

NORTHEASTERN YORK COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

August 2, 2021

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority met on Monday, August 2nd beginning at 6:15 PM in the Northeastern Middle School auditorium for a special meeting regarding the Area 2 project in East Manchester Township.

Authority members in attendance were:

Mt. Wolf Borough

Patti Fisher
Mike Barlett – Absent

Manchester Borough

Dale Benedick
Judy Hilliard

East Manchester Township

John Nace
Tyler Kramlick

Engineer

Christopher Toms

Solicitor

Attorney Jayne Katherman
Attorney Stacey MacNeal

Plant Manager/Recording Secretary

Pat Poet

Visitors

See attached listing.

Approximately one hundred residents, along with municipal officials, Solicitors, engineering representatives, employees and Kim Walston from York County Planning attended this evening's meeting. Information packets were provided for everyone in attendance.

Introductions

Authority Engineer Chris Toms and Authority Solicitor Jayne Katherman were introduced.

Tapping Fee/Lateral Construction Costs

Attorney Jayne Katherman opened the meeting with explanations of the Area 2 project and specifics of tapping fee costs along with options available for property owners to pay their tapping fees. Residents may complete an application that is attached to the information packet and pay a \$30.00 holding fee which would freeze their

tapping fee at the current \$2,500 if paid by December 31, 2021. The \$30.00 fee will be credited toward the \$2,500. If a resident does not pay the \$30.00 fee, the cost of their tapping fee would be the current cost at the time of their connection. Effective January 1, 2022 tapping fees will be increasing to \$3,800.

The tapping fee may be paid in full any time prior to the Authority issuing your permit. The Sewer Authority is also offering a five-year payment plan option to pay the tapping fee. This payment option would cost \$130.00 per quarter over the five-year period. The tapping fee may be paid early without penalties. The payment plan may be started anytime between now and when your permit is issued.

Ms. Kim Walston from York County Planning explained the financial program they offer, for those who qualify, to assist with the cost of installing a lateral from their property to the sewer connection. That assistance can be either in the form of a loan or a grant, depending upon the resident's income. She noted additional information is included in the packet.

After construction of the lines are completed, property owners will receive a letter informing them that the lines are ready for their connection and the date they will need to connect by.

Scope, Reasons for the Project and Cost

Authority engineer Chris Toms presented the plan and explained the area where the lines will be constructed, the costs, and the timetable of when residents should expect to connect their properties to the sewer system. Engineers are currently designing the project. The estimated completion of the project is the end of 2023 barring any unforeseen circumstances. The estimated cost of this project is five million dollars.

There will be several pump stations that will need to be constructed in this new area and several properties may require a grinder pump connected to their laterals, depending upon the lay of their land and/or if the property owners wish to have basement service. Easements will need to be obtained from multiple residents where the sewer lines may run across their properties. Residents will be contacted to discuss their individual connections and any special circumstances with their properties.

Mr. Toms explained the reason behind this project, which is the Authority's mandate to follow East Manchester Township's Act 537 Plan. All municipalities are required to have an Act 537 Plan submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection which indicate the areas sewer lines must be extended into. These areas included The Oaks and Saginaw, which have already been connected. Area 2 is the third and final area in the Act 537 Plan to be connected. The areas chosen were based upon testing that was completed by the Township of both drinking water and septic system failures observed by the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer. These results are included in the Act 537 Plan.

Questions and Answers

Throughout the meeting, and after, both Chris Toms and Attorney Jayne Katherman fielded questions from residents.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

