

**Cleona Borough Authority Minutes**

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The regular meeting of the Cleona Borough Authority was held via Zoom on the above date. Members attending were Sue Bowman, Matt Ditzler, Ashlea Good, Bryan Hoffman and Les Powell. Also attending were Scott Rights, Steckbeck Engineering; Amy Leonard, Solicitor; and Jonathan Johnson, Borough Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Chairman Hoffman

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS:**

**Motion by Mr. Powell to approve March 5, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Good. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Ms. Bowman to approve the March 2025 Treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Ms. Good, seconded by Ms. Bowman, to pay the bills for the months of March 2025. Motion carried.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** No citizens logged into the meeting.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT: Scott Rights**

*South Christian Street Project:* Mr. Rights reported he met with the four property owners about their easements, and they all agreed to minor changes as to where the swales should be located. He will send out the plans for the property owners' final approval on April 3 and hopes the project will be completed by the end of fall.

*Dairy Road Stormwater Project:* Mr. Rights is waiting for Borough approval of the easement agreement, noting he had difficulty contacting the owners of Mill Pond Properties. Mr. Johnson stated that the easement issue is on Borough Council's April 7 meeting agenda. Mr. Johnson said his office will relay contact information for Mill Pond Properties to Mr. Rights.

*New MS4 Permit Requirements:* Mr. Rights provided his comments on proposed regulation changes to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to the stormwater Consortium for their review. The Consortium subsequently approved sending the comments to DEP, but Mr. Rights has not yet received a reply.

*North Cornwall Township Dairy Rd. Pump Station:* Mr. Rights indicated construction on the new pumping station is on hold while it is determined how to stop water from flowing into the foundation trench.

Mr. Rights then discussed the Memorandum of Understand (MOU) with North Cornwall Township (NCT) to finance the pumping stations. The Authority agreed to pay 3.38 percent of the construction and management costs, but not the inspection costs. The first payment of \$33,800 will be due April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Mr. Ditzler made a motion to approve the MOU with NCT and Mr. Powell seconded; the motion carried.**

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Mr. Rights highlighted the 2010 agreement between the Authority and NCT, which specified the Authority would be paid \$8,000 annually for pumping NCT sewage from the Cleona Boulevard pumping station. Not included in the agreement was how to handle NCT's remaining capacity. Mr. Rights expressed concern that increased housing development in NCT would create added pumping-related expenses for the Authority. It was agreed this issue requires further consideration.

### **PUMP STATION REPORT: Les Powell**

Mr. Powell said that a storm-related power failure had caused a minor hiccup, but everything at the pumping station is operating normally again. He added that a new pump impeller is being installed.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jonathan Johnson**

See attached report.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Amy Leonard**

Ms. Leonard stated that easement agreements have been distributed to all the affected property owners. As a result of Mr. Rights' meetings with these owners, the written descriptions of the South Christian Street easements will be modified accordingly.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Close out of Fulton Bank Account: No discussion.

Acceptance of 2024 Authority Audit: **Ms. Bowman made a motion to accept the 2024 Authority audit, seconded by Ms. Good; the motion was approved.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Donation request from Quittapahilla Watershed Association: **Following discussion, Mr. Powell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Good to purchase a 9500 Level/Sender Telemetry System for the Watershed Association at the cost of \$9,279; motion carried.**

NCT Pump Station Agreement: See discussion under Engineer's Report.

Stormwater drain on South Mill Street: Mr. Rights had no updates to report.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to discuss, **Ms. Bowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Johnson