

South Strabane Township Sanitary Authority

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 24, 2021 5PM

The South Strabane Township Sanitary Authority Board met for a Special Meeting Monday, May 24, 2021 at 5 PM in the Mae C. Reynolds Meeting Room at the Township building, 550 Washington Road, Washington, Pennsylvania, 15301.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Ron Carrola.

Present: Chair Ron Carrola, Vice Chair Edward Mazur, Secretary/Treasurer Cynthia A. Rossi, Donna Fox, Solicitor Josh Carroll and Kevin Creagh of KLH Engineers, Inc.

Visitors: There were no visitors

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Tabled Manifold Force Main Upgrade Project: The Chair updated the Board on discussions with WEWJA, developers' representatives, and the Township Manager regarding the Force Main Upgrade Project and the number of proposed EDUs, although the Authority Board has not received formal notification of any project. The largest developer's representative was not aware of capacity issues. No formal notification has been received from any party regarding capacity needs/issues. Engineer Creagh explained EDUs/taps and the current development phases of Meadows Landing. Possible needs of two other developments were discussed. There was discussion of scaling back the Force Main Project or rebidding the project to keep within the funds provided by the project and the commitment of funds by the Authority which has been exceeded significantly. The granting agency has approved scaling back the project and has given an extension until June 30, 2022 to use the funds provided by the Small Sewer and Water Grant. Because WEWJA replaced the failed ductile iron pipe there is no immediate need for replacement. The replacement had not been conveyed to the Township Authority before a recent meeting with WEWJA. Ms. Rossi announced communication arrived a couple of hours before the meeting that prices for raw materials and pipe significantly increased and the Authority would be liable for the increased costs. She also clarified the environmental issues key to the grant application were corrected when WEWJA replaced the failed line. Ms. Rossi updated the board regarding her conversations with the funding agency. Mr. Mazur moved the motion to remove the tabled Force Main Project from the table. Second by Ms. Fox. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion by Mr. Mazur to scrap the Force Main Upgrade Project. Motion died by lack of a second. Ms. Fox advocated waiting for information from the developers before moving forward. Motion by Mr. Carrola to reject all bids. Second by Ms. Fox. Motion carried by roll call vote of three yeas and one nay: Mr. Carrola, Yea; Ms. Fox, Yea; Ms. Rossi, Yea; Mr. Mazur, Nay. Solicitor Carroll clarified that the vote was to reject the bids, not to postpone the project.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Carrola. Second by Ms. Fox. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Next Meeting: Immediately Following the Special Meeting Monday, May 24, 2021