

SUMMIT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 17, 2021

The Summit Township Authority regularly scheduled meeting was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Summit Township Municipal Building, 502 Bonniebrook Road, Butler, PA.

CALL TO ORDER

David Barry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All persons stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Authority members were present David Barry, Robert Thompson, Willie Adams, Rick Green and Larry Osche. Authority Engineer, Rick Barnett was present. Authority Secretary, Roxann Stickney was absent. Also, in attendance Bill Konyha, Mary Konyha, Ryan Williams, Wayne Smith, Patty Smith, Cathy Moser, Dennis Davis, William Boice, Carole Orsick, Dennis Orsick, Virginia Smith, Keith Spahn, Cyndy Kramer, Linda Weber, Tim Dittmer, Vince Double, Cindy Double, Fred Martin, Gary Miller, Sr., Zelda Wilbert, and Jean Collins.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

There were no questions or comments on the agenda.

JULY 20, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Robert Thompson motioned to approve the July 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The engineer submitted the attached report that included an estimated timeline for the sewage project.

Evaluation continuing on the comments from the July 29, 2021 public meeting at the Herman Volunteer Fire Company.

Willie Adams motioned to allow the Authority's engineer and as many Authority board members as are available to meet with individual landowners to discuss their concerns after the meeting. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. This is in the best interest of time and others at the meeting.

Senate Engineering Company will get approximate cost for appraisals.

Discussion was held regarding item number 8 on the attached Engineer Report pertaining to stormwater and perc tests.

All drawings have been submitted to Buffalo Freeport Community Trail.

GP-5 permit application was submitted.

NPDES permits are ready for submission and permission has been received from landowners for perc tests.

A meeting with Penn DOT was requested.

The WQM Part 2 permit work is continuing.

The wastewater treatment plant design is continuing.

Meeting dates with PennVest have not been determined.

The timeline is an estimate.

INVOICE APPROVAL

Robert Thompson motioned to approve for payment Gallagher Law Group invoice 964 for the Rails-To-Trails Agreement for \$36.00. Larry Osche seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

David Barry motioned to approve for payment Jerich Insurance Agency invoice 2556 for the Authority's liability insurance for \$3,163.00. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

David Barry motioned to submit a payment request to the Summit Township Board of Supervisors for the above referenced invoices for a total of \$3,199.00. The Authority will reimburse the Township upon receiving funding. Robert Thompson seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The service area was discussed.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Property owners from Simon Drive attended the meeting regarding six properties that are in the public sewage service area. Fives homes are on the properties.

Approximate cost per EDU is \$40,000.00.

Debt service is approximately \$394.00 per year per EDU.

Debt service is approximately \$11,800.00 per EDU per over a 30-year loan.

The tap-in fee is \$6,000.00.

Approximate grinder pump installation is approximately \$10,250.00.

Some of the homes on Simon Drive have 1,500 feet of lateral line with 50 feet of vertical lift.

Per Senate Engineering Company engineer, it is cost effective to extend 250 feet for a grinder pump. It is also cost effective to extend 250 feet gravity feed, pipe and labor is more costly for gravity feed, but there is no grinder pump costs.

If the affordability rate cannot be met, the project will not go forward.

Sewage Enforcement Officer, Doug Duncan, can request DEP to check if any systems are failing on Simon Drive to evaluate the situation. No decisions were made.

2. Properties on Moran Road will be evaluated due to a lengthy discussion to evaluate the situation. No decisions were made.
3. The Moser property will be evaluated due to a lengthy discussion to evaluate the situation. No decisions were made.
4. Lengthy discussions with various property owners to evaluate the situation was held. No decisions were made.
5. A request was made for maps of the system so individuals can take home the map to evaluate their own situation.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Summit Township Authority, Robert Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Willie Adams seconded the motion. Motion Carried Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxann Stickney, Assistant Secretary

**SUMMIT AUTHORITY
ENGINEER'S REPORT**
SENATE #12068

August 17, 2021

Work in Progress

1. Attended public meeting on 7/29/2021 and are evaluating comments received.
2. Have received at least 1 request to meet with property owners. Request direction from Board on how to address these requests from individual property owners. ✓
3. Have evaluated alternative alignment to avoid locating sewerline on Boice property.
4. It appears there will be a number of properties seeking fair market value for easements. It is recommended to get appraiser on board to begin valuation process. ✓
5. Perc tests done.....
6. Drawings requested by the Butler-Freeport Community Trail (BFCT) have been submitted.
7. The GP-5 permit applications have been submitted.
8. The Chapter 102 construction stormwater NPDES, post-construction stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation application will be submitted. Perc tests will be done pending favorable soil conditions and landowner permission to enter.
9. Meeting has been requested with PennDOT for HOP applications and approvals.
10. Work is proceeding on the WQM Part 2 permit, engineers report, final plans and specifications.
11. WWTP design is proceeding with CMU type building as approved at the July Board meeting.
12. Discussions with Pennvest indicate another pre-consultation meeting is needed to update the affordability rate, given the time that has passed since the initial meeting. A draft questionnaire has been prepared to provide to Pennvest.
13. An estimated timeline for the project is shown below:

Milestone	Duration
a) DEP Part 2 application review	6 to 9 months after submittal
b) Prepare and submit Pennvest application	Concurrent with and upon approval of Part 2 permit review by DEP
c) Pennvest review, award and closing (if favorable funding offer is received)	4 to 6 months (must have all property issues resolved prior to closing)
d) Bidding and award	2 months concurrent with and 1 month following Pennvest review and closing period
e) Construction phase	24 months after Pennvest closing
f) Startup	2 months

END OF ENGINEER'S REPORT