

COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

A regular constituted meeting of the Collier Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, September 12, 2019, 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 Ruffenanch, Vice-Chairman
- Dan Fotovich, Secretary (arrived at 6:50 pm)
- Gerhardt Egri, Treasurer
- Richard Kuppelweiser, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Also present:

- Michael Kaleugher, Solicitor
- Jim Nordquist, NIRA
- Patie Asturi
- Lori Thompson

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**PUBLIC:** Alexis Meier, from ALCOSAN present to answer any questions from public for the public hearing on the proposed line transfer of Thoms Run Road to ALCOSAN. No public present at hearing and Authority received no telephone or written communications regarding the transfer and approved execution of a Resolution signed by the Chairman to transfer line.

Solicitor informed Board of where line transfer to ALCOSAN will begin and end and that a master transfer agreement is being drafted by 3 Rivers. Ms. Meier mentioned that some municipalities have incorporated into the agreement that they keep any tap in fees. Solicitor informed Board of ad in the paper regarding ALCOSAN and that a copy is in their packet.

Mr. Egri asked if agreement will have a cost sharing print out and Chairman stated “No, not at this time”.

Solicitor explained to Board that once the transfer occurs, it is ALCOSAN’s line. Chairman asked if when we add a new resident’s connection to a line that goes through the line being transferred will the Authority need ALCOSAN’s approval. Engineer stated, “No, only if they connect directly into the line being transferred”.

On motion of Egri, seconded by Ruffennach, motion was accepted and approved to Authorize Draft Resolution at the October Authority Meeting Authorizing Transfer of the Thoms Run Line to ALCOSAN. Motion carried.

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On motion of Kuppelweiser, seconded by Egri, the Minutes of August 8, 2019 were approved. Ruffennach abstained. Motion carried.

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On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Kuppelweiser, the Treasurer’s Report for August 12, 2019 was approved as submitted. Motion carried.

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On motion of Kuppleweiser, seconded by Ruffennach, additional bills paid in August 2019 totaling \$5,981.41 and bills paid to September 12, 2019 totaling \$216,906.65 were authorized for payment. Motion carried.

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On motion of Egri, seconded by Ruffennach, the office staff timesheets from August 8, 2019 through September 11, 2019 were approved. Motion carried.

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#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor informed the Board that the ad for the Public Hearing held at 6:30pm on September 12, 2019 tonight ran in the Post-Gazette on August 5, 2019.

The Solicitor recommended Board approval of Resolution 09-12-2019-01 accepting the lines for Settlers Pointe Phase II (motion covered under New Business, Item A).

The Solicitor recommended Board approval of the Bill of Sale for Settlers Pointe Phase II. (motion covered under New Business, Item B).

The Solicitor informed the Board about an article regarding the Federal Government approving 2 Billion Dollars to ALCOSAN to Stem Sewage Overflow and that probably will at some point in the future hold another public meeting on ALCOSAN Consent Order.

Chairman asked if anyone would attend the meeting ALCOSAN is having with the USEPA next Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm at the DoubleTree. Board Members Ruffennach and Kuppelweiser stated they would try to attend.

Chairman asked for an open discussion regarding the Board's opinion for purchasing the grinder pumps for the residents who are on the Summer Drive project since they are being made to tap into the sewer system. Both the Solicitor and Engineer voiced several objections not to and Solicitor voiced several legal issues that could come up. The Board discussed several scenarios and did not make a decision but asked the Solicitor to Draft something for next month's Authority meeting.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT:

##### Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) Administrative Consent Order

NIRA submitted an extension request for the Interim Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to DEP on June 28, 2019 along with a revised tap allocation request for approval. The extension requests an extension through December 31, 2019. PaDEP approved the CAP and tap allocation request for 173 EDUs for the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Representatives for both CTMA and MATSF met with ALCOSAN on July 29, 2019 to review details of the proposed Transfer Agreement for the Thoms Run Trunk sewer.

A proposal from Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company to perform the heavy cleaning and televising of the two (2) segments of sewer identified as significant defects in the Thoms Run Trunk Sewer has been received. Robinson Pipe was notified of the CTMA approval of the proposal for the heavy cleaning and televising on July 12, 2019, and is in the process of scheduling this work.

##### Grease and Oil Separation and Removal Program

The annual notices to food service establishments were mailed certified on June 25, 2019. To date, 7 of the 29 establishments have not responded to the notices and have failed to comply with the request to submit grease hauling records. NIRA recommends a second (final) notice be sent to these establishments advising of grease trap inspections to be conducted at the expense of the establishment should they fail to comply within 30 days.

Summer Drive Low Pressure Sewer

NIRA was informed by the Char-West COG on August 16, 2018, that the County will be funding \$123,500.00 toward the Summer Drive Low Pressure Sewer System Project, and requested an update on the estimated cost. NIRA provided a revised total construction cost estimate to the Char-West COG on August 20, 2018 which resulted in the approval of an additional \$18,850.00 in funding.

Bids for the Summer Drive Low Pressure Sewer System Contract were opened on July 30, 2019. J5 Construction submitted the apparent Low Bid in the amount of \$198,989.50. NIRA recommends award of the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Contract to J5 Construction in the total amount of \$198,989.50. Written notice is required to the Char-West COG of CTMA's decision and instruction for the COG to proceed with the award.

A preconstruction meeting was held with J5 Construction on September 6, 2019 at the construction site, and work began on the directional drill under I-79 on September 9, 2019.

Upper Scotts Run Sanitary Sewer Extension – Phase 2

No Partial Payment Application has been prepared for this month. As-built plans have been received and are under review.

PA Small Water and Sewer Program (Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension)

NIRA was informed by way of e-mail correspondence on September 18, 2018 that the Commonwealth Financing Authority has awarded a grant in the amount of \$255,090.00 to CTMA for the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension project.

Bids for the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Contract were opened on June 7, 2019. North Beaver Contracting, LLC submitted the apparent Low Bid for the Base Bid in the amount of \$285,560.00.

Construction began for the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension on August 5, 2019. As of September 4, 2019, all construction is substantially complete, with mainly only restoration items remaining. NIRA has received, reviewed, and recommends payment of Partial Payment Application No. 1 to North Beaver Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$163,172.89. (motion covered under New Business, Item C).

NIRA will prepare and transmit the Payment Request Form and required documentation to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for Reimbursement #1 to cover 85% of this cost.

Collier Township Sewers (No change in status)

An estimate including the engineering and legal costs for sanitary sewer repairs within the sewer system has been prepared.

Pump Stations

The temporary rental unit emergency backup generator for the St. Andrews Pump Station was delivered and hooked up on July 22, 2019, and will remain in place until the permanent replacement is received and placed into operation.

Shop drawing submittals for the replacement generator and transfer switch have been reviewed and returned to Penn Power Systems. NIRA solicited bids for the installation and wiring of the replacement generator from electrical contractors that NIRA has experience working with on other projects, and recommends award of this contract to PFB Electric, LLC as the low bidder in the amount of \$12,970.00.

Bids were separately solicited for work necessary to expand the footprint of the existing concrete generator pad to accommodate the replacement generator. Gary Mancini Construction was

authorized to proceed with this work as the low bidder in the amount of \$3,980.00. (motion covered under New Business, Item D).

Miscellaneous

Gregg Station Residential Development (Cozza) (no change in status)

The proposed Gregg Station Residential Development is a 70-Lot single family residential subdivision and proposes the use of 28,000 gallons per day or seventy (70) EDUs. The proposed connection for the sanitary sewer internal collection system is an existing manhole on the Robinson Run Interceptor. The PaDEP conditionally approved the Gregg Station Subdivision Sewage Facilities Planning Module November 20, 2018.

Shop drawings have been received, reviewed, and returned to the contractor, T.A. Ward Constructors for all materials to be used.

Settlers Pointe – Phase 2

All construction and testing is complete. As-built plans have been received and are under review. NIRA recommends adoption and acceptance of the Settlers Pointe Phase 2 internal sanitary sewer system pending approval of the as-built plans. (motion covered under New Business, Item A).

Noblestown Road Paving Contract

PennDOT intends to advertise for bids later this year for a paving project in spring of 2020 on Noblestown Road. Eighteen (18) manholes have been identified for adjustment by PennDOT, and they are proposing to incorporate this work into their contract. An abbreviated agreement and a Resolution for this are required.

NIRA has prepared the request letters, PennDOT form Resolution, and the Utility Relocation Clearance Report forms on behalf of CTMA, and recommends execution of the documents, accordingly. On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Kuppelweiser, motion to authorize execution of documents and sign Resolution prepared by NIRA for PennDot was accepted and approved. Motion carried.

Easement Encroachment Request

A request for permanent encroachment into an existing sewer and utility easement in the Settlers Pointe Plan of Lots has been received and reviewed by NIRA (see NIRA Sanitary Sewer Encroachment Request letter dated August 22, 2019). Discuss and consider approval of the request. (motion covered under New Business, Item E).

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: NONE

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OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES: NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion to accept and approve Resolution 2019-09-12-01 A resolution of the Collier Township Municipal Authority agreeing to Accept Ownership of Certain Sanitary Sewers and Manholes as Installed and Constructed in and through Settlers Pointe Phase II Project contingent on approval of as-built plans. On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Egri, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.

- B. Motion to accept and approve the Bill of Sale for Settlers Pointe Phase II Project. On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Egri, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
- C. Motion to accept and approve Partial Payment No. 1 to North Beaver Contracting LLC in the amount of \$163,172.89 for the Noblestown Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. On motion of Ruffennach, seconded by Egri, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
- D. Motion to award contract to install and wire the replacement emergency backup generator for the St. Andrews Pump Station to PFB Electric, LLC in the amount of \$12,970.00. On motion of Kuppelweiser, seconded by Fotovich, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
- E. Motion to permit the requested Easement Encroachment for Lot 136 of the Settlers Pointe Plan of Lots. On motion of Kuppelweiser, seconded by Fotovich, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.

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The Chairman gave the Board an update on the issues that have arisen regarding the transfer of the Township Sewers to the Authority and after Board discussion Chairman asked for motion from Board authorizing him to discuss the issues with the Township Commissioners and negotiate the transfer on Board's behalf. On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Egri, motion was authorized and approved. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Fotovich, seconded by Egri, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patie Asturi  
Recording Secretary