

Millcreek Richland Joint Authority Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

The Millcreek-Richland Joint Authority Meeting of November 6, 2023, was called to order by John Wolgemuth, Authority Chairman at 7:01 P.M.

Present: James Bottomley; Jan Klaus; John Wolgemuth; Rebecca Schnoke; Arthur Wealand; Jessica Weaver

Also in attendance: Dan Hershey, Amy Leonard, Esq., and Justin LaTourette

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting were offered. No corrections were noted. Ms. Schnoke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolgemuth, to approve the October 2, 2023, meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid were reviewed for October 2023. Mr. Wolgemuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klaus, to pay all bills marked with asterisks as presented on the October Treasurer's report. All voted in favor. Ms. Weaver abstained.

Mr. Bottomley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolgemuth to approve the Treasurer's report. All voted in favor.

The first draft of the 2024 Budget for MRJA was reviewed and various line items were discussed.

Justin LaTourette – Purified Operations LLC: No violations, nothing to report. There were no issues for all 5 stations. Station 1 generator had an alarm and was being inspected this afternoon. The quarterly check with Joe is scheduled to occur this month.

Dan Hershey – Hershey Engineering: He received a call from Jon Andrews from McNees Wallace who is representing Martin's (the proposed JFM project on Ash Road). He expects a counteroffer from them. Dan informed him of the background and the Authority's position.

Dan plans to work with Mr. Klaus and Justin to establish a capital improvement plan for the next 5-10 years, which should be helpful to pursue grants. The plan is to discuss the need for any sewer rate increase once the capital improvement plan is established.

Dan received revised plans for the RigidPly Glulam #3 building. He sent them a letter with no further technical comments and is recommending the Authority approve the sewer design. Mr. Wolgemuth made a motion, seconded by Mr. Klaus to give RigidPly an additional 8 EDUs contingent upon approval of the capacity agreement and payment of the tapping fees. All voted in favor. Rigidply previously established an escrow account for its projects.

Amy Leonard, Solicitor: She will prepare a capacity agreement for RigidPly for 8 additional EDUs at \$6,000 each.

Ms. Schnoke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolgemuth to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2024. All voted in favor.

Board Member Reports: None

Correspondence: none.

Old Business: Appointment of a new member for the Authority is on the Richland Borough agenda for November 14, 2023.

Justin checked with a cleaning lady who wasn't interested, but she was checking with someone else. No further update.

Diversified sewer billing switch – Ms. Schnoke wants to reach out Maybelle to make sure the transition is done properly. She plans to call Ann at JBT to let her know what's going on. Diversified plans to send a welcome/transition letter. We may need to update our website.

New Business: none.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Ms. Schnoke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wolgemuth, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Secretary, Jessica Weaver