

## READINGTON-LEBANON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

September 23, 2020

**OPENING:** Dr. Schaible, Chairman opened this regular meeting and announced that the Sunshine laws have been satisfied for the convening of this meeting.

**PRESENT:** Dr. Schaible, Messrs. Burton, and Monaco, Cichone , Dr. Westfield, Ms. Rohrbach members, Mrs. Plesnarski, Administrator.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 26, 2020 as written, was carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES:** Motion to approve the invoices for the month of September in the amount of \$ **114,494.74** along with the authorization for the Administrator to transfer this amount into the Operating Checking account on October 1, 2020 was made by Mr. Burton, seconded by Mr. Cichone, and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT:** Motion to acknowledge the review and approve the September Budget Statement without any exceptions noted as written was made by Mr. Cichone, seconded by Ms. Rohrbach, and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** – *I&I Quarterly Report* – Mr. Ponte noted that Frey Engineering and Van Cleef Engineers have been very cooperative and provided information as to the status of respective I&I and projection of flow infiltration. Mr. Ponte reviewed the difference between infiltration and inflow. Mrs. Plesnarski reported that through shared services with PARSA, RLSA lines in Lebanon will be videoed and cleaned. Future work will entail the repair of (2) vented manholes and raising (4) inspected manholes. Mrs. Plesnarski noted that the rain catchers are working. Mr. Cichone asked if the best way to find illegal

connections was through smoke testing. Mr. Ponte noted that smoke testing will not work during a rain event and if there is a check valve installed it will not detect an illegal connection. Mrs. Plesnarski suggested that the borough or township needs an ordinance. Mr. Burton suggested that an inspection be performed prior to every home sale to look for illegal connections. Mr. Ponte noted that inflow is more of a problem than infiltration. Mrs. Plesnarski noted that it is more of a problem with the homeowner. The COVID pandemic has made year to year comparison of flow difficult as user behavior has changed. Lebanon Borough has been working on their I&I problem. Readington Township has installed additional meters to try to localize where their I&I is located. Mr. Ponte suggested using the DEP metric of 120 gallons/day/capita as our targeted goal. Mrs. Rohrbach suggested that funding for stormwater management should be researched as the source appears to be sump pump and drain inflow.

***Subcommittee Appointees*** – Mr. Monaco noted that the Mayor of Readington Township, Mr. Heller and a Board of Adjustments member, Mrs. Mittleman have been appointed to the subcommittee. Mr. Burton stated that Lebanon Council member, Ben Valliere and LBSA member Greg Crawford have been appointed to the subcommittee. Mrs. Plesnarski will act as liaison to schedule the first meeting. Members have requested the first subcommittee to be held prior to the October RLSA meeting.

***Readington Farms*** – Mrs. Plesnarski noted that Readington Farms has had some odor issues. NJDEP air quality and the Readington Township Board of Health have conducted inspections of their facility. There have been no RLSA plant upsets yet. Readington Farms has been given a notice of violation and might incur fines.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

***ADJOURNMENT:*** As there was no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned by motion made by Mr. Monaco seconded by Mr. Burton and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Respectfully submitted:

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Charles Westfield  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Virginia Weierich  
Recording Secretary