

Northeastern York County Sewer Authority

January 27, 2025

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority met on Monday, January 27, beginning at 6:00 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

Tom Beakler

Members absent: Tyler Kramlick

Engineer: Chris Toms of CS Davidson, Inc.

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Office Manager/Recording Secretary: Desiree Boorujy

Visitors/Employees: Employees Tessa Starkes & Peter Nestlerode

Reorganization

Attorney Peter Ruth opened the meeting at 6:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance. A **Beakler/Benedick motion was made to retain the current slate of officers. The motion passed unanimously.**

Agenda

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

Minutes

A **Beakler/Barlett motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 23, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence/Visitors – None.

Operations/Administration Report

Desiree reported having a difficult time finalizing the insurance claim for hail damage. The representative from Selective Insurance does not respond to emails or voicemails for weeks at a time. Selective and Best Contracting disagree with certain line items on each other's quotes. The gentleman from Best reached out to Selective by email and attempted to follow up by leaving several voicemails, to no avail. Desiree plans to try to reach out one last time and then may involve Attorney Ruth.

Pete Nestlerode reviewed the Maintenance/Operations Report:

Maintenance & Operations Report

PUC Penalty – The Authority and Rogele Inc. have received letters stating a \$500 penalty has been assessed to each because an Alleged Violation Report (AVR) was not filed by either entity when Rogele hit and damaged water line while excavating in Mount Wolf Borough, as part of the line repair project. A PUC law was changed in 2017 to require the excavator, the project owner, the facility owner, and the designer to file an AVR within specific timeframes to assist in the PUC’s investigation of such incidents. Each entity that fails to file the report within the specified timeframe may be fined. This law has been so rarely enforced that most have never heard of it. Recently, the PUC seems to be cracking down to gain compliance. This has been a lesson to all involved.

Employee Resignation – Steven Miller has resigned from NEYCSA to work for another local sewer authority. His last day was January 10. Pete does not intend to seek a replacement at this time.

WYE Float Relocation – A float at the Long Road pump station failed in the middle of the night on December 26. Because it’s impossible for our staff to access and repair/replace the floats, WYE relocated them for better access for future issues.

Site Visit at Coatesville – Pete Nestlerode and Chris Toms did a site visit at the Coatesville sewer plant to look at the blowers they use to see if they would be a good option for the Mount Wolf plant. Pete and Chris agreed that the blowers are a great option, so they will be incorporated into the upgrade plans. Per Chris, the DEP does not require the Authority to file a permit. Chris will provide a proposal at the February Authority meeting.

Solicitor’s Report

Resolution 2025-1 – Attorney Ruth presented this resolution to increase the sewer rates from \$135/quarter to \$145/quarter, as well as to increase the institutional rate from \$6/1000 gallons to \$10/1000 gallons. This increase was approved at last month’s meeting. **A Barlett/Beakler motion was made to sign Resolution 2025-1. The motion passed unanimously.**

Area 2 Update – The Alwine easement agreement has been secured. The last two agreements to be signed pertaining to Musser Run are for the Sweitzer property and the Lions Club property.

Engineer’s Report

N. George Street Pump Station Upgrade – The contractor was on site today to review the project. They now intend to mobilize in early February.

Mt Wolf Sewer Line Repairs – CSD is reviewing the video provided by USG and will provide feedback upon completion.

Treasurer's Report

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

Requisitions – The following requisitions were presented for approval this evening:

2025-1 – to CSD for 6 invoices for Musser Run Pump Station improvements, Mt Wolf Blower Replacements, Aerobic Digesters, Canal Road Pump Station Generator, N. George Street Pump Station. The total is \$7,481.88.

2025-2 – to Northeastern York County Sewer Authority. This requisition reimburses the Authority for two items that were initially paid out of the Operating Account. One invoice was from PFM for quarterly fees and the other was for a payment to a property owner as part of an easement agreement. The total is \$7,000.00.

A Beakler/Benedick motion was made to approve Requisitions 2025-1 and 2025-2 for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

An executive session began at 6:38.

At 7:10 the regular meeting resumed.

Adjournment - With nothing further to discuss, a Barlett/Beakler motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, February 24 at 6:00 pm.