

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 17, 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, December 17, 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, John Wynne, John Backenstose, Susan Brown, Administrator, Stuart Rosenthal, Gilmore & Assoc., John Bucolo, Esquire, Bob Maul, BWM Ecological Services. There were seven (7) member of the public in attendance this evening.

Absent:

**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 NOVEMBER 17, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Krestynick asked for any questions on the minutes from the November Board meeting. A motion was made by John Wynne and seconded by John Backenstose to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the November 17, 2009 meeting. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Eric Afflerbach read the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending November 30, 2009. The requisition for funds will be in the amount of \$29,000.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Act 537:**

Mr. Rosenthal reported the Act 537 Plan has been submitted to DEP shortly after it was adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

**West Tract:**

Mr. Rosenthal stated the Part II Permit for the Temporary Pump Station has been received. A letter was submitted by Gilmore & Associates confirming all the sanitary sewer testing has been completed and there are still outstanding punch list items that need to be addressed. The Temporary Pump Station is on automatic mode and the operator is on board.

**Stinley Subdivision:**

The Review Letter for the Stinley Subdivision dated December 4, 2008 was issued recommending approval.

**DEP Regulations:**

Mr. Rosenthal indicated the DEP is considering revising the regulation with regard to wastewater discharge specifically with regard to total dissolve solids. The regulations are going to be amended globally which may have an impact on WTMA. Mr. Rosenthal has requested permission from the Board to submit comments to DEP which they are going to do on behalf of all their wastewater treatment clients. The comments would be submitted within the next few weeks. The Board Members were in agreement for Mr. Rosenthal to proceed with the comment letter to DEP.

**BWM REPORT**

**Plant Operations:**

Mr. Maul reported the plant is operating normally. Mr. Maul reported he has given the Administrator an application to be submitted to DEP for eDMR. DEP is now requesting the monthly DMR Report be submitted electronically and in order to do this an application request must be completed and submitted to DEP. The Administrator will be the Certifier for the WTMA.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bucolo reported the individual R.A.T.S. cases have been consolidated into one case for trial. The attorney for the R.A.T.S. has sent a series of questions and Mr. Bucolo has forwarded this information to the Administrator.

Mr. Krestynick asked if there has been any progress on the Bally water deal and Mr. Bucolo stated he has not been notified of anything. Mr. Krestynick stated it has been presented to the Bally Council for consideration.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Administrator reported a resident from Wilt Road stated he lives on a flag lot and his neighbor also lives on a flag lot behind this gentleman's property. The neighboring driveway is quite lengthy and the neighbor's sewer lateral is partially on his property. The resident is questioning if the neighbors sewer lateral needs to be replaced or repaired on his property is the neighbor required to put money in escrow with WTMA to ensure the neighbor will repair his property to its original state. It was stated that the lateral repair is the responsibility of the property owner and the WTMA does not require an escrow account for this since this is between property owners. The property owners are responsible for any maintenance or repair to the sewer lateral that is on their property.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Montco Fence is requesting to eliminate three (3) sewer usage fees at their property located along Route 100. This was checked into by Envirotech and Allen Madeira reported back that all three connections have been capped and paved over. Mr. Madeira is requesting guidance from the Board as to how they would

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like him to proceed. Mr. Madeira stated either the Board would need to take the customers word that they properly capped the connections or have them dig up the three connections to have them inspected. It was questioned if they are three separate connections or one lateral running to three separate modular homes. Mr. Rosenthal stated the three connections could be dug up and inspected or plug from the main however, that would be very costly. It was suggested that the as built be checked to determine how the units were connected and this could be televised at the expense of the property owner.

- 2010 Budget for review and adoption. Mr. Rosenthal indicated that what makes the budget balance is the payment coming in from Barto Industries and Mr. Rosenthal's Certification of the budget is based on these payments. A motion was made by David Davidson and seconded by John Wynne to accept the 2010 Budget as prepared. **No public comments.**

All ayes

- Hydrant Painting-It was suggested this could possibly be an Eagle Scout project. There are fifteen (15) hydrants.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Gilmore & Assoc. fee schedule was distributed for review and consideration. This will be placed on the January Agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS-NON AGENDA ITEMS**

David Moyer, Passmore Road, thanked the Board Members for serving on the Board and giving of their time. Mr. Moyer stated he checked the agreement between WTMA and BWM and what they are supposed to do and questioned BWM if they know what they are supposed to be doing. Mr. Maul indicated yes they are aware of their duties. Mr. Moyer asked why they are not doing what the contract says.

Mr. Moyer stated he has been to the plant seven times and maintenance is not being completed. Mr. Moyer explained some items which he found to be outstanding and need to be addressed. Mr. Krestynick stated this would be discussed in Executive Session.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Copy of a letter from Gilmore & Assoc. to DEP regarding the submission of the Act 537 Plan Update – dated 11/24/09
- Letter dated 11/25/09 from DEP regarding West Tract Planning Module revision
- Review Letter by Gilmore & Associates on the Stinley Subdivision dated 12/4/09

### **RESOLUTIONS**

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

All ayes

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Krestynick called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:36 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, David Davidson