

WYSOX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

April 21, 2023

PRESENT: James Isaac, Robert Williams-Chairman, Thomas Henson-Vice Chairman

ABSENT: Tina Pickett, William Them – Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS: Chris Jones – Solicitor, Eric Casanave – Stiffler McGraw

VISITORS:

Visitor:

Minutes:

The minutes from the meeting held on March 17, 2023 were approved as written, on a motion made by Mr. Isaac, and seconded by Mr. Henson, approved.

Bills:

Mr. Isaac made a motion to approve the following bills for April, Mr. Henson seconded, approved.

Wysox Operating Fund List of Bills:	April 2023	Amount:
TMA	Wilmington Trust – 5/01/2023	\$ 3,049.40
TMA	Administrative cost- 4/23	\$ 2,103.67
TMA	Sewer Flows (Mar)	\$ 21,868.38
TMA	Contracted Services	\$ 4,018.33
TMA	Telephone 6 Invoices	\$ 298.49
TMA	Schaedler Yesco – dup payment	\$ - 180.93
Penelec	PS 1,2,4,5,6,7	\$ 1,072.22
TMA	M & T monthly pymnt	\$ 4,988.45
The Daily Review	Legal notice	\$ 41.00
TOTAL:		\$ 37,259.02

Wysox Water Operating List of Bills:	April 2023	Amount:
TMA	Water (Mar)	\$ 11,549.62
TMA	Contracted Services	\$ 2,274.93
BNYMellon NY	May 2023	\$ 12,839.62
Penelec	Lake Rd Vault, Tank	\$ 946.21
TMA	Pace Analytical	\$ 65.00
TOTALS:		\$ 27,675.38

Engineer:

Mr. Casanave stated he received a call from Mr. Them a couple of weeks ago in reference to the inspections being performed by Erb Inspections. Mr. Them had requested a quote from Stiffler McGraw to do the inspections. Mr. Williams stated that he was not informed by Mr. Them on this matter; Mr. Casanave stated he sent his proposal to Mr. Them as we do have a local inspector who can perform the inspections. Mr. Casanave stated he is aware the Board was not informed of the conversation with Mr. Them. Mr. Casanave informed the Board that Erb performed inspections without informing with sufficient amount of time either he or Mr. Strickland, so they

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could attend to ensure they are looking at, and requiring what the Board has put in the rules and regulations. Mr. Casanave stated he has not seen any of the checklist on the properties that have been inspected and he has seen a couple of pictures; Mr. Williams stated he has not seen anything returned. Mr. Casanave stated his proposal is \$75.00 an hour; he is not aware what the current contract with Erb is; Mr. Williams stated he thinks it is per inspection, but does not know the rate exactly. Mr. Williams stated that he was not aware of the issues with Erb Inspections so he would need to get more information in order to proceed; the Schultz property was inspected and we had more questions than we received answers. Mr. Isaac stated that we are awaiting paperwork from them in regards to backflow preventors we need to have on file for inventory, is that being done? Mr. Henson asked if we have been informed of any future inspections; Mr. Casanave stated he was informed March 30th but then he was not informed if they occurred or they were cancelled.

Mr. Casanave continued after the executive session to inform the Board that they are ready to start on the infiltration study with the funds received from the county. Smoke testing needs to be performed during the dry season and metering during the wet season; we are almost done with the wet season; we would not start smoke testing until the middle of summer when it is dry; what direction does the Board want him to begin. Mr. Williams stated we already had an issue with our pump station 4 at the end of Lake Road that caused a sewage back up onto a property. We found the issue of gravel that was introduced into the system most likely from a Penn Dot repair we were not informed about. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Casanave how many feet between manholes; Mr. Casanave stated every 400 feet on the straight runs and at any change of direction of the line; Mr. Williams stated why were our manholes placed in the ditch area; Mr. Casanave stated that should not be allowed to occur. Mr. Williams stated why we can't just move them along with the fire hydrant that he informed Mr. Strickland he seen a fire company pulling water from just across the street. Mr. Casanave stated they are in our plan to DEP and just can not be moved or eliminated without DEP's approval of the change. Mr. Williams agrees with Mr. Casanave but the location of the manholes has allowed for infiltration and damage from plow trucks.

Mr. Henson stated do we have cameras included in the grant funds and could we change the scope; Mr. Casanave stated the scope should not be changed and yes, we had cameras, smoke testing, as well as metering in the scope of plan. Mr. Casanave stated with how dry this spring has been he would forgo the metering this year as we would only capture the end of the "wet" season that really has not been wet, but we could go ahead with the cameras of the lines and start the smoke testing during the summer months.

Mr. Isaac stated we would think the timing of each test should be up to the engineer, as they know more about that timing then this Board would. Mr. Henson asked Mr. Casanave if he was looking for a motion to proceed; Mr. Casanave stated not at this meeting, he was just informing the Board of what portion of the study needs to be started and when they would like to start the different items in the study.

Mr. Casanave stated he will reach out to Erb per the Board's request, and he will come with a timeline of the infiltration study for next month's meeting.

Executive Session:

The Board entered on into executive session at 9:58 a.m. and remained in session until 10:30 a.m. in regards to potential legal issues, with no action taken.

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Attorney:

Mr. Jones has been contacted by Mr. Schultz, he will be in contact with Mr. Casanave, Mr. Strickland and Erb Inspections before he reaches back out to him and his attorney.

Mr. Jones stated he will get with Ms. Dinelli in reference to the proposed gas lease that was addressed in a letter to the Authority, he will have an update on this for next meeting.

Superintendent:

Not in attendance.

Treasurers Report:

Mr. Them is not in attendance.

Adjournment:

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie McGuire for
April 2 Maynard
Towanda Borough