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SWATARA TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2021

STORMWATER AUTHORITY

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Connolly called the Swatara Township Stormwater Authority meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at the Swatara Township Municipal Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA 17111.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present: Christine Zubeck, Shaela Ellis, Jeff Varner, Richard Boudier and Tom Connolly. Also present: Authority Manager Jim Fosselman, Assistant Township Manager Kim Kaufman, Solicitors Isaac Wakefield and Elana Schnall, Stormwater Engineer William Gralski, Stormwater Coordinator Kevin Trafka, and Secretary Karen Alleman.
3. **Visitors Requests and Comments:** None
4. **Consideration of Minutes: Minutes of August 11, 2021:** Ms. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2021, with completion of a sentence for Number 8. The sentence will read Ms. Ellis and Mr. Connolly thanked the Authority Members for all of their work. Ms. Zubeck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Stormwater Monthly Report:** Mr. Gralski presented his report to the Authority (attached).
 - A. **Construction Projects:** Mr. Gralski said the Milroy/Nyes Road culvert project was to begin this month. Utility conflicts have delayed the project and construction will be delayed until next year, additional utility costs may be encountered. Liz Cheeseman of Dawood Engineering made a presentation to the Board regarding additional costs, and if the Township would like to pay some up front costs now for part of the Redi-rock materials and pipe. Additional costs are for remobilization (\$12,100), traffic control (\$1,000) and additional construction stake outs (\$5,700).

Ms Zubeck asked about the temporary fencing in place now. Ms. Cheeseman said the guiderail has been removed from the roadway and temporary fencing has been placed. In place of the temporary fencing, she asked if the Township would like to rent Jersey barriers from the contractor or purchase Jersey barriers, which could also be used for future projects. Ms. Zubeck would like to make sure all safety issues are in place and the site is returned to preconstruction condition. There is no formal change order from the contractor yet for this project. A delay letter has been received stating the additional costs. Chair Connolly said Ms. Cheeseman will return to a future meeting regarding additional costs for the delays and changes and will work on safety concerns at the site. Purchase versus rent of the Jersey barrier will also be discussed.

Mr. Gralski said in the future someone may be hired to do detailed utility locate work.
 - B. **DEP Inspection of MS4 Program:** Mr. Gralski asked if the Board would like to review and approve the written plans. DEP would like to see someone other than staff review the plans. It was decided that all Authority members would receive the plans electronically, Ms. Ellis would sign off on the plans as committee chair.
 - C. **Pollution Reduction Plan:** Mr. Gralski has spoken with Herbert Rowland and Grubic, Steelton Borough's engineer, regarding a proposed offer to work together on several projects. Mr. Gralski presented several options for the Board to review. A) 90/10 split, Steelton pays for 100%/ Swatara pays 0%. Steelton takes 90% of the credit, Swatara takes 10% of the credit B) 55/45 split, Steelton pays for 55%/Swatara pays 45%, credits are split accordingly. Mr. Gralski said the 55/45 split is one we can work together on. The 90/10 split

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is a freebie for the Board, but Swatara wouldn't receive storm restoration credits. Stream restoration credits are a one-time deal. Mr. Gralski prefers the 55/45 split because credits are important.

Ms. Zubeck asked about the 55/45 split, if the credits were factored into our MS4 score. Mr. Gralski said yes, a certain number of sediment reduction is needed for our score. These credits would help with the score. Ms. Zubeck said she is more partial to the 55/45 split.

Ms. Ellis asked what the cost would be for the Township to do the projects itself, without Steelton, to get more credits. Mr. Gralski will get costs.

Mr. Gralski will let HRG know the Township would like more numbers to work with.

6. **Manager's Report:** There is a balance of \$1,353,064.24 in the Stormwater Authority account. That does not include approximately \$600,000 owed from the Sewer Authority, which is still awaiting the conclusion of their audit.
7. **Members Requests and Comments:** Ms. Ellis thanked the stormwater team and Dawood Engineering and the public works department for all of their help. Mr. Connolly stressed the importance of getting numbers for rainwater runoff when coming from Routes 322 and 83 right now. Thanked the public works department for protecting the township from adverse conditions along with first responders.
8. **Adjournment:** Ms. Zubeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Ms. Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.



Karen Alleman, Secretary