

Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority

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The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The following members were present: Secretary Mike Reed; Treasurer Samuel Huber VIA Zoom; Member Debra Morris; Township Manager Michael Morris; Public Works Director John Leen; Abraham King of Rettew; Utility Billing Specialist; Jamie McFalls.

Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Morris made a ***motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2023, meeting.*** Mr. Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Public Comments:

None

Visitors:

None

Solicitor's Report:

None

Manager's Report:

Mr. Huber made a **motion to adopt the 2024 Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Budgets.** Ms. Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Public Works Report:

Veritas Academy is expanding. Mr. Leen said there will be additional water and sewer tie-ins for this project. Part of the building will have a sprinkler. Veritas has two other connections; they will need to move a water line for Stormwater and the addition of a parking lot. The Township has a right-a-way line that runs from Newport Road to Ethel Avenue and ties into the Hillcrest Avenue tank. A total of 200 feet will need to be rerouted. The plans for this project have been submitted 2 or 3 times. Rettew has been looking at it from both an Authority and Township standpoint.

Twin Maples has resubmitted plans and Rettew is reviewing them. Mr. Leen said he had not seen the latest documents from Rettew. Mr. King said Rettew is close to finalizing the plans.

Eurofins has plans to add another building on the South Side of East Main Street. They are proposing to construct an approximate 53,000 square foot commercial building over an existing macadam parking lot. Rettew is reviewing the plans.

MMW/Agriteer in West Earl broke ground and they started their project.

There have been meetings for a potential Public Works Building.

Mr. Leen mentioned that Rettew has given a preliminary feasibility study/scope from the force main break last month. He said that it's looking good, and Mr. King is working on costs and a schedule to possibly replace other lines. Part of the force main had been replaced with PVC pipe in 1995; Bareville Pump Station to Heller's Church Road, and Heller's Church Road to Granger Avenue. The goal is to replace other lines over a period of 5 years. The lines would be tested to see which ones are the most vulnerable. Mr. King said he should have the information regarding the costs and schedule for the meeting in January 2024.

Leola Industrial Park asked about connecting to public water since they have Pfas contamination in their water supply. They were also asking what direction a line could run. Mr. Leen said that we have a line that runs from Spring Lane to the train tracks on Newport Road. He also mentioned that this would be a big project and it would be a good idea to send out letters to other property owners in the area to see if they would be interested in connecting to public water. Mr. Reed commented that if residents or business owners have a good well, they might not want to connect. Mr. Huber mentioned that there may be grant money available for businesses that have Pfas contamination. Mr. King said Rettew has started to investigate this option.

Engineer Report:

Mr. Huber made a **motion to approve and pay Application #1 for Rose, Ethel, and Forest Hill Payable to R111 Construction in the amount of \$172,701.00 with a retainage of 10%.** Mr. Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Reed made a **motion to approve the DART water and sewer agreement that includes changes made by Dart.** Ms. Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Rose, Ethel, and Forest Hill Contract Mr. King said this project is moving forward and everything is going well. Hydrostatic testing was done on both sides of Forest Hill and Ethel Avenue. The work on Ethel Avenue will be wrapping up this week. The last project will be the addition of 2 hydrants on Rose Avenue. The paving will be wrapped up by Thanksgiving and this project should be complete by the end of 2023.

Mondale/Hunsecker Meter Pit Mr. King said that Rettew has evaluated and found a good solution for LASA and the Authority. They are looking into an Area Velocity Meter which utilizes laser to determine the velocity of wastewater. The ultrasonic sensor measures the level of wastewater. Mr. King mentioned that the existing flume has only one measurement. When the LASA interceptor backs up it measures depth with an artificially high reading. The Area Velocity Meter can be installed directly in front of the old meter so both can be operational to compare readings. The Township could rent the new meter from the vendor for 3 months before purchasing. Mr. Huber asked if we rent and like it do we get rental money towards the purchase. Mr. King said we would get 50% and the rental fee would be \$7000.00 for 3 months or \$16,000.00 to purchase. Depending on the response from LASA, Area Velocity meter could possibly be installed during the first quarter of 2024.

Joint Water & Sewer Business:

Mr. Huber made a **motion to approve the Water and Sewer Service Application for The Inn at Leola Village for Step 3 for an additional EDU for both water and sewer.** Ms. Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Stormwater:

No comments

Sewer Business:

No comments

Water Business:

Mr. Morris asked about all the water surcharges, but there was only 1 sewer surcharge. Mr. Huber and Ms. Morris commented that this issue was brought up before, and how can we measure the usage and how should we charge. This would only pertain to Commercial properties. Mr. Leen said with water, we charge a base rate per EDU and anything over is charged by the overage, a meter could be installed to measure the sewer flow. Mr. Huber said that another option is once the threshold is reached, which would be 200 gallons per EDU per day additional fees would be added on top of the \$120.00 quarterly EDU fee. Ms. Morris suggested we should investigate how other Authority's handle Surcharges.

Finance:

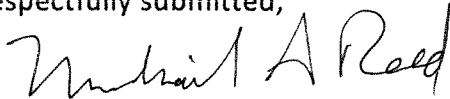
No comments.

Correspondence:

No comments.

With a motion to adjourn from Ms. Morris and a second from Mr. Reed, the regular meeting for the Upper Leacock Township Municipal Authority was **adjourned at 7:50 p.m.** The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday January 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** at 161 Newport Road, Leola, PA 17540.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Reed".

Michael S. Reed

Secretary Upper Leacock Township