

## Meeting Notes

June 20, 2018

1. Max Shradley, from Rettew, gave an explanation for the rise in the engineering costs. The costs to initiate the large project will require surveys, easement and permits from DEP. Additionally he answered questions from the board on the DEM MS4 requirements. DEP would like policies and procedures for reacting to unusual events. Need a listing of all businesses in the borough for the MS4 file. Also need more public involvement. Need an inventory of all materials stored by the borough and MSDS sheets for the items. A PRP needs to be reviewed. None of the plans were updated this year in detail. The annual MS4 report is due September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
2. Meeting the candidates to fill the empty seat on the board.

Motion to approve the amended minutes from the May 2018 meeting (Payment for the truck will be in the 2018-19 meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> John

3. Manager's Report - John read that the balance for the treasurer's report ending in June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, is \$120,447.91. DCCD got approval for the amendment to the LVRG. UGI has not responded to the problem on Herr St. to move their lines. The sink hole at Ludwig and Wilo has a new sign. Our accounts will be audited by the borough accountants. The 139 parcels on which no payments have been made has been reduced to 101. Last week attended an MS4 training sponsored by the Realtors Association. Spoke to them about checking if selling properties includes the stormwater fees. Keystone will provide sample bills.
4. Solicitors Report – Spoke about whether Keystone should handle the delinquent parcels. The filing fee for a municipal lien is \$15. Eberly found that Keystone will do the same thing the Borough has already done. Approve Keystone kt. 1<sup>st</sup> John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy, unanimous. Rettew is working on the survey for the cemetery. Solicitor talked with Susq Twp about getting easements for work under the PRP. Tammy – This project will reduce pollutants by 80K pounds.
5. Treasurer Action Plans – Looking at 2 different budgets. One keeps the current fee. The other reduces the fee to \$0.0325 per square foot. The borough does not qualify for any exemptions. There are also inlets that need to be repaired, 4 of 7 are repaired. Jim – Not sure what the future holds and the authority needs to be prepared. Tammy asked each member their thoughts. John – Would like to lower the fee but is not sure that will be possible because there may be more than just 7 problem inlets. Blain – is concerned that there was a math error in the proposal, but appears to be fine. John – Is an accountant and believes that we must save for possible problems. Lowering this year and having to hike next doesn't give home owners a way to plan. Doesn't want to take out a loan if something happens. The cemetery project will cost over \$300K. Street Cleaning and other work is stretching the employees. Tammy- recommends that the legal fee should be reduced to \$10K. That would create a \$51K surplus. The inlet repairs will cost \$30K rather than \$50K. Three are plated/slatted. Consider the inlet work for a PRP project. Ramper- What is the shape of the system? Jim – There are about 250 inlets and about a 1/3 are brick. There may be a way to do the inlets and still do the big project by asking Rettew to amend the PRP to show that we are working but may have to delay the big project. Eva Wise doesn't want the fee to go up and down.

In favor of a budget with a fee of \$0.0325 including the revisions for inlet repairs of \$30K and reducing the legal costs 1<sup>st</sup> Tammy 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim In favor – John, Tammy, Blain, Jim.

6. Motion to pay \$15K for the new work truck. 1<sup>st</sup> John 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy, Unanimous.
7. DEP was asked to get the data on pollutant reduction for us to Paxton Creek
8. Letter to 9 N. 24<sup>th</sup>

9. Council will appoint the next board member.
10. Offered rain barrels to the public. There were questionnaires filled out at the rain barrel meeting which will be included with the minutes.
11. The community is being informed of board actions in the newsletter and on the website.
12. Public Comments – Eva Wise – Nothing is free.
13. Board Comments – Eberly – there will be a budget advertised in the newspaper.
14. Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy, Unanimous