

**MINUTES**  
**UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP STORMWATER AUTHORITY**  
**January 17, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

**STORMWATER AUTHORITY BOARD**

James G. Cochran, Chairman  
Richard A. Castranio, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Kenneth M. Martin, Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

Scott W. Fraser, Township Manager  
Stephen Feinour, Solicitor  
Jason Reichard, P.E., Township Engineer  
Jennifer Boyer, Comm. Dev. Dir.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Roll call was taken by Mr. Fraser.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2023, Stormwater Authority Meeting  
Consideration/Approval of December 2023 Bills in the Amount of \$51,503.95 and  
January 2024 Bills in the Amount of \$14,121.45  
Consideration/Approval of Staff Reports

Secretary Martin made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023, Stormwater Authority meeting., **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Castranio. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Martin made a **MOTION** to authorize payment of the December 2023 and January 2024 bills., **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Castranio. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Castranio made a **MOTION** to approve the Staff Reports, **SECONDED** by Secretary Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Re Organization**

Secretary Martin shared that Ginnie Anderson and Jeff Walters resigned. He noted that there is an agenda item on the Board of Commissioners Meeting to appoint two other members to the Authority.

Secretary Martin made a **MOTION** to continue with slate of officers from 2023 to 2024., **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Castranio. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consideration/Approval of Township Solicitor's Rates for 2024**

Vice Chairman Castranio Made a **MOTION** to approve the Township Solicitor's Rates for 2024 as presented in his October 13, 2023, letter., **SECONDED** by Secretary Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Engineering Update on Webercroft and Lindenwood Stormwater Project**

Mr. Reichard shared that he has nothing to report this week.

Raymond White, of 21 Hemlock Drive

Mr. White asked if the engineering firm has been to Webercroft when there is a large rain on Oakwood and Hemlock when there is water in the road. Mr. Reichard said he has not in a severe storm event. Mr. White suggested that with the rains we have had, maybe someone can come out and take a look. Mr. Reichard said the plan was to have a questionnaire and public outreach to the neighbors so they can provide input because we want to fully understand the problem. Mr. White said the Authority was always made up of Township Commissioners. He wanted to know if there was a way to volunteer as an individual for anything like this.

Chairman Cochran said that may be addressed to the Board of Commissioners when they meet next, they decide who sits on the Authority and appoint them. He said that in the past, they appoint themselves and that is where we stand today. One of the things that sometimes happens with Authorities is they can run away and we have seen some experience with that in Central Pennsylvania, people building things like golf courses. Chairman Cochran said that when he was on the Board, that was one of his concerns. We are now on the second round of appointments. Secretary Martin said there is a volunteer form that he can fill out and submit.

Dave Moyer, 17 Hemlock Drive

Mr. Moyer said 15 and 17 Hemlock get a river and a lot of the water pulls into that area.

Chairman Cochran said that when he got on the Board 21 years ago, this was an issue and we addressed it and the way we addressed it was not a good way to address it with some surface trenches and concrete swales. The problem we had was we could not get water under Rt 114, the pipe was not big enough. We heard there was going to be development and we thought we would wait until the development occurs and see what we can do then, because we have an easement to dump stormwater on the other side of the highway. He said when Legacy Park finally came to be, part of the negotiations the Township had with them was to put that pipe in. The pipe was enlarged. You have to start at the bottom and work your way up. We have issues beyond Webercroft, it is in Diehl Road and above, but we have to first get the water over the highway. We have been able to do that. Now we are coming back finally and addressing the issue at Webercroft. We did some

hydraulic studies. Once there is a plan in place, we will bring it up at the Authority meeting for people to take a look at. Once we had the pipe in place, we had another list of stormwater projects we needed to do. We need to do stormwater projects every year to comply with state requirements. It was at the back of the line, now we have moved it back up and we are going to address it. It is one of the issues that we want to address going forward with our next stormwater reduction plan. We are at the very beginning of it. We do not want to lose track of it, so we will have it on the agenda every month. If we get to the point where we are ready to show a plan, Webercroft residents will know about it. Any plan we put in place, we are going to have to have some cooperation from neighbors. There used to be trenches through several back yards that conveyed stormwater. Over the years, people filled those trenches in because they wanted a flat back yard and then water sheet flowed across yards. People would pump water into the sanitary sewer which is illegal and that was addressed. Now, we are at a place where we can do something, but we are at the beginning of it. He is trying to make sure it happens before he leaves the Stormwater Authority and that is why he put it on the agenda for every month.

Arlene Justice, of 13 Hickory Lane

Ms. Justice said we are downstream from other areas. She wants to know why there isn't a holding area for that water that is coming down that stream. She said there are fields behind us and wanted to know why there can't be a holding pond there.

Chairman Cochran said that if that was an open space and a developer brought a plan in to develop it, it would not be developed because it sits too low. Chairman Cochran said when it was approved, there were different rules and regulations in place. He said Cedar Run is just under the ground there. The water table is very high. We needed somewhere to get rid of the water on your side before we can do anything to the water on your side. He said that now we have pipes that will take it under RT 114. Ms. Justice said the pipes have helped. She said we need somewhere to hold back the water and let in come in gradually.

Kurt Keuhl, of 9 Oakwood Avenue

Mr. Keuhl said he appreciates acknowledging Legacy Park and that the Township did what needed to be done to get the water under the highway. He said Township staff is welcome to come see his property.

Gene Kolis, of 2 Hemlock Circle

Mr. Kolis said he appreciated efforts. Chairman Cochran said the water goes under RT 114, into Mechanicsburg Borough, they set up their stormwater to hold some and push the rest through and dump it back into Upper Allen Township on the other side. It then goes out and runs into Lower Allen Township. He said it is not just a one community problem. Mr. Kolis said he knows Legacy Park put in retention ponds. He wants to know what the scope of work is that is being looked at. Chairman Cochran said that is what the engineers are working on and we do not have an idea what it will cost, but it will be expensive.

Eric Fairchild, of 1224 McCormick Road

Mr. Fairchild asked conceptually, how is the Township going to approach this. Commissioner Cochran said that he knows as much as we do. Mr. Fairchild said he thinks Webercroft is on the

road plan next year. Chairman Cochran said we did not want to put in brand new roads if we are going to do this. Mr. Fraser said it will likely be done at the same time.

Russel Zeiders, of 31 Oakwood Avenue

Mr. Zeiders said that Lynette Yohn has a lot of flood pictures and if anyone wants them or needs them to contact her.

### **AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

Secretary Martin made a **MOTION** to reappointment the following:

Authority Manager, Scott Fraser

Solicitor, Steve Feinour

Engineer, Jason Reichard with C.S. Davidson

Appeals Officer, Jennifer Boyer

Assistant Appeals Officer, Garret Vandebroke

**SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Castranio. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Secretary Martin made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm, **SECONDED** by Vice President Castranio. The motion carried unanimously.