

**PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**PERRY COUNTY**  
102 Municipal Building Road  
Duncannon, PA 17020

October 14, 2013

The Penn Township Municipal Authority (Authority) met on Monday, October 14, 2013 in the Duncannon Borough Building. Chairman Elmer Knaub called the meeting to order immediately following the JOAC meeting.

Authority members present:  
Elmer Knaub, Chairman  
Sam Auxt, Vice Chairman Auxt  
Henry Holman, III, Secretary  
CeCe Novinger  
Jim Kocher

#### **Low Pressure Sewer Extension**

Bids for the low pressure sewer extension to run the sewer line to the edge of the Ward (DeCoven) property had been opened on October 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Authority office. The list of bidders and quotes is attached to these minutes. The Engineer and the Solicitor reviewed the bids and found them to be satisfactory. There was a Kocher/Auxt motion to accept the lowest responsible bid and award the contract to DeTraglia Excavating in the amount of \$39,334.00. Motion passed unanimously.

After the sewer line has been installed to the property line, the Township will issue a *Notice to Connect* to Mr. Ward, giving him 180 days to make the connection. Chairman Knaub will contact Shawn Arbaugh at DEP and inform him that the line has been installed.

#### **Electric Rates**

Susan presented a quote from Champion Energy to provide electricity at a rate of \$.07555/kwh as compared to the current rate of Direct Energy at \$.07715/kwh. The rate from Champion Energy is valid for 18 months. Susan was asked to contact them and see if there is a penalty for early termination of the contract. If there is none, she is to proceed with switching over to Champion Energy.

#### **2013/2014 Budget**

Susan presented an update on the revenue and expenses through September 31<sup>st</sup>, with expenses exceeding revenue by \$115,000.00. Items where expenses have exceeded the budgeted amount were discussed. Susan has started the 2014 budget and will be working with the Plant Operator and Field Representative for their input.

#### **1435 State Road Apartments**

Sam reported that the duplex grinder pump at 1435 State Road had again malfunctioned due to a grease cake on the pump and in the tank. A seal burned out due to the strain on the pumps. The repair will require two new grinder pumps at \$2,400.00 each. The *Rates, Rules, and Regulations* state that if the failure is due to negligence, there is a service call charge of \$200.00, plus parts and labor. Additionally, costs incurred for pumping of the wet well will be the responsibility of the owner. Sam will contact Lenker's Excavating for their charges to replace the pumps.

This is the second time that a large expense has been the result of negligence at this address. Discussion was held on turning ownership of the grinder pumps/wet well over to the property owner. Further discussion will be held at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Authority meeting.

**Adjournment**

Upon an Auxt/Knaub motion, the Authority unanimously approved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Susan E. Long  
Recording Secretary