WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2021

The West Hempfield Township Municipal Authority met at the Township Municipal Office, 3476 Marietta Avenue. The public was permitted to attend in-person or remotely via Zoom (video and audio), with instructions provided at the Township's internet website. The agenda posted to the Township's website and posted on the front window of the Township Building advised of the public's ability to attend in-person or remotely.

David Dumeyer, Edward Fisher, Kent Gardner, Naomi Martin, Robert Munro, and Andrew Stern were physically present. Judy Carrier, Recording Secretary, was present remotely via Zoom.

- A. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Dumeyer called the meeting to order at 10:47 p.m.
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 2, 2021.
 - **Moved** by Robert Munro, seconded by Kent Gardner and unanimously carried (5-0) to *approve* the February 2, 2021 Reorganizational and Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT A resident commented on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and it's high tolls.
- D. OLD BUSINESS None
- E. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. <u>Agricultural Properties, 2021 Credit</u> Andrew Stern reviewed his memorandum dated April 28, 2021 regarding requests received from several farmers to consider allowing a credit the first year for ag properties. He believes most, if not all, of the Township's Ag properties do have an approved and implemented Conservation Plan and are eligible for a 25% credit, and recommended granting a 25% credit to the ag properties with more than one ERU for the 2021 billing cycle. Mr. Stern recognized James DiLouie who has volunteered to assist with the credit process for 2021. Edward Fisher would like to further discuss in the future when there is more time.
 - Motion was made by Edward Fisher and seconded by Robert Munro to *approve* the recommendation to grant a 25% credit to the ag properties with more than one ERU for the 2021 billing cycle. The motion unanimously passed (5-0). Each ag property owner will be notified that they will need to provide evidence of an approved and implemented Conservation Plan prior to the second billing cycle in order to maintain this credit.
 - b. <u>Financing Stormwater Projects</u> Andrew Stern reviewed his memorandum dated April 28, 2021 regarding cash flow due to the several million dollars of projects to complete in the next couple of years until grants fund reimbursements are received and the stormwater fee account becomes sufficiently funded. He has suggested the Authority acquire a cash flow (or similar) loan to carry it over the next couple of years.
 - Motion was made by Kent Gardner and seconded by Robert Munro to *authorize* Andrew Stern to work with Concord Public Financial Advisors to solicit loan proposals for the Authority's consideration at a future meeting. The motion unanimously passed (5-0).

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F. RESOLUTIONS - None

G. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman David Dumeyer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting into Executive Session for a personnel matter.

• **Motion** was made by Robert Munro, seconded by Kent Gardner and carried (5-0) to *adjourn* the West Hempfield Township Municipal Authority meeting into Executive Session for a personnel matter at 11:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Stern, Secretary



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Meetings of the Authority will immediately follow meetings of the Board of Supervisors, when there is Authority business to be discussed.