

Northeastern York County Sewer Authority

March 24, 2025

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

Judy Hilliard

East Manchester Township

Tom Beakler
Tyler Kramlick

Members absent: Dale Benedick

Engineer: Chris Toms, CS Davidson, Inc.

Solicitor: Peter Ruth, Stock & Leader

Office Manager/Recording Secretary: Desiree Boorujy

Visitors/Employees: Property Owners Andrew Blessing (Mount Wolf Borough) and Seth Predix. Employees Tessa Starkes & Peter Nestlerode.

Agenda

A Barlett/Kramlick motion was made to approve tonight's agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

A Beakler/Barlett motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 24, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence/Visitors – Andrew Blessing of Mount Wolf Borough attended to ask questions and raise concerns regarding the Authority's ongoing inspections for illegal connections to the sewer system. Mr. Blessing has scheduled the inspection, however, stated that he does not get storm water in his basement, so the existing floor drain is unused. He feels he should not be required to make a repair that he believes is unnecessary. Mr. Beakler addressed his concerns, however, did let Mr. Blessing know that if the inspector feels that the floor drain may be connected to the sewer system, the repair must be done. A certified plumber of the resident's choosing can come out for further inspection and repair, at the owner's expense.

Seth Predix, property owner in Mount Wolf Borough, attended for a follow-up discussion regarding his interest in building multi-unit homes in an area of East Manchester Township serviced by the Saginaw system. Mr. Chris Toms shared that he and Mr. Predix's engineer had communicated to the DEP to determine whether a full planning module needs to be submitted for review, considering the Authority's 3-connection per year limit to the Saginaw plant. Unfortunately, with the known issue caused in part by storm-related flow increases from a local mobile home park, the DEP stands by its decision to limit the number of connections until the issue is resolved. DEP has stated that a planning module can be submitted by Mr. Predix or a

special study could be submitted by the Authority. Either document must state how the high I&I flows will be reduced. At this point, the Board directed the Solicitor to contact the owner of the local mobile park to try to restart discussions.

Operations/Administration Report

Bond Payments – The \$1,044,298.87 principal loan payments will be paid by ACH tomorrow. Desiree will transfer \$500,000 from the PLGIT account to the operating account.

Gas Line Project - Columbia Gas has a line replacement project planned in Manchester Borough. Authority staff will work with USG to televisize the lines to determine whether any repairs are needed and can be coordinated with the gas project. The cost for this will come out of the collection line maintenance account.

Cell Phone Policy – **A Barlett/Kramlick motion was made to add language to the cell phone policy to state that ex-employees are responsible for early contract termination fees and will be allowed 14 days to port their line elsewhere before the Authority cancels service. The motion passed unanimously.**

Policy 99-A Correction of Pre-Existing Plumbing Code Violations Policy – **A Kramlick/Hilliard motion was made to rescind Policy 99-A. Ms. Barlett opposed and all other members voted aye and the motion passed.**

Saxton & Stump – Attorney Peter Ruth will be leaving Stock & Leader and joining the Saxton & Stump Law Firm. **A Barlett/Beakler motion was made to retain Attorney Peter Ruth and for Desiree Boorujy to sign the Engagement Letter and Client Transfer Election Form to continue representation by Peter Ruth. The motion passed unanimously.**

Pete Nestlerode reviewed the Maintenance/Operations Report:

Maintenance & Operations Report

Various repairs and maintenance were performed throughout the month.

Sludge Hauling – The staff were able to haul biosolids to the farm for two days at the beginning of March.

Ford F250 - The new truck was delivered this month and needs to be outfitted with a few items. It's going to be a great addition to the fleet.

Roof Replacement – The roofs and gutters that were affected by the hail storm last year have finally been replaced. This involved the administration building and two buildings at the mount Wolf plant.

DEP Meeting – Pete, Chris Toms and Jim Bridges met with Eric Lauer from DEP to discuss the digester upgrade and biosolids application options for the future.

Sewer Overflow – There was a sanitary sewer waste overflow at the North George Street pump station upgrade site. The issue was caused by the generator running out of fuel. The contractor took responsibility for this, but Pete followed through with sending a 5-day letter to DEP.

Solicitor's Report

Illegal Connections Inspections – The hearing has been withdrawn for the property owners who had been refusing to have the inspection for illegal connections has been canceled. The owners' inspection has been performed with no concerns found.

Engineer's Report

N. George Street Pump Station Upgrade – The contractor found a hole in the bottom of the wet well. To mitigate the situation, a six-inch slab will be poured over the existing wet well base. CSD has verified that this elevation change will not negatively affect the operation of the station. **A Barlett/Kramlick motion was made to approve a change order for a time extension to May 16 with no additional cost to the Authority. The motion passed unanimously.**

Award of Musser Run Pump Station Contracts – **A Kramlick/Barlett motion was made to reject Contract 3 for Barrasso Excavation Inc. for pipework construction. The motion passed unanimously**

Mount Wolf Sewer Line Repair Contracts – Significant amounts of gravel and roots were discovered in the sewer lines that were televised. More gravel would enter the pipes when flushed, indicating breaks. These lines and potentially the Authority's portion of laterals will need to be replaced. A chemical is being considered to keep root issues at bay. **A Beakler/Kramlick motion was made to authorize the line replacement, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Grant Opportunity – Mr. Toms and Pete determined that upgrading Orchard Business Park is the best option to submit for the grant. **Barlett/Beakler motion was made to approve moving forward with the grant application. The motion passed unanimously.**

Digester Project – Pete mentioned to Chris that he would like to have additional sludge storage at the plant. There are two unused secondary clarifiers on the creek side of the plant, and the digesters to be upgrade are opposite them. To address Pete's concern for space, the upgrades proposed for one of those secondary clarifiers could be applied to both tanks. With this idea, we would also need more blowers. During Pete and Chris's discussion it was decided that this may be a good time to investigate a dewatering process, so instead of creating two storage tanks and aerating, put in a dewatering press and storage pad and compare the cost of the two options. With the second option, we would then spread sludge rather than inject it because it would have a lower water content (20% solids instead of 3%).

Blower Replacements – Changes have been designed and quotes will be gathered to present soon.

Treasurer's Report

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

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

2025-5 – to Commonwealth Code Inspection Services – for \$8,915.50 for inspections at Musser Run Pump Station.

2025-6 – to Rogele, Inc. – for \$12,880.00 for Inv. No. 1 – Rosedale Dr Sewer Repair.

2025-7 – to CS Davidson in the amount of \$14,882.24 for Inv. 180858 – N George Street Pump Station, Inv. 181131 – Musser Run Pump Station Improvements, Inv. 181138 – Aerobic Digesters, Inv. 181142 – Mt Wolf Borough Sewer Maintenance, Inv. 181143 – Mt Wolf Blower Replacements.

2025-8 – to WYElectric LLC in the amount of \$147,349.80 for AFP No. 1 – N George Street Pump Station.

2025-9 – to Ciocca Ford of Red Lion in the amount of \$57,941.51 for the purchase of 2025 Ford F250.

A Kramlick/Beakler motion was made to approve Requisitions 2025-5, 2025-6, 2025-7, 2025-8, 2025-9 for payment. The motion passed unanimously.

At executive session was held at 8:00pm to discuss legal and personnel issues.

At 8:57pm the regular meeting reconvened.

Adjournment - With nothing further to discuss, a Beakler/Kramlick motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, April 28 at 6:00 pm.