MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY OF JULY 13, 2022

The July 13, 2022 meeting of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman Frank Beck at 7:30 PM. Other Board members in attendance included Keith Weiss, Melvin Wright and Bruce Knipe. The Authority Manager, along with staff members Gary Weaver of Castle Valley Engineering (Authority Engineer) and Jack D. Wuerstle, Esquire (Authority Solicitor), were also present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Beck called for action on the minutes from the Authority's May 2022 meeting. Mr. Knipe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Weiss seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

As there was no Public Comment or Confirmed Appointments, the Chairman then called upon the Authority Manager for presentation of the Staff Report.

Mr. Groff reported normal operations of the water system for the previous month, with the wells combining to pump just under 11.6 million gallons (or 55% of the capacity allowed by the Delaware River Basin Commission). The Authority Manager noted that the volume of PA One calls remains quite high, but the exact cause remains debatable. Otherwise, hydrant painting and meter readings continue without incident. As to sewer operations, Mr. Groff reported normal operations throughout the system last month. Certain parts are still needed to complete installation of the new PWTA meter.

As to capital projects, the permitting process continues with respect to the new well. All the easements necessary for the extension along Route 313 have now been recorded.

Regarding current development projects, matters continue to progress slowly but surely. The Regency at Hilltown advances toward completion, which is expected sometime in autumn. Tice Estates is finishing the 18-month maintenance period, with final inspection expected within the next few weeks. The Arbors at Hilltown continues in the 18-month maintenance period, which expiries in April 2023. Hilltown Glen remains under construction; while the Act 537 has been received for the Johnson Tract. Buccafuri is scheduling water and sewer taps. Payment of tapping fees for the Lohin tract remains outstanding.

With respect to proposed projects, there was nothing new to report on either the Sensinger subdivision or the Weidner Tract.

An Executive Session was thereafter convened to discuss potential litigation.

Chairman Beck thereafter called for the monthly Treasurer's Report and review of bills. Following discussion, Mr. Knipe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and payment of bills; Mr. Wright seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

There were no escrow releases and there was no Old Business.

With respect to New Business, Mr. Groff re-visited the possibility of pursuing a different banking relationship for the Authority. As previously discussed, turnover at the current bank and the loss of certain key relationships has produced a decline in service. The Authority has reached out to two (2) community banks; one of which has demonstrated interest. The Manager will further investigate and report back to the Board. In addition, the Authority purchased a new hand-held meter reader, at a significant cost savings as compared to the last such meter reader purchased (approximately 1/3 the price). Given the available pricing, the Board suggested that a second such meter reader be purchased.

With no further business before the Board, Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M., seconded by Mr. Wright. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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