

Northeastern York County Sewer Authority

June 24, 2024

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority met on Monday, June 24, 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

Members absent: Tom Beakler, East Manchester Township

Engineer: Chris Toms of CS Davidson, Inc.

Solicitor: Peter Ruth of Stock & Leader

Office Manager/Recording Secretary: Desiree Boorujy

Visitors/Employees: Employees Tessa Starkes and Drew Dubbs

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

A Kramlick/Benedick motion was made to approve the agenda, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

A Kramlick/Benedick motion was made to approve the minutes from the May monthly meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence/Visitors

Dean Kohr, East Manchester Township

Operations/Administration Report

Desiree Boorujy reviewed items on the Administration report:

Vehicle Accident: A staff member was involved in a hit-and-run accident while driving one of the tanker trucks. The responding police officer was able to review video footage provided by a local business to confirm that our staff member was not at fault. The Authority's insurance company will pay the \$9053 bill for repairs, and the Authority will pay the \$250 deductible. Desiree was instructed to seek reimbursement for the deductible from the other driver's insurance company.

Audit – The annual audit was performed at the beginning of June, and the reports are expected to be available for the board’s review at the July meeting.

Safety at Admin Building – Vector was on site to discuss upgrading the security system at the administration building. A quote for \$4600 was provided. Desiree would like to make some changes to the expected scope of work but those changes will not drastically change the cost.

Payment Options – Desiree asked Attorney Ruth to draft a Resolution regarding cash no longer being an acceptable form of payment for quarterly sewer bills. Attorney Ruth will provide this at the next meeting.

Rate Increase – A potential rate increase was discussed, in part, due to the expectation of our aging equipment needing to be replaced, in addition to other rising costs to maintain the system. After some discussion the subject was tabled until the July meeting.

Drew Dubbs reviewed the Operations Report:

Maintenance & Repairs

- Blower #1 at the Mount Wolf plant was determined by R&M to be unrepairable and is also obsolete, so it will need to be replaced. Pete will look into replacement options. There are 3 blowers of this kind, all the same age and close to the end of their life expectancy. Chris Toms suggested that the board consider bidding the cost of replacing all blowers with the digester project, as it may not be cost effective to replace just one due to the age of the blowers. Another idea to consider is to replace this one blower using Costars.
- Sludge was hauled from Mount Wolf plant to the farm on 6 six days.
- A large axle shaft broke, causing other damage, on the Terra Gator and will need to be rebuilt. Just the parts, not including labor, are expected to cost \$8500. Without this vehicle, sludge cannot be applied at the farm, and may need to be hauled to the Springettsbury plant.
- The HVAC system at Pete’s office building was not working properly and was not repairable, so it was replaced for \$8460.

Solicitor’s Report

Manchester Township – Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement –This agreement was revised to include all of the properties within the Willow Springs industrial area and was approved and signed by the Manchester Township Board of Supervisors. **A Kramlick/Benedick motion was made to approve the Manchester Township Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.**

Advertise Sinking Springs Farm Lease –Attorney Ruth provided bidding documents for the farm lease for the board’s review. Last month in Attorney Ruth’s absence, the board members questioned under what grounds a bidder can be denied. Tonight he explained that the board has the right to deny a bidder if there is verifiable evidence of past issues or complaints, but may receive pushback from the bidder. Attorney Ruth will advertise the Sinking Springs Farm lease

with the alternative to bid it two ways: A 3-year lease with a 5-year extension and a 5-year lease with a 5-year extension.

RES – Update – Star Rock Farm has confirmed they will work out the crop damage based on the yield for this year. Attorney Ruth is working to determine if there is an average price published for the ag products damaged to be used for reference.

Engineer’s Report

Contracted Projects

Effluent Line Abandonment Change Order #1 and Application for Payment #2 – This project is now complete. Because Talon directed the contractor to place additional concrete in the trench to prevent any additional water would be blocked. There are additional costs due to this request. **A Kramlick/Hilliard motion was made to approve a \$3500 increase Change Order #1. The motion passed unanimously.**

A Kramlick/Benedick motion was made to conditionally approve final payment in the amount of \$26,570.50 upon receipt of documents from the contractor.

General Operations

Record Club of America Lines – Video of the televised sewer lines has been reviewed and shows that the lines are certainly in need of repair. It is recommended that the property owner be responsible for paying for such repairs and that the Authority assume responsibility for the lines thereafter. As for the sewer line previously used for the old Timberlodge building, this line is on RCOA’s property but is no longer in use and needs to be addressed as well.

North George Street Pump Station –A preconstruction meeting was held at the end of May and the project is moving forward. Contractors are submitting shop drawings for review. Once the drawings are submitted and approved, work will begin.

Chapter 94 Reports – The DEP has accepted comments from CS Davidson regarding Chapter 94 reports, but we are still waiting to hear whether they will require influent meters to be installed at the Mount Wolf plant. Unfortunately, the Authority’s connection restriction is still in effect.

Musser Run Pump Station Update – This project is ready to bid. We are still awaiting a response from a property owner regarding easements agreements.

Base Plate Repairs – According to the contractor, prices have significantly increased since the PSI initially began looking into this. Their quote to replace the three base plates was \$313,000. No recommendation to move forward at this time, as it may not be cost effective in the long run. It’s recommended to wait to see how the stations perform in hopes of being able to replace the station, rather than take on such a large expense for a partial fix.

Mount Wolf Borough Line Repairs – Video of the televised lines affected by York Water Company and Columbia Gas infrastructure projects showed that significant repairs need to be made to sewer lines, particularly on S. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets, just off of Maple Street. Members discussed implications and potential responses to such repairs and decided that Desiree will attend tomorrow night’s Mount Wolf meeting to ask if they would consider delaying paving to allow the Authority to perform the repairs. **A Kramlick/Hilliard motion was made to approve advertising and designing of the project, pending Mount Wolf Borough council allowing paving to be delayed.**

Treasurer’s Report

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

Requisitions:

- **A Kramlick/Benedick motion was made to approve Requisition 2024-11 to CS Davidson in the amount of \$580.94 for the LSA Grant – Effluent Line. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **A Barlett/Hilliard motion was made to approve Requisition 2024-12 to CS Davidson in the amount of \$13,799.08 for Musser Run Improvements, Mt. Wolf Borough line improvements, Baseplate replacements, Aerobic digesters, and N. George Street pump station. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **A Benedick/Barlett motion was made to approve Requisition 2024-13 to reimburse Northeastern York County Sewer Authority for the cost of the East Manchester Township permit for the N. George Street pump station project in the amount of \$2,369.50. The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment - **With nothing further to discuss, a Kramlick/Benedick motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM.**

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, July 22, 2024.