

## Lake City Municipal Sewer Authority Minutes of November 14, 2023

This meeting held at the Lake City Borough Council Chambers and starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Member Roll Call:** David Jackson Chairman - Sick; Joseph Legnasky; Eric Bach;; Gerald T. Balczon - Sick; Doug Bible; Engineer Steve Halmi; Attorney Gary Bax

**Visitors** - None

### **Additions, Changes, Deletion to the Agenda:**

**Motion to accept the current agenda**

Motion Joe Legnasky

Second; Doug Bible

**Public Comment:** None

### **Approval of Minutes** from the meeting of August 8th, 2023

Action Item:

Motion for approval Doug Bible

second: Eric Bach

### **Bills for Approval:**

Deiss & Halmi Engineering Inc. – Invoice # 8-23-38 check # 1084 - \$297.51

Madelines - Check #1083 -\$583.84

Gary D. Bax Attorney – Invoice # 531 – Check # 1085 - \$480.00

Gary D. Bax Attorney – Invoice # 532 – Check # 1085 - \$233.40

**Total for approval \$ 1594.75**

Motion to Approve: Doug Bible Second: Eric Bach

Possible bank transfer this month

Upcoming event – Audit in January 2024

Distribution of the Authorities quarterly magazine.

PMAA webinar – ransom ware; using public communications

### **Report from Engineer Halmi:**

Updates on Uncle Johns Campground for Sewer Hook-ups – status quo, no response from Girard Township

Updates on the Sewer Plant inspection with Troy Stainbrook regarding actions being taken regarding recommendation of inspection report of 11/10.

#### **Projects already budgeted by Operator for 2023**

1. Replace fine bar screens in headwork's. This has been done as of 11/13/2023. Konzel Construction did the installation and used stainless steel for fine bar screen.
2. Replace valve stems for valves in primary splitter box. Troy is waiting to do this later. He is concerned about doing this in winter as he dose not want to risk potential upset to the plant processes.

3. Purchase spare pumps for Cherry, Maple and Richardson lift stations. Spare pumps have NOT yet been purchased. Vendor has asked Troy to pull the pumps to confirm nameplate information before pumps are purchased.

**Short Term Operational/Maintenance Projects:**

4. Replacement scale for chlorine cylinders (budget estimate \$2500). Troy said whereas scale had given him problems before, it now seems to be working fine, thus this has not been ordered.

5. Touch-up painting of primary clarifiers. Planning to do in 2024, only to the exposed surfaces.

6. Touch-up painting of final clarifiers. If touchup painting for primaries goes well (depending on the product that is used) they will later do final clarifiers.

7. Investigate leaks into control building basement and possible drainage improvements. Troy has a contractor look at this, but received an unreasonably high quote – same as building a new building. So he is satisfied for now to deal with the leak by using concrete plug as needed.

8. Resume industrial user inspections. Not actively doing this. Troy said slugs still occur, but infrequently, and when they do occur the plant handles it well. Although Troy seems comfortable with the status quo, I still think he should be meeting with industrial users regularly just as a checkup.

9. Cloud backup for operator's computer data (on the order of \$100 per year or less). Troy's plan for computer backup is to use an external hard drive. This was confirmed with the borough office that he used thumb drives.

**Additional Project to be considered for Short Term (next 5 years)**

10. Budget should project for plant main lift pumps eventually needing to be rebuilt or replaced (replacement cost on the order of \$18,000 each x three pumps). Troy says plant main lift pumps all running Ok. They rotate their use to balance the hours. After they get the spare pumps for the lift stations, he plans to get spares/replacements ordered for the main lift pumps.

11. Final clarifier #1 drive (budget estimate \$17,000).

12. Spare RBC drive (budget estimate \$35,000).

**Long Term Planning**

13. No specific long term projects identified. However, equipment installed with the 2018 plant upgrade has a finite life. As such, various equipment replacements must be anticipated. Although some equipment could last 20 years or more with proper maintenance, as with any mechanical equipment, service life is difficult to predict and it is likely that some equipment might fail and need rebuilt or replaced sooner.

**Report from Attorney Bax:**

Updates on any PA or Federal regulations for the authority – only changes that have taken place would be under the purchasing guidelines for the state and federal government.

Next meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – reorganization meeting

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