

Clinton Township Sewerage Authority
Meeting Minutes—March 4, 2021

Chairman Krommenhoek called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Members present were Peter Geiger (remotely), Edward Schneider, Katrin Glode-Sethna (remotely), Michael Maurer and Daniel McTiernan. Also present were C. Gregory Watts, Attorney, Nancy Wohlleb (remotely), Engineer, Roger Parr (remotely), Operator, Thomas Kochanowski, Council Liaison, Tara Stokes (remotely), Clerk, and Meliss Paulus, Administrator. Chairman Krommenhoek stated adequate public notice had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

February 4, 2021 – Open and Closed Sessions

A motion was made by Katrin Glode-Sethna and seconded by Edward Schneider to approve the open and closed session minutes of the February 4, 2021 meeting. There being no further discussion, a voice vote was called. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment - None

Old Business/Current Business

Capacity Requests

Ms. Paulus stated no formal requests have been received.

Pending Connections

- 6 West St, 14 Moebus Pl., 1728 Route 31, 248-250 Hamden Rd

There was nothing new to report or discuss.

- 13 Moebus Place – Block 18, Lot 5

This property, (Block 18, Lot 5) is included in the March 22, 2006 Agreement between the Town of Clinton and the CTSA. It has projected flow of 10,000 gpd and its pro-rata share is \$84,327.93. The Authority expended the money when upgrading the Deer Meadow pump station in anticipation of this additional flow and is entitled to be reimbursed. As stated in the Town of Clinton Land Use Board Notice scheduled for March 2, 2021, it previously was approved for two (2) professional office buildings consisting of approximately 50,000 square feet each. The applicant now proposes to construct one (1) 100,000 square foot building to be utilized as a warehouse and showroom facility for artificial Christmas trees. The applicant has applied for several variances. Mr. McTiernan stated the meeting will be continued on the 16th. Tractor trailer traffic is one of the major concerns. NJDOT has no interest in reviewing this. He noted there will be 15 bays. Mr. Schneider expressed concern with oil and if there is drainage at each bay. Mrs. Wohlleb

agreed this is a valid stormwater concern. Mr. McTiernan stated there has been discussion of possibly building a second hotel at the same site the existing hotel is located at.

- NJDOT – Beaver Ave. New Garage/Wash Bay

There was nothing new to report or discuss.

Capital Budget Plan

There was nothing new to report or discuss.

Town of Clinton Treatment Cost Litigation

The Town of Clinton sent notice the Sewer Budget Workshop meeting will be held March 9, 2021 at 6 p.m. The status of the litigation was discussed in Executive session.

Preventative Maintenance Program

Mr. Parr reported on the cleaning and videoing of a section of Beaver Avenue, Center St. and Grayrock Road that was performed by Russell Reid on January 26th and 27th. He noted a belly in the line coming from East St. to Beaver Ave. MHAN89 – MHAN90 Beaver Ave. material change from PVC to Iron at 125' and obstruction at 147'. The obstruction of rocks was cleared. There were several location of grease deposits on Grayrock Rd. to Center St. between MHAN30 – MHAN27. This has been an occasional problem over the years. Ms. Paulus was directed to request grease trap cleaning reports.

Clinton Twp. COAH – PIRHL

Mr. Watts sent the Reservation for Wastewater Treatment Agreement to the attorney. He placed a call to her this morning since he has not received a response. Ms. Paulus noted there has been several requests to replenish the escrow account. There are invoices that cannot be paid until funds are received for professional services rendered. Mr. Watts noted there should not be any more work done until the escrow account is replenished. Mrs. Wohlleb was made aware the force main may be relocated to the passing lane of Route 31 due to the water line department feedback. She anticipates some changes to the force main due to her technical comments and expressed her concern with the location of the force main. This is in good engineering conscience in a safety aspect not to have a utility in a traffic area. Mr. Parr provided the requested information pertaining to North Hunterdon High School pump station pumps and the size of the force main. Mrs. Wohlleb has reached out to a pump manufacturer for additional information in hopes that only the pumps would have to be replaced to accept this additional flow.

Mini Pump Stations

There was nothing new to report or discuss.

Beaver Brook 3

Mrs. Wohlleb indicated she has drafted a response utilizing some of the information Mr. Huntington presented and will send to Ms. Paulus early next week.

Comminutors vs. Trash Baskets

There was nothing new to report or discuss.

Country Club Drive Associates

This was discussed in Executive Session.

Maple Ave/Route 641 Infiltration & Inflow

Mott MacDonald and Natural Systems Utilities submitted proposals. A discussion ensued regarding each proposal and the best way to proceed with the investigation. It was agreed to proceed with manhole inspections only at this time. Based on both proposals, this task will not exceed \$4,000.00. Mr. Parr noted police will need to be retained for traffic control and safety reasons. Chairman Krommenhoek moved and Peter Geiger seconded the motion to accept either proposal not to exceed \$4,000.00 for the inspection of manholes as part of the inflow/infiltration study of the County Route 641/Maple Avenue pump station are. This will be further discussed in executive session. There being no further discussion, the roll was called.

Resolution #37-2021

Steven Krommenhoek	Yes
Peter Geiger	Yes
Edward Schneider	Yes
Katrin Glode-Sethna	Yes
Michael Maurer	Yes
Daniel McTiernan	Did not vote

New Business

Operator's Report

Mr. Parr reported all stations are operational, have been inspected weekly, data collected, and baskets cleaned. High level alarms were tested. Mr. Parr reported the following activities/issues:

- The flow meter at Beaver brook #1 pump station was replaced 2/15/21. Calibration was performed by a certified ABB representative.
- Pump malfunction alarm at Deer Meadow pump station was received. Pump #1 was tripped. It was partially clogged with rags. NSU Services pulled the pump, cleared the rags, and reinstalled the pump. DOT pump station has had a higher than usual amount of rags. Mr. Parr contributes this to more people are working from home as well as virtual schooling.

Generator Service Contract Award

Proposals were requested from three (3) contractors for Preventative Maintenance of 11 generators. This included one minor and one major service during the year. Proposals were received from P3 Generator Services in the amount of \$3,995.00 and

GenServe, LLC in the \$10,540.00. Chairman Krommenhoek moved and Michael Maurer seconded the motion to accept the proposal of P3 Generator Services in the amount of \$3,995.00 to provide preventative maintenance service. There being no further discussion, the roll was called.

Resolution #38-2021

Steven Krommenhoek	Yes
Peter Geiger	Yes
Edward Schneider	Yes
Katrin Glode-Sethna	Yes
Michael Maurer	Yes
Daniel McTiernan	Did not vote

Appoint Emergency Contractors

Proposals for emergency service rates were requested from Toby Barkman Excavating, Inc., Natural Systems Services, and Pumping Services for 2021. Peter Geiger moved and Chairman Krommenhoek seconded the motion to accept the proposals as submitted by Toby Barkman Excavating, Inc., Natural Systems Services, and Pumping Services for emergency services for 2021. There being no further discussion, the roll was called.

Resolution #39-2021

Steven Krommenhoek	Yes
Peter Geiger	Yes
Edward Schneider	Yes
Katrin Glode-Sethna	Yes
Michael Maurer	Yes
Daniel McTiernan	Did not vote

Electric Reverse Auction

The Authority has previously participated in a reverse auction for electrical service for its pump stations in partnership with Natural Systems Utilities. The contract is set to expire next month. Edward Schneider moved and Michael Maurer second the motion to participate in the reverse auction for electrical service for its pump stations in conjunction with Natural Systems Utilities. There being no further discussion, the roll was called.

Resolution #40-2021

Steven Krommenhoek	Yes
Peter Geiger	Yes
Edward Schneider	Yes
Katrin Glode-Sethna	Yes
Michael Maurer	Yes
Daniel McTiernan	Did not vote

Refund Overpayment – PPI, 8 Troon Terrace

PPI has multiple accounts and submitted a payment in the amount of \$795.03 specified for 8 Troon Terrace. A request was received requesting a refund for the overpayment of \$665.03. Chairman Krommenhoek moved and Peter Geiger seconded the motion to issue a refund in the amount of \$665.03 payable to PPI for the overpayment for 8 Troon Terrace. There being no further discussion, the roll was called.

Resolution #41-2021

Steven Krommenhoek	Yes
Peter Geiger	Yes
Edward Schneider	Yes
Katrin Glode-Sethna	Yes
Michael Maurer	Yes
Daniel McTiernan	Did not vote

Mr. Ronald Douglas, 4 Glenside Drive, submitted a letter expressing his appreciation of everyone's effort in our local township/municipality especially during this past year. He further noted he has "found this community to be a more pleasant place to reside, some of which is where I reside with a nice community, but the difference is the people."

Vouchers

Edward Schneider moved and Michael Maurer seconded a motion to approve all vouchers in the Control Register and Check Register. There being no further discussion, the roll was called.

Steven Krommenhoek	Yes
Peter Geiger	Yes
Edward Schneider	Yes
Katrin Glode-Sethna	Yes
Michael Maurer	Yes
Daniel McTiernan	Did not vote

(Mr. Parr left the meeting prior to closed session.)

Executive Session

Chairman Krommenhoek stated there is a need to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing the litigation with the Town of Clinton and Country Club Drive Associates and Contractual matters. No action is anticipated to be taken upon entering open session. Chairman Krommenhoek moved and Edward Schneider seconded a motion to enter executive session at 7:53 p.m. for the purposes of discussing litigation with the Town of Clinton and Country Club Drive Associates and Contractual matters. The motion passed unanimously. It is noted Mrs. Wohlleb left closed session at 8:01 p.m.

Open Session

Edward Schneider moved and Chairman Krommenhoek seconded a motion to close executive session and enter open session at 8:18 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Edward Schneider moved, seconded by Michael Maurer, and unanimously passed the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

Meliss Paulus, Administrator

Steven Krommenhoek, Chairman