

**GENERAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANHEIM
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009 MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the General Municipal Authority of the Township of Manheim was held on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at the Manheim Township Municipal Building, 1840 Municipal Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Authority members present were: James J. Lombardo, J. Michael Flanagan and Edward J. Plakans. Ann M. Krissinger and Gary R. Johnson were absent. Also present were Solicitor William C. McCarty, Engineer G. Matt Brown, Finance Officer Dawn M. Stratchko, Assistant Secretary Linda DiPerna (attending for Township Manager Michael D. Rimer) There was one guest in attendance: Joe Cavanaugh from RPI Property Group, Inc.

Mr. Lombardo led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and then called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the January 16, 2009 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Flanagan, seconded by Mr. Plakans. Motion carried unanimously.

The financial reports for January, February and March, 2009, were accepted on a motion by Mr. Plakans, seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion carried unanimously.

After general discussion of the invoices, the following bills were approved for payment, on a motion by Mr. Plakans, seconded by Mr. Flanagan:

ARRO Consulting, Inc.	\$70,561.01
Hartman, Underhill & Brubaker LLP	\$1,717.02
PMAA	\$546.79
James Lombardo.....	\$82.50

Motion carried unanimously.

Dawn Stratchko discussed financing, and suggested the Authority combine with the Township to save costs. Discussions are being held with PNC, Fulton, Susquehanna and RBC. \$3.5 million was mentioned as the amount needed; Matt Brown said the estimated cost is \$4.2 million. Most banks want all of the deposits to be with them. PNC has said the rates are better if it's a direct bond; the Township guarantees the Authority's issue. Better rates depend on the market at the time. Bill McCarty said a Reimbursement Resolution might need to be adopted, which could be done at a special meeting.

Matt Brown updated the Authority on the water line extension. The pump station will go across the street from the intersection of Delp Road and Lausch Lane. Since there will not be an engine generator, there will be minimal sound from the pump station. The point of this project will be to increase the water main to the Neffsville tank and thereby maintain water pressure in that area of the township served by the Neffsville tank even in high usage times. A secondary benefit would be to extend the water line to West Earl Township and Penn Township without increasing or reducing the water pressure. Mr.

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Flanagan expressed concerns about the impact on the Agricultural zone and requested the input of the Lancaster County Planning Commission. Although this is a huge improvement for fire protection and pressure, it does open up that land to development. Matt Brown stated that Manheim Township has traditionally been very good at resident notification. It was also recommended to put this information in the "Township Today" newsletter and Mr. Lombardo requested that residents along the affected route be notified by letter of the project and its intended benefit. The whole project would take approximately one year and he hopes to start the project by the end of this summer. He said there are two contracts involved: one for the pump station and one for the main. An appraisal will be conducted to get a price. He also discussed the grant application. The City of Lancaster refused to support Manheim Township's grant application because Charlotte Katzenmoyer felt that might negatively impact the City's own grant application. Mr. Flanagan then moved to authorize the Engineer to begin the subdivision process for the land for the pump station. Seconded by Mr. Plakans. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Flanagan also moved to authorize the Chairperson or Vice-Chair to negotiate an agreement of sale to obtain the land needed for the pump station. Seconded by Mr. Plakans. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Cavanaugh of RPI Property Group, Inc. discussed the increased tapping fee and asked if it was related to the proposed Delp Road pumping station. He was told that it was. He also asked if there was an opportunity for their project to go through a process for any relief from the full tapping fee. Mr. Lombardo suggested he submit his request in writing. Mr. Flanagan mentioned that relief has never been granted in the past. Mr. Cavanaugh then asked if the Township Commissioners adopted an Ordinance about the increased tapping fee. Mr. Flanagan said it was an action taken by the General Municipal Authority; no action was needed by the Commissioners.

Mr. Lombardo handed out materials he received from his recent PMAA Board Member Training Seminar. He also handed out copies of the April 6, 2009 edition of the CHAR newsletter.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Flanagan, seconded by Mr. Plakans, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 17, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. DiPerna, on behalf of
Michael D. Rimer
Manager-Secretary