

PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes From Regularly Scheduled Meeting March 4, 2010

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Penn Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Penn Township Municipal Authority Office located at 2595 Route 522, Suite 20, Selinsgrove, PA. Thomas Ferry presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Thomas Ferry, Vice-Chairman Neal Smith, Treasurer Timothy Laubscher and Secretary Gregory Aungst

Member(s) Absent: Assistant Secretary/Treasurer James Newman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert Cravitz, Engineer D. Jeffrey Golding, Inspector Pete DeWire and Admin. Secretary Susan Seebold

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

MINUTES:

The Authority members reviewed the minutes of the February 4, 2010 PTMA meeting. A motion was made by Secretary Gregory Aungst to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2010 Penn Township Municipal Authority meeting as presented. Treasurer Timothy Laubscher seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one present to be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sewer Bill – Gary L. Veronick:

The Authority members reviewed the February 16, 2010 letter from Gary L. Veronick concerning his 4th quarter 2009 sewer bill. After a brief discussion, the Authority Office was directed to send Mr. Veronick a letter stating that in response to his February 16, 2010 letter, the Authority has contacted the Snyder County Sheriff's Office as per his request on January 21, 2010 and have made a follow-up call on February 19, 2010. It shall further state that as per both telephone calls, the sheriff sale for the property located at 21 Wedgewood Drive was stopped and currently does not look as though it is going through. It shall also state that the Authority office has also contacted the Snyder County Courthouse concerning this matter, who informed PTMA that the above-mentioned property is currently in Mr. Veronick's name with no record of a change in ownership. The letter shall note that according to Penn Township Municipal Authority Rules and Regulations the property owner is responsible to pay all sewer bills billed to his or her property. It shall also note that because this property remains in Mr. Veronick's name, he is responsible for the outstanding balance of \$73.21 and will be responsible for all future bills until the ownership of this property changes. The letter shall also state that since PTMA does not have the capability of billing residential customers based on actual sewer usage, they currently charge a flat quarterly sewer fee in the amount of \$95.00 per equivalent dwelling unit. It shall request that Mr. Veronick notify the Authority office if this property is sold at which time they will adjust the billing based on the closing date of the sale of the property.

EAST SNYDER PARK:

Inspector Pete DeWire stated that he has nothing new to report on the East Snyder Park. Further discussion was tabled until the next PTMA meeting.

GREYSTONE ESTATES – SEWER CAPACITY REQUEST:

The Authority members reviewed the March 1, 2010 letter from Michael D. Savidge. After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Neal Smith motioned to send a letter to Michael D. Savidge of Savidge Housing Group stating that The Penn Township Municipal Authority and its engineer have preliminarily reviewed his March 1, 2010 letter concerning the proposed Greystone Estates Subdivision located adjacent to Wedgewood Gardens. It shall further state that upon review the Authority finds that public sewerage facilities are available based on an estimated total average sewage flow of 4,125 gallons per day (15 EDU's at 275 gallons per day per EDU) to serve the proposed 15 lots in the Greystone Estates Land Development. It shall also state that the estimated flows will not cause an over-load on the Authority's sewer system in the projected 5 years. The Aforementioned letter shall note that the Authority will accept

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the proposed connections to the public sewer system upon compliance with all of the Authority's rules, regulations, requirements and specifications pertaining to connections. It shall also note that approval by the Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority (ESCRA) (treatment capacity) is also required in order to proceed with this project. Vice-Chairman Smith further motioned that the letter shall state that prior to the plan review, a sewer escrow account in the amount of \$3,500.00 must be set up with the Authority office. It shall note that the escrow funds will be used for engineering & legal review of all sewer plans for the aforementioned development along with all associated inspection fees by the Authority's Inspector with any unused funds being returned upon the final completion of the project. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

2009 CHAPTER 94 REPORT:

After the Authority members briefly reviewed and discussed the drafted 2009 Chapter 94 Report, Vice-Chairman Neal Smith motioned to approve the PTMA 2009 Municipal Wasteload Management Report dated February 2010 as presented by Gannett Fleming, Inc. with corrections. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

PTMA WATER RATES:

The Authority members reviewed and discussed the water rates from the local municipalities and discussed the need for residential sprinkler specifications due to the new state requirement for sprinkler systems in residential dwellings. It shall be noted that currently sprinkler systems are required in new construction of apartment buildings, townhouses and duplexes. If not repealed, all newly constructed residential homes will require sprinkler systems as of January 1, 2011. Further discussion on a water rate increase was tabled until the beginning of 2011 and further discussion concerning the residential sprinkler specifications was tabled until the next PTMA meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT By Thomas Ferry:

Chairman Thomas Ferry stated that he has nothing further to report.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT By Neal Smith:

Water Protection Committee Meeting:

Chairman Thomas Ferry reported on the March 3, 2010 Water Protection Committee meeting that was held at the Selinsgrove Borough Office.

INSPECTOR'S REPORTS By Pete DeWire:

Inspector Pete DeWire stated that he has nothing further to report.

OPERATOR'S REPORT By Scott L. Sharp:

Monthly Operating Reports:

The Authority members reviewed the Monthly Operating Report submitted by PTMA Operator Scott L. Sharp. (See Attachment A)

TREASURER'S REPORTS By Timothy Laubscher:

Financial Reports:

The Authority members reviewed the financial reports. (See *Attachment B and C*)

Secretary Gregory Aungst motioned to approve the Payments and Time Cards as presented. Treasurer Timothy Laubscher seconded the motion and unanimously approved

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Secretary Gregory Aungst motioned to adjourn the March 4, 2010 PTMA meeting at 8:17 p.m. Vice-Chairman Neal Smith seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Seebold, Administrative Secretary

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