

Northeastern York County Sewer Authority

December 18, 2023

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority met on Monday, November 27, beginning at 7:00 PM at 200 North Main Street in Mt. Wolf.

Authority members and others in attendance were:

Mt. Wolf Borough

Patti Fisher
Anya Barlett

Manchester Borough

Dale Benedick
Judy Hilliard

East Manchester Township

Tyler Kramlick
John Nace, Jr.

Engineer: Chris Toms of CS Davidson, Inc.

Solicitor: Peter Ruth of Stock & Leader

Operations Manager: Pat Poet

Recording Secretary: Desiree Boorujy

Visitors/Employees: Dean Kohr, Bob Kling and Employees Tessa Starkes and Pete Nestlerode

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by John Nace.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

A Kramlick/Barlett motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

A Fisher/Barlett motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting November 27, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence/Visitors

No comments from visitors.

Operations Report/Administration

The Operations Report was reviewed.

Truist - Pat has been working to remove the Authority's Truist credit cards from her personal bank account for at least a year, to no avail. If they have not been removed once the new signature card takes effect in January, Desiree will follow up with the bank.

Reports – Pat has continued to review monthly sludge reporting with Pete, along with the calculations for loading rates at the farm, and the DEP annual biosolids reporting.

Pete’s Office – Pete has begun transitioning his office. A Verizon Wireless Gateway package was purchased and has been functioning well at a fraction of Comcast’s cost.

Maintenance Report – The maintenance report was reviewed.

DEP Violations – Heavy rain resulted in increased I&I in the collection systems and caused the plants to short circuit and the sludge blanket in the clarifier to rise suddenly. This in turn caused brown effluent to flow from the Mount Wolf plant into Hartman run and from the Saginaw plant into the Susquehanna River, which is a DEP violation. The plants were put into “Storm Mode” until it was deemed safe to run normally. Pete called our DEP representative to report the violations and will follow up by sending 5-day violation letters regarding the incident. Unfortunately, there is very little that can be done to prevent this from happening.

Frac Tanks – Pete would like to try to sell the frac tanks that are at the farm as they have not been used in quite some time and doesn’t foresee using them in the future. After some discussion, the Board determined this is not the right time to sell them, but would consider it in the future if there is still no use for them.

Exhaust Fan/CO Detection System Repair – Pete is waiting for quotes from two companies for the repair of this system in the garage.

73 S. Main Street – Inspector Bob Kling described the illegal connection at this property to the board. He believes the sump pump has been connected to the public sewer system since public sewer was run to this property, and that it would be very expensive for the owner to rectify. After hearing the information, the board agreed that Attorney Ruth’s suggestion to prepare a Point-of-Sale document for the current owner would be the best option. The document would simply require the repair to be performed prior to the property changing ownership, whether the home is passed on to another family member or sold. The benefit for the current owner is that the funds for the repair would be more easily accessible through the proceeds of a sale than to be taken out of pocket.

Proposed 2024 Meeting Dates – A Fisher/Kramlick motion was made to approve the 2024 meeting dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor’s Report

Health Insurance & Spousal Coverage – Attorney Ruth is preparing documents for the board regarding changes in employees’ health insurance benefits.

Municipal Law 101 – Stock & Leader has invited local officials to attend an introductory course to learn local government basics including the Sunshine Law, the Right-to-Know Law, the Ethics Act and other essential topics.

Illegal Connection Letters – Attorney Ruth is continuing efforts to gain compliance from property owners who have not permitted the inspection or who have not permanently disconnected sump pumps from the public sewer system, including filing with the local magistrate’s office.

Updates to Rules & Regulations – Attorney Ruth and staff have been working together on a list of suggested changes and updates to the Authority’s Rules & Regulations. A meeting to review and discuss the proposed changes will be scheduled for early 2024.

RES Easement Phase IV – Proposed Project Name – A representative from RES proposed the name Northeastern York County Sewer Authority Pollutant Reduction Project for the Board’s consideration. After some discussion, RES will be informed that the Board prefers Sinking Springs Farm Pollutant Reduction Project.

Engineer’s Report

General Operations

Effluent Line Abandonment – A pre-bid meeting was held on December 18 and generated interest in the project. Information about the project was provided to the contractors who attended. The bids open on January 12. Talen has reviewed the specs and notified DEP, who will require paperwork to be completed upon construction conclusion.

N. George Street Pump Station Generator – NEYCSA staff will be coordinating delivery and temporary storage of the generator at the Mount Wolf WWTP. Chris suggested the Authority’s release of funds for this purchase, as his investigation proved that even if the Authority receives grant funds, the funds will not cover this purchase.

Area 2 Update – CFA is expected to announce their decisions regarding the H2O grant in January.

Treasurer’s Report

Payment of Invoices – A Fisher/Benedick motion was made to approve the invoices as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:13 PM an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters.

At 8:24 PM the Executive Session ended and the regular meeting resumed.

With nothing more to discuss, John Nace declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, January 22, 2024.