

COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

A regular constituted meeting of the Collier Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the township building and was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Rick Ruffennach, Vice Chairman.

Roll call listed the following members present:

- Richard Ruffennach, Vice-Chairman
- Dan Fotovich, Secretary
- Gerhardt Egri, Treasurer
- Edward Smith, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:

- Dan Oberleitner, Chairman - Excused Absence

Also, present:

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

PUBLIC: Corey & Renee Smiley 1274 Noblestown Road Oakdale, PA.
Attorney Lawrence Bolind (The Smiley's Attorney)
Attorney Gina Campisano – (Attorney for the prior owner)

Mr. & Mrs. Smiley bought their house on 1274 Noblestown Road in March 2014. Shortly after the purchase a problem with the septic system became apparent. The septic tank is old and is failing. The Smiley's and their Attorney attended the January 2016 CTMA Board Meeting to discuss a proposed Sanitary Sewer Lateral Extension on Noblestown Road. Currently the Smiley's are in litigation with the prior owner regarding the failing septic system. Mike Kaleugher, CTMA's Solicitor, received a phone call on 12/14/17 from Andy Greise from the Allegheny Health Department, stating that the DEP will not allow an on-lot system. A holding tank is permitted but the system is very expensive. CTMA has applied for a CDBG Grant that would partially fund the proposed sanitary sewer lateral extension on Noblestown Road. CTMA should hear from Char West COG regarding the status of the CDBG Grant by February 2018. The Smiley's, Attorney Bolind and Attorney Campisano were urged to call the CTMA office in February to be updated on the CDBG Grant status.

On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Egri, the Minutes of November 9, 2017 were approved. Motion carried. Ed Smith abstained.

On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Egri, the Treasurer's Report for November 9, 2017 was approved as submitted. Motion carried. Ed Smith abstained.

On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Ruffennach, additional bills paid in November 2017 totaling \$477,064.82 and bills paid to December 14, 2017 totaling \$107,475.52 were authorized for payment. Motion carried. Ed Smith abstained.

On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Egri, the office staff timesheets from November 9, 2017 through December 13, 2017 were approved. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor discussed with Board the authorization of running a legal notice in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette regarding the 2018 Meeting Schedule. The Board authorized the running of the legal notice.

The Solicitor updated the Board regarding ALCOSAN notice of Rate Resolution for 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021. This matter was decided to be deferred until the January 2018 meeting.

The Solicitor discussed with the Board a request from Todd and Catherine Meehan, 23 South Cowan Road Carnegie, PA for an extension for sewer connection until the Fall of 2018 due to possible building demo or modification to the existing home. The Board granted the extension. Solicitor will send a letter to the Meehan's regarding the Board's decision.

The notices for the new Upper Scotts Run Project are ready to be sent out to the residents that are affected by this project. These notices will be mailed out certified mail in January 2018.

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 PaDEP and ALCOSAN that was due for submission by December 1, 2017 deadline on November 30, 2017.

ALCOSAN's consultant, AECOM, has scheduled a meeting on 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. 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, inaction from the Chartiers Valley District Flood Control Authority and natural vegetation growth are all contributing to these conditions. NIRA would like to set stone around the manholes. Gary Mancini was called to perform some clearing of debris on CTMA's right-of-way. Gary Mancini's price, for just the labor, is \$10,500.00 this includes clearing around (6) manholes. NIRA received a price from Jack Cargoni for the stone to be used around the manholes. Jack has crushed concrete for \$13.00 a ton. Mancini would need approximately 15 to 20 loads to complete the job. NIRA recommends authorization to Gary Mancini to perform access improvements to the Thoms Run Trunk Line with materials supplied by Jack Cargoni. (See motion, New Business Item B).

CDBG Grant Applications (No change in status)

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.

Manhole Repairs Contract

Independent Enterprises started work on the 2017 Manhole Repairs Contract on June 13, 2017.

Independent Enterprises has completed all outstanding items, and has submitted the Closeout Documents along with Partial Payment Application No. 2 (FINAL) in the amount of \$4,935.70. NIRA recommends payment to Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$4,935.70. (See motion, New Business, Item A).

2017 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitations (No change in status)

Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC has provided Contracts, Bonds and Insurance. CTMA execution of the Contracts is required. The contractor intends to begin work upon receipt of the fully executed Contracts.

Insight Pipe has completed all outstanding items, and has submitted Partial Payment Application No. 2 (FINAL) in the amount of \$3,505.78. NIRA recommends payment to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$3,505.78, contingent upon receipt from the contractor of the Contractor's Affidavit and Statement of Surety.

Upper Scotts Run Sanitary Sewer Extension – Phase 2

NIRA has updated the preliminary plans for the Upper Scotts Run Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Extension. They will be available at the CTMA office for review by any of the affected property owners as indicated in the proposed notices to be sent. An overall plan in reduced size has been prepared to accompany the notices.

An updated viewers list has also been prepared and provided to Mike Kaleugher for review.

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. As of July 12, 2017, approximately half of the sanitary sewer system for this phase has been installed.

All testing of the sanitary sewer system is complete. Flushing and televising of the system is currently being performed.

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.

Noblestown Road & Willow Street Manholes

Jim Nordquist, NIRA Consulting Engineers, wanted to inform the CTMA Board that he received a call from the Collier Township Police Chief around Thanksgiving stating that Don Bigley was trying to get authorization to perform jetting of the sewers around Noblestown Road and Willow Street. Apparently there is a high mineral content in the water in that area. This mineral is building up inside the manholes to such a point that eventually these manholes are going to need to be replaced.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: - NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Motion to accept and approve Partial Payment No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$4,935.70 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. for the 2017 Manhole Repairs Contract Project. On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Egri, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
- B. Motion to authorize NIRA to contact Gary Mancini to make access improvements to the Thoms Run Trunk Line with materials supplied by Jack Cargnoni. On motion of Egri, seconded by Fotovich, motion was accepted and approved. Motion carried.
- C. Board to review office staff and advise salary increase awarded to office staff to be effective January 2018 by motion. (Per motion accepted and approved by Board at November 12, 2009 meeting for office staff salary increase effective every January). In a closed meeting, on motion of Egri, seconded by Fotovich, the motion was approved to increase the office staff salaries by 3 1/2% for the 2018 Year. Motion carried. Ed Smith abstained.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Thompson