

GENERAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANHEIM
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Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the General Municipal Authority of the Township of Manheim was held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Manheim Township Municipal Building, 1840 Municipal Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Authority members present were Sam Mecum, M. Dale Weaver, Benton Webber, Adam Smith, and Matthew Creme. Also present were William C. McCarty, Esquire, and Brandon Harter, Esquire, James Drumm, Township Manager, and Jennifer L. Steigelman, Finance Director.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Webber. He led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Minutes:

Mr. Mecum moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2021 regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Ms. Steigelman presented the final financial reports for fourth quarter 2020, and the preliminary financial reports for January, February and March 2021. Ms. Steigelman mentioned the financial records are currently undergoing audit review and once the review is complete, she will make that report available to the Authority. The preliminary numbers for the first quarter in 2021 are down due to a drop in development. Mr. Creme moved to approve the final and preliminary financial reports. Motions seconded by Mr. Weaver. Motions carried unanimously.

Invoices for Approval for Payment:

On a motion from Mr. Mecum and seconded by Mr. Weaver, the following invoices were approved for payment: Barley Snyder, LLC in the amount of \$522.00, and MaherDuessel in the amount of \$3,632.00. The MaherDuessel bill is a preliminary bill; following the completion of the audit, there will be a final bill. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentations/Public Hearings: There were no presentations or public hearings.

Old Business:

Landis Homes Retirement Community's Private Waterline

The Stahls at Harvest Lane Farm Market, 851 E. Oregon Road, submitted a written withdrawal of their request to tap into Landis Homes' private waterline which transects their property. The PA Department of Environmental Protection issued a Do Not Consume order

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with a twenty-four-hour deadline for the Stahls to comply with their potable water requirements at the Market. To meet this deadline, the Stahls opted to drill another well, as they could no longer wait for a decision by the Authority to allow them to tap into the existing private line.

New Business:

Future Planning Discussion

Mr. Webber invited the Authority to begin to consider how else the Authority could serve Manheim Township.

Mr. Mecum mentioned the Authority might become involved with the collection of the stormwater fee when this fee is implemented by the Township in the future. Mr. Creme shared two neighboring municipalities have already implemented a stormwater fee and amended the charter and by-laws of their sewer authorities to be sewer and stormwater authorities.

Mr. McCarty explained the Authority is a general authority, so they are not limited to a specific purpose. Management of the stormwater fee is something the Authority could undertake. There is an Authority policy whereby they only undertake projects for entities within Manheim Township or which benefit the Township in some way. Additionally, there is a \$10,000,000 limit for bank qualification.

Mr. Creme further explained, in addition to being an ownership and financing entity, the Authority does have the power to be an operating entity. The alternative would be the authority would own the storm sewers but would lease the sewers to the Township. The Township would then operate the sewers.

Mr. Webber suggested there might be other infrastructure which the Authority could undertake such as communication or transportation. He asked if this is a topic of discussion for future meetings.

Mr. McCarty cautioned the Authority should not move forward on any such discussion without first consulting with the Board of Commissioners to learn where the Authority could meet the needs of the Township.

There was a brief discussion of the history and purpose of the Authority. The Authority uses the tapping fees collected by the Township to construct the water lines. The Authority owns the water lines and pumping stations but leases them to the City of Lancaster. They briefly discussed the future mechanics of implementing and maintaining a stormwater fee/infrastructure.

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Mr. Drumm mentioned another function the Authority could consider is the financing for connecting existing sidewalks to other existing sidewalks throughout the Township. He also suggested the involvement in the interconnection of the Township trail systems.

The Authority will address these issues in the future if the need should arise.

Correspondence/Other Business: There was no correspondence or other business.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Mecum, seconded by Mr. Weaver, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Immediately after the adjournment, the Authority went into an executive session to discuss ongoing legal issues.

The next meeting will be Friday, July 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Drumm
Recording Secretary