

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
JULY 16, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of The Washington Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Michael Krestynick at 6:03 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 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 Backenstose, Susan Brown, Administrator, Stuart Rosenthal, Gilmore & Assoc., John Bucolo, Esquire, Bob Maul, BWM Ecological Services. There was one (1) member of the public in attendance this evening.

Absent: Bill Anderson

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 JUNE 18, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Krestynick asked for any questions on the minutes from the June Board meeting. A motion was made by John Backenstose and seconded by Eric Afflerbach to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the June 18, 2009 meeting. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Absent: Bill Anderson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Eric Afflerbach read the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending June 30, 2009. The requisition for funds will be in the amount of \$20,000.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Act 537 Plan Update:

Engineer Rosenthal reported written comments were received from the Berks County Planning Commission which mirrored the email received earlier. Mr. Rosenthal revised figure #6 which miss-identified the Shuhler Farm. Mr. Rosenthal has been in contact with the Township Manager regarding the advertisement of the Act 537 for public review. It is the recommendation of the engineer to move ahead with the advertisement and going to the Township Planning Commission. Since the review process has begun the Plan needs to continue to move forward. The public comment period is thirty (30) days and the Planning Commission has sixty (60) days to review the Plan and provide comments. After receiving all the comments the Engineer responds to the comments and

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letters received make any necessary revisions to the report as a result of the comments and then present the Plan to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. The Board of Supervisors then will need to do a Resolution for adoption and upon completion of that the Plan goes to DEP. The Review of the Act 537 Plan Update will be on the August 6th Planning Commission Agenda for review and discussion.

Chairman Krestynick stated the authorization of the advertisement for the Act 537 Plan will be on the July Board of Supervisors Agenda and also there will be a presentation to the Board with respect to the financing options.

Gehring Farms Phase I-Revised:

Mr. Rosenthal recommended approval of the Revised Gehring Farms for the additional four (4) lots.

West Tract:

Mr. Rosenthal stated there has been communication with Mr. Mingey's engineer. The Plans as submitted for the next phases are satisfactory however; there are still outstanding issues and some landscaping conflicts that need to be addressed.

Chairman Krestynick stated in a conversation with Mr. Mingey, he was told the temporary pump station was not going to be needed. DEP is processing the permit application for the connection to the interceptor. Mr. Rosenthal stated when all the permits are secured an Improvements Agreement establishing escrow based on the estimated cost of the project.

BWM REPORT

Plant Operation:

Mr. Maul reported the plant is operating fine and the Weinsteiger Pump Station is running fine. There has been a significant drop in run time at the Pump Station since the valve has been replaced.

DEP Notice

Notification has been received from DEP regarding the Public Notification with respect to water systems. The notice states the public must not only be notified if there is a problem with the water system, the public must also be notified in the same manner when the problem is corrected and how it was corrected. The notification process has gone into affect in May however instructional documents will not be sent out by DEP until the end of the year. There will also be training sessions in the fall.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bucolo reported Bally Borough is committed to the water system swap. The hold up is the completion of all the agreements between the Borough and the Authority.

Mr. Bucolo reported he has the first amendment to the Treatment Capacity Allocation Agreement between Rotose Partners and WTMA with respect to the transfer of 100

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EDU's within the service area. The terms regarding the purchase of five (5) EDU's and the easement were removed from the agreement.

A motion was made by Michael Krestynick and seconded by Erik Afflerbach authorizing the transfer of EDU's as outlined in the Treatment Capacity Allocation Agreement between Rotose Partners and WTMA. **No public comments received.**

All ayes
Absent: Bill Anderson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 16-July-02:

Resolution authorizing membership to the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council for the supply of electricity and the payment of \$100 for the membership fee. Mr. Krestynick explained the electric caps are going to be removed from electricity therefore the price will be going up by 40% at the end of the year. A purchasing group has been formed and they guarantee by purchasing electricity through the council at a bulk rate the cost will not exceed 30%.

A motion was made by Michael Krestynick and seconded by John Backenstose adopting Resolution No. 16-July-02 authorizing membership to the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council and authorizing payment of \$100 for the membership fee. **No public comments received.**

All ayes
Absent: Bill Anderson

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter dated 7/02/09 from Gilmore & Assoc. recommending approval of the Gehringer Farms Phase I Revised Plan.

RESOLUTIONS

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

All ayes
Absent: Bill Anderson

COMMENTS

The Administrator stated Mr. Richard Hoffman will be connecting to the system tomorrow. The Kanter property is now the only property not connected. Mr. Bucolo stated there is a lien on the Hoffman property from last year. Mr. Hoffman owes the \$9,700 tapping fee.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Backenstose and seconded by David Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Absent: Bill Anderson

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, David Davidson