. Motion carried.
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There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Fotovich, seconded by Ruffennach, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patie Asturi  
Recording Secretary