

COLLIER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

A regular constituted meeting of the Collier Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at the township building and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by William Godfrey, Vice Chairman.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call listed the following members present:

William Godfrey, Vice Chairman  
Joseph Miorelli, Treasurer  
Dan Fotovich, Secretary  
Ed Smith, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:

Daniel J. Oberlietner (excused due to personal business)

Also present:

Marlin Bartos, NIRA  
Michael B. Kaleugher, Solicitor  
Carmel W. Taylor, Office Manager  
Arlene F. Matera, Office Assistant

**PUBLIC:** Kay Downey-Clarke requested to discuss the Delfred Drive Project and asked to defer questions until the topic is discussed.

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On motion of Smith, seconded by Miorelli, the Minutes of June 8, 2006 were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

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With the approval of the treasurer, seconded by Smith, the Treasurer's Report for June 2006 was approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

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With the approval of the treasurer, seconded by Smith, bills paid in July 2006 totaling \$202,862.25 and additional bills paid in June 2006 totaling \$8,647.89 were authorized for payment. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

The Solicitor updated the Board regarding the damage claim against Renee Black. The hearing with Magistrate Elaine McGraw was held on July 12, 2006. McGraw's award was against Black in the amount of \$3500.00. Since Black has thirty (30) days to appeal. Black alleged that she has no monies, the Solicitor recommended to wait thirty (30) days.

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Regarding the Cowan Road Project Phase II, the Solicitor advised that all right-of-ways have been obtained with the exception of one (1).

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Concerning the proposed Township Ordinance to regulate and control holding tanks, ACHD& PA DEP will approve holding tanks only if the Township has an Ordinance. An Authority resolution does not carry the enforcement power of an Ordinance. The Solicitor has prepared a draft of the Ordinance for the Township.

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The Solicitor reviewed the history of the Delfred Drive Project and advised that the Collier Township Board of Commissions requested a survey of the eight (8) homes on Delfred and Jonar Drives, to determine interest in the project. The Solicitor also reviewed the questionnaire sent to the Delfred Drive homeowners with the letter of notification for the meeting scheduled July 24, 2006. The Engineer stated that the deadline for the grant is July 26, 2006. If the funds are not used for this project, future grants may be jeopardized. The Solicitor further clarified, CTMA will carry all of the soft costs for the project and request only that the Township contribute the hard costs.

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Regarding the back-up on Landgraf Avenue, the Solicitor advised that the property owner has the burden of proof to show that the defect notice requirement has not been met by CTMA. Discussion ensued with Smith expressing concern because of recurring blockages in the Kirwan area. The Solicitor recommended CTMA deny any claim until the liability has been determined.

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## **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Regarding the Phase 1B Cowan/Upper McMichael Sewer Extension Project, on June 28, 2006, NIRA personnel field verified that the majority of manhole invert Punch list items have been completed. With the exception of a few minor Punch List items remaining, the main trunks sewer line is usable and acceptable. NIRA has consulted with Allen Lauth of Independent Enterprises, regarding the junk cars and restoration complaint letter; this issue is ongoing.

CTMA will hold the approved amount due to Independent Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$15,916.70, until verification of all Punch List items are completed.

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Regarding the Phase 1C Cowan/South Cowan Sewer Extension Project, the Contract Award Notice has been issued May 26, 2006 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$339,685.00; a response is still pending.

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The Phase 1 Consent Order Dye Test Program Contract Documents were executed July 10, 2006 with C & K Industrial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$40,699.90; notice to Proceed was issued effective July 17, 2006. The June 30, 2006 Semi-Annual Report, due July 31, 2006, will indicate a 14% deficiency of the required 66% of the system to be dye tested. This report will further indicate that the Dye Test Program Contract has been executed and will be completed within ninety (90) days. It is anticipated the Allegheny County Health Department will acknowledge the executed Dye Test Contract and the Department will not pursue penalties for noncompliance.

Allegheny County Health Department requested a copy of the most recent version of the Sewer System GIS Mapping to be submitted to their office by August 1, 2006. The Engineer will follow-up per their request.

At the request of 3 Rivers, the Engineer is preparing a 2006 survey of municipal status and costs, in compliance with the Consent Orders.

The Engineer is also preparing the Cleaning and Video Project Specifications for the Thoms Run main trunk line 10 inch pipe or larger. The Semi-Annual Report is due December 2006.

The preparation of the Miscellaneous Maintenance and Repairs Project for the Year 2006, by the Engineer, is ongoing.

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There is no change in the status regarding the Colecrest/Prestley Line Replacement. The field survey has been completed; the plans and specifications and easements are on hold.

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The Engineer is in the process of preparing a response to the Solicitor's letter of June 20, 2006 regarding the 7 Landgraf Avenue backup. There has been no change in the status regarding the Arby's sewer blockages.

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Regarding the Delfred Drive Storm and Sanitary Sewer Project, the Char-West COG Bid Opening on June 21, 2006 resulted in the lowest bid submitted by Sangro, Inc. in the amount of \$77,516.00. The COG Grant amount is \$50,385.00 (65%) with the local

share of \$27,131.00. The Collier Township's share equals \$22,200.47 and the CTMA share is \$4,945.73. In accordance with the County Grant requirements, the project should be under construction by August 1, 2006.

The Chairman and the Engineer attended the July 11, 2006 Collier Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss the project scope, probable costs, residents' compliance and easements. The Board tabled the action regarding the Delfred Drive Project pending the outcome of a meeting scheduled July 24, 2006 with the residents affected by the Project.

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The Engineer is waiting for a response from the final closeout documents that were submitted to 3 Rivers on June 30, 2006 pertaining to the Washington Pike Rehabilitation Project.

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Regarding the Huet Homes request for an easement encroachment for a deck on lot 815 of Sherwood Drive denied at the June meeting, the Engineer explained that there were some inconsistencies in the records. As-built drawings indicate that there are no sanitary sewers in the easement behind the house. The Engineer recommended the encroachment be granted. The Solicitor advised no action be taken and referred this issue to the Township Code Enforcement Office.

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The field survey is in progress for the Mancini Ewing Road Sewer Extension.

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Construction of the internal sanitary sewers at Centennial Pointe is ongoing. The Engineer is awaiting the execution of the Developer's Agreement and Bonds.

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Neville Manor Phase II sanitary sewer construction is complete. Existing line inspection and testing are complete.

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The construction of the internal sanitary sewer at Tuscany Ridge is ongoing.

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The Summit Ridge sanitary sewer construction for Bryna Ridge Phase 2 and 3 are on hold. Construction of internal sanitary sewers has been completed. There are several Punch List items to be completed at Bryna Ridge.

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Capital Builders installed a manhole for service to 108 and 110 McMichael Road. The Engineer is awaiting the test schedule.

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The Engineer advised that the C J Cozza Plan requested a capacity letter for three (3) lots on Boyds Run Road. It was suggested by the Solicitor to table the issue until the August agenda to review the Collier Township Commissioners' approval of the project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On motion of Fotovich, seconded by Miorelli, the Board approved paying the difference between the cost of sheet carpet and carpet tile in the Authority Office. Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Miorelli, seconded by Fotovich, the Board approved the installation by General Code of Laserfiche 7 to the new server, and training at a total cost of \$2,250.00. Motion carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Godfrey, seconded by Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmel W. Taylor  
Recording Secretary