

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MINUTES JUNE 18, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of The Washington Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Michael Krestynick at 6:08 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 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, Michael Setley, Esquire, Bob Maul, BWM Ecological Services. There were five (5) members of the public in attendance this evening.

Absent: Stuart Rosenthal, Gilmore & Assoc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Richard Mingey was present to discuss the West Tract (Meadowbrook) project. Mr. Mingey stated at the last meeting a temporary pump and haul situation was discussed until he can obtain his Part II Permit approved for the tie in off of Stauffer Road. Mr. Mingey asked how that would be handled and if there would need to be any Township Resolutions and/or Ordinances in place. Mr. Mingey also stated the WTMA Engineer suggested a pump and haul situation which Mr. Mingey is asking if that is the most advantageous situation for both parties in a temporary situation such as this. It was suggested by the WTMA Engineer the waste would be pumped and hauled to the Treatment Plant from Meadowbrook, however Mr. Mingey stated there are plenty of manholes on the Meadowbrook property to receive the sewage. Mr. Mingey stated it is very costly setting up a pump and haul situation with the need for storage tanks, alarms, etc. Mr. Mingey stated he would like to know why the Authority is set on a pump and haul system before he spends the money to get started if there is a more cost affective alternative. Mr. Mingey stated he is not aware of an SEO issue with the method of a temporary pump station he is proposing. This will be for the waste of about twenty-five (25) houses.

Mr. Setley questioned if a special DEP Permit would be required. Mr. Mingey stated a pump and haul permit would be needed. Mr. Mingey stated they are about to apply for the Part II Permit.

Mr. Krestynick questioned why this type of arrangement is necessary and Mr. Mingey stated the next point of connection for Meadowbrook is off of Stauffer Road and a 10" trunk line needs to be installed which requires a Part II Permit from DEP. In the area of this 10" pipe installation there are some wet land and environmental issues which need to be addressed.

Mr. Setley stated he would inquire with the WTMA Engineer to make sure there is nothing that is being overlooked. Mr. Maul stated if DEP classifies the temporary pump station as a pump station, it will need to be checked on a daily basis. Mr. Setley asked if Barto Mall would be responsible to maintain the pump station and Mr. Minge assured him they would. It was stated there should be a timeframe set for completion of the connection of six (6) months. Mr. Setley requested Mr. Minge to get him all the specific details which Mr. Setley will share with the Engineer and the Board Members.

David Shafkowitz representing Rotelle Builders was present this evening to discuss the Gehringer Farms project. Some time ago 130 units were approved for the Gehringer Tract. Due to the economy the project is not moving very quickly. The Sewer Treatment Capacity Allocation Agreement has been paid in full. Mr. Shafkowitz is proposing amending the Sewer Treatment Capacity Allocation Agreement to address the following:

- Transfer EDU's to another project within the township
- Add an additional five (5) EDU's
- When phases II and III come in they would require an easement on a resident's property. Requesting WTMA to help obtain the easement agreement

Mr. Shafkowitz distributed a draft amendment for review. Mr. Shafkowitz is asking if the WTMA sees any problems or difficulties with any of the requests they are proposing. Mr. Setley stated Mr. Krestynick has agreed to talk to the property owner upon the completion of the appraisal. The only issue Mr. Setley felt may be in question is the payment of the five (5) additional edu's which Mr. Setley stated would need to be paid by November 30, 2009. Mr. Setley and Mr. Shafkowitz will work on the details and report back to the Board.

The Administrator questioned if Mr. Setley has heard any updated information on the Bally Water System swap and Mr. Setley stated he has not. Mr. Maul stated he attended a Reverse 911 System meeting which will be required for all water systems. If there is a problem with the water system 911 calls all your customers in an affected area. This will cost the owner of the water system between \$3,000 and \$10,000 plus a maintenance fee. Mr. Maul stated he will have more information by August on this new system.

Mr. Krestynick mentioned there are some problems with the billing company. Mr. Setley stated there needs to be coordination between the billing company and the collection agency. The First States contract expires December 31, 2009 so we need to make sure we have the situation resolved before September to ensure that we do not need to move the billing somewhere else.

Mr. Davidson questioned the status of the Richard Hoffman connection. The Administrator explained a letter was sent to Mr. Hoffman explaining a connection date of July 28th has been scheduled with a plumber. Mr. Hoffman contacted the Administrator and stated he has already scheduled with a plumber to connect to the system on July 14, 15 and 16th. Mr. Hoffman also explained he may not be able to provide the tapping fee prior to connection, it may be an additional month or so until he would have the

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money available. Chairman Krestynick questioned Mr. Setley if a lien was placed on the Hoffman property by Mr. Bucolo. Mr. Setley stated he would check with Mr. Bucolo.

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 MAY 21, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Krestynick asked for any questions on the minutes from the May Board meeting. A motion was made by Bill Anderson and seconded by Eric Afflerbach to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the May 21, 2009 meeting. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Abstained: Michael Krestynick
John Backenstose

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Eric Afflerbach read the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending May 31, 2009. The requisition for funds will be in the amount of \$45,000.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report

BWM REPORT

Comminutor Motor repaired:

Mr. Maul reported the Comminutor Motor has been rewound and is ready for pick up. Mr. Maul will install the motor but will need to have an electrician to make sure all the connections are okay in the well. Mr. Maul will make the Board aware of the cost associated with the electrical work.

Plant Operation:

Mr. Maul reported the plant is operating fine.

PA One Call:

Mr. Maul reported he received a PA One Call for Second Street in Bally and asked if this is an area that WTMA is responsible for. This is the Bally main not the property of the WTMA, therefore, it is not necessary for Bob to mark for the PA Once Call.

Longacre Dairy:

Mr. Maul met with Newton Longacre regarding the meter at Longacre Dairy. The remote reading is the same as what the meter is reading. Mr. Maul questioned Mr. Longacre as to why there would be no usage on this meter and Mr. Longacre stated the line which the meter is connected to is only a back up. If there is extra water needed the water will flow through this line but if there is no extra water required there will be no water flowing through this line.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Purchasing Approval Process for BWM:

It was suggested Mr. Maul be provided with a list of Board Members telephone numbers so he is able to reach members in the event of an emergency. The Administrator will provide a list to Mr. Maul.

After some discussion the following purchasing policy was agreed upon:

- \$1,000 and under – BWM is authorized to make purchase
- \$1,000 to \$4,000 – BWM to contact the Administrator
- \$4,000 to \$10,000 – Board Member must be contacted and three (3) bids must be obtained
- \$10,000 and over must be bid in newspaper

NEW BUSINESS

Act 537:

Berks County Planning Commission requested a representative to be present at their meeting of June 10, 2009. Jason Ganster, Township Manager attended the meeting on behalf of Washington Township. There were a few map errors and they had some questions regarding the subdivisions listed on the plan but everything appeared to go well.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter dated 6/10/09 from the Berks County Planning Commission regarding the Act 537 Plan Update.

RESOLUTIONS

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

All ayes

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David Davidson and seconded by John Backenstose to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, David Davidson