

**LOWER SAUCON AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JULY 18, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Gress called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

There was not a quorum until 7:02 P.M. Before 7:02 P.M. the present Board Members informally reviewed the current items that were included in the update.

**2. Roll Call**

Present were Mr. Gress, Chairman; Mr. Werner, Secretary; Mr. Davis, Member; Mr. Keich, Member; Mr. Ross, Administrator; Ms. Fetzer, Assistant Administrator; Mrs. Kerchner, Secretary; Mr. Backenstoe, Attorney; Mr. Youst, Engineer (Mr. Davis arrived at 7:02 P.M.). (Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Smith, Mr. Thakkar and Mr. Reccek were not present).

**3. Citizen Agenda Items**

None.

**4. Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Werner, Second by Mr. Gress to approve the minutes dated June 20, 2023 as presented.

Roll Call 3-0-1 Motion Approved. (Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Smith and Mr. Thakkar were not present and Mr. Keich abstained).

**5. Financial Report**

Mr. Corcoran was not present.

**6. Agenda**

**A. 2022 Audit**

Mr. Ross said Cheri Freeh from Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh was present and reviewed the audit during the informal update with the present Board Members before the meeting was called to order.

**B. Bid for Meadows Road Bridge Pipe and Materials**

This agenda item was informally discussed with the Board Members that were present before there was a quorum, and the meeting was called to order.

**C. Creekside Update**

Attorney Backenstoe said he rewrote parts of the sales contract with M & W Precast, LLC. He said M & W Precast agreed to the changes he made. Attorney Backenstoe said the contract is now acceptable. The Board Members then made a motion to approve the contract.

Motion by Mr. Gress, Second by Mr. Werner to approve the sales contract with M & W Precast, LLC and to direct management to authorize the vendor to move forward with phase 1 of the contract.

Roll Call 4-0 Motion Approved. (Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Smith and Mr. Thakkar were not present).

The Board Members then approved the minutes.

Mr. Werner asked when the Authority will find out if we receive the grant. Mr. Ross said he emailed the person at DCED who is overseeing the grant to see if it will still be awarded this July. She responded and said the grant decision was not on the meeting agenda for today. Mr. Ross said hopefully the decision will be made in August. He said he will be following up with her.

**7. Citizen Non-Agenda Items**

None.

**8. Reports**

**A. Attorney**

Attorney Backenstoe said he had nothing further to report than his informal update before the meeting was called to order.

**B. Engineer**

Mr. Youst had nothing additional to report than his informal update before the meeting was called to order.

**C. Administrator**

Mr. Ross said there is a term investment that is going to be renewed with PLGIT. The current rate today for a 365-day investment is 5.89%. He said he will be rolling over the investment tomorrow and the interest rate should be around 5.89% or close to that with the day-to-day changes with interest rates. Mr. Ross said we rolled over Fund 3 and Fund 4 for reinvestment.

**D. Chairman**

Mr. Gress said there was a proposal brought to Lower Saucon Township Council to put a cell phone tower in Steel City next to our tank. Mr. Gress brought this to the attention of Mr. Ross and the Board Members to let them know so we can get the information regarding the proposed tower. Mr. Ross said he will talk to the Lower Saucon Township manager tomorrow to discuss this matter.

**E. Members**

No members had anything to report.

**9. Adjournment**

Upon motion by Mr. Gress, Second by Mr. Davis the July 18, 2023 Board Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Kerchner  
Recording Secretary