

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 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, October 15, 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 were nine (9) 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 AUGUST 20, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Krestynick asked for any questions on the minutes from the August Board meeting. A motion was made by David Davidson and seconded by Michael Krestynick to approve the minutes, as prepared, for the August 20, 2009 meeting. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Eric Afflerbach read the Treasurer's Reports for the month ending September 30, 2009. The requisition for funds will be in the amount of \$32,000.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

NPDES Permit Renewal:

Mr. Rosenthal stated the NPDES Permit needs to be renewed by the beginning of the year and since there was no official meeting last month Mr. Rosenthal did begin the renewal process however Mr. Rosenthal requested authorization be granted from the Board to proceed. A motion was made by John Backenstose and seconded by Erik Afflerbach. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

West Tract:

Mr. Rosenthal reported the sanitary sewer system design work has been approved for the additional pipe to be installed by the developer. The temporary pump station has been sufficiently detailed and can be approved. The temporary pump station does not have a DEP Permit at this time and the developer is requesting Gilmore issue the shop drawing approval so they have the okay to order equipment. Mr. Rosenthal stated he is hesitant to do that without the DEP Permit for the pump station and this is still a matter of the Planning Module approval as well. Mr. Rosenthal also explained the DEP Permit will be issued to the Authority and the Authority is responsible. Mr. Rosenthal also explained there is a contract in place between the Developer and the Contract Operator for the operation of the pump station. After some discussion it was decided the shop drawings would not be released until the DEP Permit is issued.

Public Comment:

Mr. John Wynne, 17 Eagles Watch Drive, asked if the WTMA is putting the \$300,000 at risk by making this decision. Mr. Krestynick stated the Authority has to do what is right and cannot put the Authority at risk. The Developer needs to have the Permit in place first.

Failing Septic System-County Line Road:

Mr. Rosenthal received a phone call from Roger Lehmann from All County Associates regarding a failed septic system on County Line Road and now wants to connect to the sewer system. Mr. Rosenthal stated this property was discussed a number of years ago and it was decided the property is closer to connect to the BMMA system and it is located too far away from the WTMA system to connect. The Board is in agreement that this property can proceed with the connection to the BMMA system.

Act 537:

The public comment period is underway which began on September 22, 2009 there is about a week remaining for public comment. Jason forwarded one letter to Mr. Rosenthal from a township resident to which Mr. Rosenthal will draft a response and send to Jason for him to circulate and get any internal responses. The comments that are pertinent to the Act 537 will be addressed and will become part of the final document to DEP.

BWM REPORT**Plant Operation:**

Mr. Maul reported the plant is operating fine. Mr. Maul provided the Administrator with 2009 hydrant maintenance data. Hydrants were flushed and maintained at the beginning of the month. Mr. Maul stated all hydrants are in good shape however they all do need to be painted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Bucolo reported he will hold off on legal proceedings on the former R.A.T.S. and will discuss this further in executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

- Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2010-Act 205 of 1984 requires the Chief Administrative Officer, Susan Brown, to inform the Governing Body of the expected financial obligation for the coming year. So noted.

Public Comment:

Amy Sutryn, Old Route 100, asked if the MMO information is public information and is the public able to see this information. Mr. Krestynick stated yes it is public information for the former employee's pension plan.

- Resignation of William Anderson was accepted with regret and this vacancy will be addressed at the October Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Administrator was directed to send Mr. Anderson a letter of thank you for his services.
- A letter was received from Montco Fence requesting to reduce the number of EDU's from four (4) to one (1). Previously there were four (4) mobile homes on this property, three units have been removed and the one remaining mobile home is used as the business office. Three connections were previously capped however they were not inspected at the time. Mr. Rosenthal stated there is a standard as to how the lateral is to be capped and also if they disconnect the service they will loose the EDU's and if they are ever needed again they will need to purchase them at the new price. Mr. Rosenthal stated we need to figure out what they did and if it's not adequate they will need to disconnect the lateral the way it should be done. The Administrator was directed to contact Envirotech and have the SEO get in touch with the property owners.
- The Engagement Letter was received from Herbein & Co. for the 2009 Audit. A motion was made by David Davidson and seconded by Michael Krestynick awarding the 2009 Audit preparation to Herbein & Co and authorizing the execution of the Engagement Letter. **No public comments received.**
All ayes
- Sewer Plant Operation and Maintenance Proposal/Discussion. Mr. Mike Dietrich and Mr. Boots Mutter from Bally Borough were present this evening to discuss services which Bally Borough would provide to Washington Township Municipal Authority to operate the Waste Water Treatment Plant and both pumping stations. An outline of services was provided to the Board Members for their review. Mr. Dietrich stated some testing would be subbed out to local testing labs. Mr. Kestynick stated the proposal would be taken under consideration.
- Mr. Peter Rotelle was present to discuss Gehringer Farms Phase II gravity feed sewer connection. Mr. Rotelle stated he is having a difficult time obtaining an easement agreement from the property owner of the property that abuts Gehringer Farms. Mr. Rotelle had the property appraised at the request of WTMA and the result is the property was appraised at approximately \$400. Mr. Rotelle explained if they can not obtain an easement agreement the only other option would be to

build a pump station which would be very costly. This Plan has received final approval and the plans are complete. It was suggested having the Authority Solicitor send Mr. Treichler a letter asking him what his feelings are regarding the easement agreement and to open the lines of communications between Mr. Treichler and WTMA. Mr. Rotelle requested that he receive copies of all communications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Elaine Pennington, County Line Road-stated at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Mr. Krestynick said there was only one person that was in arrears and Mr. Krestynick corrected Mrs. Pennington by stating he said there is only one person that is not connected. Mrs. Pennington then referred to the minutes from the August 20th meeting under the Solicitors Report were it states the R.A.T.S. accounts would be consolidated into one trial. Mr. Krestynick explained those are people who were not hooked up to the sewer in the past but are now connected and are significantly in arrears.

Mrs. Pennington also questioned if the gentleman that were here tonight and gave the presentation on the operation of the Treatment Plant would be taking the job of someone else. Mr. Krestynick stated an offer was made and the WTMA will consider what was presented this evening.

RESOLUTIONS

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

All ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Krestynick called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michael Krestynick and seconded by John Backenstose to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. **No public comments received.**

All ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, David Davidson