



GETTYSBURG BOROUGH STORM WATER AUTHORITY
TROXELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
59 E. HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
(GBSWA) DECEMBER 5, 2022
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Members of the Board: Chair Michael S. Malewicki, Vice-Chair and Councilor John D. Lawver, Secretary and Councilor Wesley K. Heyser, Member Patrick L. Naugle, and Member Charles Strauss; **Absent Member:** Vice-Chair Lawver; **GBSWA Officials:** Administrative Manager Charles R. Gable; Solicitor Adam D. Boyer, Barley Snyder; Borough Engineer Chad M. Clabaugh, C.S. Davidson; and Recording Secretary Karen Mesher; **Absent GBSWA Official:** Director of Historic and Environmental Preservation Debra English; **Absent Borough Staff:** Public Works Director Robert Harbaugh; **Members of the Public:** Filming by *Community Media-ACCTV*.

GBSWA – Call to Order

Chair Malewicki called the special meeting to order at 5:30 PM on December 5, 2022.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Malewicki made no welcoming remarks.

Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

Approval of Agenda, Minutes, Bills

Chair Malewicki requested a motion to accept the December 5, 2022 GBSWA Special Meeting Agenda as presented.

Secretary Heyser made a **motion** to accept the December 5, 2022 GBSWA Special Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Strauss and **carried 4-to-0 without dissention**.

There were no minutes to approve at this time.

Public Comment for Items on the Meeting Agenda

There was no public comment at this time.

Special Presentation

There was no special presentation at this time.

Current and Old Business

There was no current and old business at this time.

New Business

1. H₂O Grant Application – Clabaugh

Engineer Clabaugh discussed the H₂O Grant application with the Authority, noting that the grant application utilizes federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds that are managed by the County

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for small and large projects. He explained that at the last Authority meeting, the Authority discussed using the small project grant for under \$500,000 for the Gettysburg Innerloop Phase B Project, and that the large project grant for over \$500,000 would be used for the Stevens Run Channel Wall Replacement Project. He said that the ownership of the Stevens Run Channel walls needs to be determined in order to finalize the grant application which is due on December 21st. He said that staff recommends that the Authority use the large (over \$500,000) grant to fund the Gettysburg Innerloop Phase B Project (\$2.4 million project that includes a \$1.4 million water component) and use the small (under \$500,000) grant to fund the failing Stevens Run Channel Walls for portions of the walls where ownership has been clearly determined. He said that there is a matching component. He said that the Chambersburg Street Pipe is failing, and that repairing it could be added to the Gettysburg Innerloop Project, analyzing them both together. He noted that the cost to repair the pipe would be the most expensive part of the project.

Engineer Clabaugh explained the H₂O Grant funding strategy for the Gettysburg Innerloop Phase B and the Chambersburg Street Storm Pipe: Construction GIL (H₂O) is \$1,410,000, Chambersburg Pipe (H₂O) is \$230,000 for a total H₂O Construction cost of \$1,640,000. He said that the Secured Funds for the Match were as follows: Gettysburg Borough \$80,000, Community Development Block Grant (2021, 2022, and 2023) \$384,000, GBSWA \$70,000, and DCNR C2P2 (after \$197,500 used for design) \$55,000 for a total Secured Match funds of \$589,000. He said that the balance of the match requirement is \$313,000 (\$902,000 minus \$589,000) needed for the grant. He said that this grant will be reviewed by DCED who manages the federal money at the state level for the grant; and that other state funds can be used for the match. Solicitor Boyer said that the H₂O Act passed at the state level in 2008, and that federal money is applied to existing grant programs. He said that you cannot use spent or anticipated funds for the grant match.

Engineer Clabaugh said that the Borough would have to be the applicant on the grant application because they own the infrastructure (pipes that must be improved); however the Authority could assist in financing (fund match preparations). He said that he would provide the design element. He said that an outside grant writer from Pittsburgh had been identified to assist with the grant application and will contract with GBSWA (\$2500 plus the \$100 application fee). He said that the ownership of the channel walls slated for the project must be determined prior to the time of the of the grant application and noted that the storm drain repair in the vicinity of Highland and John Avenues are definitely owned by the Borough; and that the Long Lane Project, the SCAAP Project, and other Stevens Run Channel Walls have infrastructure ownership issues that are unclear would need to be determined before a grant application could be made for those improvements.

Engineer Clabaugh said that the Borough needs to submit a letter signed by the Borough Manager to verify that the Borough can obtain matching funds to submit with the grant application; and that the Authority can help financially fund the grant match and construction costs. Chair Malewicki said that the Authority may need to borrow funds to repair the walls.

Chair Malewicki called for the following motions related to the COVID-19 ARPA H₂O Grants:

Chair Malewicki made a **motion authorizing Gettysburg Storm Water Authority (GBSWA) staff to prepare an application for the COVID-19 ARPA H₂O grant to fund water resource components of the Gettysburg Inner Loop Phase B project, including the Chambersburg Street stormwater pipe replacement and to engage the services of outside consultants for such a purpose.** The motion was seconded by Member Strauss and carried 4-to-0 without dissension.

Chair Malewicki made a **motion authorizing Gettysburg Storm Water Authority (GBSWA) staff to prepare an application for the COVID-19 ARPA Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer grant to fund components of the Stevens Run Channel Wall Replacement and Rehabilitation project and to engage the services of outside consultants for such purpose.** The motion was seconded by Member Heyser and carried 4-to-0 without dissension.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment

Chair Malewicki requested a motion to adjourn. The **motion** was made by Secretary Heyser, **seconded** by Member Strauss, and passed **4-to-0**. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Mesher, Planning Management Assistant
GBSWA Recording Secretary