# LOWER BUCKS COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 11, 2008

The Board Directors of Lower Bucks County Joint Municipal Authority held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at the Authority's Administration office located at 7811 New Falls Road, Levittown, Pennsylvania, 19055.

#### Call to Order

Mr. Chase, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

# Roll Call

Mrs. DeRosier, Assistant Secretary, took roll call as follows:

Board Member's Present: John Monahan

Anthony Verduci Susan DeRosier James Chase

Board Members Absent: Edmund Armstrong (called in sick)

Edward Czyzyk

Also Present: Janet A. Keyser, Managing Director

Pat Koszarek, Finance Director

Deborah Magro, Administrative Secretary Vijay Rajput, Director of Operations Gary Tosti, WWTP Plant Manager Vince Capaldi, Superintendent, WTP

Mickey Perrone, Asst. Superintendent, WTP

Phil Smythe, Field Technician James A. Downey III, Esquire

Robert Serpenti, Consulting Engineer

# Approval of Payment of the June 2008 Accounts Payable

#### **Motion**

Mr. Monahan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeRosier, to approve the payment of the June 2008 Accounts Payable as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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# **Questions/Comments**

Mr. Verduci questioned the following invoices:

• Aqua Pennsylvania

Invoice # 2008-226 - HAA5, THM's samples taken 4/17/08

2008-225 - Alkalinity, carbon, UV254 Samples 4/4/08

2008-250 - SOC 525.2 Hexachlorocyclopentadiene 4/3/08

Amount: \$1,446.00

Dr. Rajput explained that Aqua Pennsylvania performs various testing because the Water Filtration Plant's lab does not have the proper equipment to perform this type of testing. Mr. Chase added that Aqua's rates are less expensive than other labs.

#### Approval - Board Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2008

# Motion

Mrs. DeRosier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Verduci, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2008 as presented.

# **Approval of Capital Projects for 2008**

# **Questions/Comments**

Mrs. Keyser stated that the report the Board has tonight was reviewed at the April 21st Capital Projects meeting.

#### Motion

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mrs. DeRosier, to approve the Capital Projects for 2008 as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Pretreatment Variances**

In the absence of Susan Wallover, Dr. Rajput presented the Pretreatment issues.

# Hong Luck Restaurant – 2221 New Rodgers Rd., Levittown, Pa. Permit #F087-2006 (11/17/2006 – 11/16/2007).

This facility was previously granted a variance for an interior 50 gallon trap and was granted a variance for annual monitoring. Facility sampled for TSS and Oil & Grease on 01/23/2008 and failed Oil & Grease.

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They re-sampled on 03/19/2008 and passed. On 12/24/2007, the Authority was called out for a sewer block and it was determined that grease caused the sewer blockage. There are three (3) other food establishments served by the same line and all others have an exterior grease trap.

Mr. Lee, owner of Hong Luck Restaurant, stated that in the years since he received this variance he has been very diligent in keeping up with the standards that the Authority had set. Unfortunately the time the facility failed was during a time that he needed to be away from the restaurant for family business and did not get a chance to clean the trap like he usually does.

Mrs. Keyser asked the Board to review the test results for Hong Luck Restaurant before making a motion. After the Board reviewed the test results the following motion was made.

#### Motion

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, that no action will be taken at this time. Should the facility fail testing in the future, they would then need to appear before the Board for further action.

### Sewer Block Occurrence March 23, 2008

1 Twin Oaks Way sewer block was determined to have been caused by grease. The Field Crew worked two (2) days jetting and televising this line. Two (2) seasonal facilities and a shopping center with two (2) food establishments also discharge into this line. Mrs. Wallover was previously directed by the Board to have the following facilities at the June 2008 Board meeting.

# Dairy Delite Ice Cream Stand - 972 Woodbourne Road, Levittown, Pa.

Mrs. Wallover stated that normally she does not regulate seasonal food establishments, however, with the occurrence of the sewer block on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and that this establishment was a contributing factor, Mrs. Wallover is asking what, if anything is the Board requiring in terms of Pretreatment.

Mr. Waterman from Dairy Delite stated that he was to bring a letter from their plumber indicating that he inspected and videoed the pipes. The letter states the plumber inspected the line coming from Dairy Delite to the Authority's sewer line. No grease was detected in the system, however, they did find that the line was deteriorated and replaced it.

There was no action taken by the Board Directors at this time.

#### Middletown Athletic Association

Mrs. Wallover does not normally regulate seasonal food establishments. However, since there has been a sewer grease block, to which this facility is a contributing factor, Mrs. Wallover is asking what if anything will the Board require in terms of Pretreatment.

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Mrs. Magro reported that she received a call from Mrs. Fiori, President of Middletown Athletic Association, stating that she had a prior engagement and did not know if she would be able to attend tonight's meeting.

There was no action taken by the Board Directors at this time.

# <u>Giovanni's Pizza - 928 S. Woodbourne Road, Levittown, PA. Permit F147-2007 (4/20/2007 - 4/19/2008)</u>

This facility was previously granted a variance to install an interior grease trap and perform quarterly sample analysis. To date this facility has four (4) acceptable sample results and two (2) failures for TSS and O&G.

Mr. Vera presented the Board with the completed sampling results which he has passed.

There was no action taken by the Board Directors at this time. Mr. Vera was advised that if he should fail sampling again he will need to come before the Board for further action.

# Philly Soft Pretzel Factory - 920 S. Woodbourne Road, Levittown, PA. Permit #F145-2003 Temporary Permit 12/03/03 - 04/24/04

At the December 17, 2003 Board meeting this facility requested a variance from installing an exterior 1,000 gallon grease trap. At that time the Board's decision was to table the motion until the Pretreatment Committee could determine what size trap would be appropriate for this facility. Since then this facility has never been addressed and is not under any current permit or pretreatment requirements. Since there has been a sewer grease block to which this facility is a contributing factor, Mrs. Wallover is asking what, if anything is the Board requiring in terms of Pretreatment.

Anthony Rossi, owner of Philly Soft Pretzel Factory, stated that he first appeared before the Board four (4) years ago and has not heard anything until recently. Mr. Rossi does not feel that his operation warrants the use of a 1,000 gallon exterior grease trap.

Mr. Rossi was advised to have his plumber determine what size grease trap his facility can fit, then contact Mrs. Wallover or Dr. Rajput when he receives this information. He will then be asked to come before the Board at which time a decision will be made.

There was no action taken by the Board Directors at this time.

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# <u>Hing Wah Restaurant - 7801 B New Falls Road, Levittown, PA.</u> Margaret Yang, Owner.

This facility has condensation from a refrigerator (walk-in box) that is currently going into the sewer system per Mrs. Wallover. Ms. Yang stated that she has been at this location for eleven (11) years and no one has been to her facility until recently.

Dr. Rajput's recommendation is to grant this facility the variance. He feels that there is not a significant amount of condensation and everything can remain as is.

#### <u>Motion</u>

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan to grant the variance to Hing Wah Restaurant – 7801 B New Falls Road, Levittown, PA. that the facility's present situation can remain as is. Motion carried unanimously.

### Solicitor's Report - James A. Downey III, Esquire

# **Executive Session**

At 7:38 P.M. Mr. Downey requested an executive session. The regular Board meeting reconvened at 7:55 P.M. with Mr. Downey stating during the executive session personnel matters, and on-going litigation were discussed.

#### **Managing Director's Report**

Mrs. Keyser did not have any further issues to publicly present to the Board Directors.

#### Finance Director's Report

#### **Current LBCJMA Account Balances**

- \$2,913,890.00
- \$ 813,869.34

The remainder of Ms. Koszarek's report was sent to the Board earlier in the month for their review. The Board Directors did not have any additional questions for Ms. Koszarek.

# **Director of Operation's Report**

Dr. Rajput reported on the following items:

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### Remount Arm Lift and Refurbish Existing Electrician Truck

The Authority received a quotation from Structural Metal Fabricators (SMF), Inc., located in Palmerton, PA, in the amount of \$8,104, which includes inspection and testing of the remounted arm lift. This does not include transportation, parts or material that may have to be replaced.

Dr. Rajput recommended sending the electrician's truck with the existing arm lift to SMF for inspection and to award SMF the refurbishing work in the amount of \$8,104. This would include any parts and/or materials needed with the total cost not to exceed \$15,000.

# **Questions/Comments**

Mr. Verduci inquired if the engine and transmission are in good condition. Dr. Rajput responded that he will have SMF check the truck to make sure everything is working properly.

After reviewing the quote attached to Dr. Rajput's report, Mr. Verduci asked Dr. Rajput if Option 1; Remove lift gate \$300 was in addition to the \$8,104 that was originally quoted. Dr. Rajput explained that he added that and it is not an additional charge.

#### Motion

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to send the electrician's truck with the existing arm lift to SMF for installation, inspection and to award SMF the refurbishing work in the amount of \$8,104. This would include any parts and/or materials needed with the total cost not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Energy Recovery from Biogas of Digesters**

Dr. Rajput met with Princeton Energy Systems to discuss the feasibility of energy recovery/electricity generation from the biogas generated from the three (3) anaerobic digesters. The Authority is currently using the biogas to heat the digesters through the two (2) existing heat exchangers. Once Dr. Rajput has completed his research into this he will present his findings to the Board.

The remainder of Dr. Rajput's report is for the Board Director's information.

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# **Supervisors Reports**

• Vince Capaldi, Superintendent

• Gary Tosti, Plant Manager

• Phil Smythe

• Nancy Burnell

Water Treatment Plant

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Field Technician

Meter Department Supervisor

Mr. Tosti informed the Board that he met recently with a young lady from the Kenwood Section who was concerned with the noise that was coming from the WWTP plant. It was determined that the noise was coming from the Flow Equal Tanks. During the day you do not hear it as much due to the heavy traffic on Rt. 13.

Mr. Tosti spoke to Len Rodak, Chief Mechanic/Plant Process, and Mr. Rodak diverted the noise from the back side of the building which faces Rt. 13 to the inside of the WWTP plant. So far it seems to have made a difference (less noise).

The remainder of the supervisor's reports is for informational purposes for the Board.

# **Old Business**

There was no old business brought before the Board at this time.

#### **New Business**

Mrs. Keyser asked the Board if they would like to make a motion to cancel both the July and August 2008 Board meetings with the next regularly scheduled Board meeting being September 17, 2008.

#### Motion

Mr. Verduci made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to cancel the July and August 2008 Board meetings. The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Participation**

Mr. Matt Pirolli, Councilman in Tullytown Borough, stated the reason he as well as Maryanne Gahegan and Rick Adams who are also Council people in Tullytown Borough are here tonight before the Board is because a few months ago they were approached as council members to have the Tullytown Cove dredged on behalf of the Borough. However, it was too costly to have this done. The Borough does not own any property along the area where they proposed dredging so they declined. Now there is a story which Mr. Pirolli says he is finding that there is more truth to it.

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It is that Ed Armstrong gave Mr. Rich Hart permission to speak to the Army Corp of Engineers again with Senator MacEhrny, as well as several others at the Borough Hall on behalf of the Authority, representing the Authority. Mr. Pirolli, Ms. Gahegan and Mr. Adams just want to make sure that this does not happen not only as Council members but as rate payers. They do not feel that we should be footing this bill. The Board thanked Mr. Pirolli and informed him that they were already aware of the situation. Mrs. Keyser added that the Board did not approve any contract agreement, or any work to be done and Mr. Hart was not representing this Authority.

# **Adjournment of Board Meeting**

Mr. Chase made a motion, seconded by Mr. Monahan, to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Edward Czyzyk, Secretary

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