

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of The Washington Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Michael Krestynick at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2009, at the Washington Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Michael Krestynick, David Davidson, Eric Afflerbach, Bill Anderson, Susan Brown, Administrator, Stuart Rosenthal, Gilmore & Assoc., John Bucolo, Esquire, Bob Maul, BWM Ecological Services. There were five (5) member of the public in attendance this evening.

Absent: John Backenstose

**TAPING OF MEETING**

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the minutes. It was noted that no one was taping the meeting other than the Administrator this evening.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Krestynick asked for any questions on the minutes from the July Board meeting. A motion was made by Erik Afflerbach and seconded by David Davidson to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the July 16, 2009 meeting. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Absent: John Backenstose

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Eric Afflerbach read the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending July 31, 2009. The requisition for funds will be in the amount of \$16,000.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Act 537 Plan Update:**

Engineer Rosenthal reported he met with the Township Planning Commission on August 6, 2009 and gave a brief presentation and questions and answers. Mr. Rosenthal received a copy of the minutes from that meeting and the comments received at the meeting will be worked into the final draft of the report.

**West Tract:**

Mr. Rosenthal stated an email approval was given for the latest revision to the sanitary sewer design for Phases G,H,L,M,P & U. Also the Part II Permit Application was given approval for the sewer extension. Mr. Rosenthal also added he met with Mr. Mingey and

his Engineer on August 7, 2009 to discuss some temporary pump and haul and pump station options. Mr. Rosenthal received a packet from Mr. Mingey's Engineer with respect to a proposed temporary pump station to serve 44 units.

**Public Comment:**

**Mr. Richard Mingey**, representing Kelly Group was present to discuss the sanitary sewer for West Tract. Mr. Mingey stated he recently received the Part II Permit from DEP which allows them to connect to the interceptor line located at Stauffer Road. They will need to go off-site about 2200 feet of wet lands to connect the pipe to an existing stub. Besides the Part II Permit Mr. Mingey stated he needs the E & S Permit approved for the construction of the interceptor line. The Permit Application has been before the Berks County Conservation District for approximately six (6) months. Mr. Mingey explained they are also required by the Conservation District to get recertification by the Fish & Boat Commission of the Bog Turtle report that had previously been prepared. The Fish and Boat Commission has determined since it has been two (2) years since the date of the original report they will require a new report to be submitted. The only time a Bog Turtle Study can be completed is during the months between April and June, therefore a new report can not be done at this time. Mr. Mingey explained a meeting was held with his Engineer, Wilkinson & Assoc., Gilmore & Assoc. and DEP to discuss a temporary pump situation that would allow him to continue to connect homes and allow time to work out the permitting.

Mr. Mingey stated he has sub-contracted with MGK Industries to come up with a design for a temporary pump situation to connect units. Mr. Mingey is requesting the Board to authorize the execution of the permit to go to DEP for the temporary pump station for the 44 units on West Tract.

Engineer Rosenthal explained the temporary pump station will be utilizing a manhole that is part of the current sewer design. This will create a pump station out of an oversized manhole in a future street and will be restored to a manhole when the temporary pump station is no longer necessary. The pump station plans received a few days ago by Mr. Rosenthal seem to be in good shape however there is no force main design. One of the items that need to be addressed is who is responsible for what and what agreement is going to be in place between Barto Mall and WTMA as far as the operation of the pump station, the expenses associated with the pump station, etc.

Mr. Bucolo suggested a cost estimate and established escrow there also needs to be an Improvements Agreement. Mr. Mingey stated it is his intent to hire MGK Industries to maintain the pump station. Mr. Rosenthal emphasized to the Board this is a temporary situation and it is not designed or built to last. There should be a termination point established where either the interceptor is approved or a proper pump station is built.

A motion was made by Bill Anderson and seconded by Erik Afflerbach authorizing the execution of the DEP Permit Application for the Temporary Pump Station located on the West Tract contingent upon the following items:

- establish the escrow account

- execution of the Maintenance Agreement
- approval by the WTMA Engineer

**No public comments received.**

All ayes

Absent: John Backenstose

**BWM REPORT**

**Plant Operation:**

Mr. Maul reported the plant and pump stations are operating fine. There was a heavy rain event at the beginning of the month. There was one manhole that extracted matter onto a property along Weinsteiger Road. Mr. Maul did go out and clean up after the storm.

Mr. Maul reported there are two locks on the Swamp Creek Pump Station gate. One lock is the Authority lock the other lock is a Met-Ed lock. Mr. Maul stated they always lock the two locks together so they are able to unlock both locks with the Authority key. Someone opened the other lock and relocked it on the chain link above the Authority lock and now they are unable to get in through the gate. They have been gaining access through the garage door. The Administrator will contact the Roadmaster regarding this lock.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Bucolo reported the case against the R.A.T.S. that have not paid is continuing. Mr. Bucolo has attempted to contact Attorney Logan. Mr. Bucolo will take this to the next step and consolidate all seven into one trial.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Weed control at the Treatment Plant:** A verbal price quote was received from Fox Landscaping in the amount of \$375.00. A motion was made by Michael Krestynick and seconded by David Davidson authorizing the payment of \$375.00 to Fox Landscaping for the spraying of weeds at the Treatment Plant. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Absent: John Backenstose

**Public comment:**

**Herman Shuhler**, stated the field should be mowed at the Treatment Plant. In prior years this land was farmed but has not been farmed this year. It was suggested the Administrator speak with the Roadmaster to inquire if the Public Works Dept. could use the Kabota Tractor to mow the field.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-NON AGENDA ITEMS**

**Jack Eddinger**, stated he received a bill for approximately \$400 for unpaid water fees. Mr. Eddinger stated he finds it hard to believe no one knew how to reach him. The Administrator explained the house is vacant and the bills were being returned by the post office. It was further explained that several attempts were made to reach him. Mr. Eddinger is requesting the Board to waive the penalties and interest charges. The bill was turned over for collections to Accounts Recovery Bureau and is now \$419.72. ARB adds their fee of 25% on to the amount turned over to them for collections. The Board agreed to waive the penalties and interest charges and accept payment of \$337.50 as payment in full. The Administrator will contact ARB and instruct them that we will accept this as payment in full.

**RESOLUTIONS**

A motion was made by Eric Afflerbach and seconded by Michael Krestynick to adopt all resolutions as stated on the August agenda. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Absent: Bill Anderson

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Krestynick called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Michael Krestynick and seconded by Bill Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Absent: John Backenstose

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, David Davidson