#### NORTHEASTERN YORK COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

February 23, 2015

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority met on February 23, 2015, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Authority meeting room at 200 North Main Street in Mt. Wolf.

Mt. Wolf Borough Manchester Borough

George Miller Clair Good
Patti Fisher Gene Snell, Jr.

East Manchester Township Engineer

John Nace Chris Toms

Joel Klinedinst

Solicitor Plant Superintendent

Stacey R. MacNeal Tom Prowell (Absent)

**Recording Secretary** Special Projects Coordinator

Pat Poet (Absent) Tom Beakler

Visitors in attendance: Corey McCoy, Chris Izzo, Todd Kline, Gordon Walker, and Diane Wolf

# **Minutes**

A motion by Joel Klinedinst, seconded by John Nace to approve the January 26, 2015, minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Visitors/Correspondence**

Diane Wolf and Chris Izzo were present regarding 20 Codorus Furnace Road property. Ms. Wolf is the President of the Northeastern Foundation, which is the successor entity to the Bobcat Foundation and Dollars for Scholars. This is a non-profit entity with a purpose of supplementing the needs of the Northeastern York County School District. The Foundation decided to attempt to "flip" a property in order to raise funds for the Foundation but did not have sufficient funds to purchase the property. Ms. Wolf and Mr. Izzo funded the purchase of 20 Codorus Furnace Road and intend to convey title to the property to the Foundation after they have resolved all title issues. The sanitary sewer claim has been submitted to the title insurance carrier. Ms. Wolf is requesting that the Authority waive \$163.20 in penalties.

A motion by Joel Klinedinst, seconded by Patti Fisher to waive the \$163.20 in penalties for 20 Codorus Furnace Road with the understanding that if Ms. Wolf is reimbursed by the title insurance company for this amount it will be forwarded to the Authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Gordon Walker from PFM was present to discuss a potential advance refunding of the Authority's 2005 Bonds, currently outstanding in the amount of approximately \$10,785,000.00. Mr. Walker presented three options for the refunding: 1) Bank loan; 2) Bond issue; and 3) A loan from Delaware Valley Financing Authority. Delaware Valley Financing Authority is the best option as it has: 1) the most savings (\$1,343,000.00 at rate of 2.16%); 2) all of the 2000 Bonds can be refunded at one time, which will make the Debt Service Reserve Fund available for the Authority's capital improvement needs; and 3) there are no continuing disclosure requirements moving forward, which will be less burdensome to the member municipalities and the Authority. The goal would be to close this refunding in June. This will continue to be self-liquidating debt, which does not count against the municipalities' borrowing capacities. The Authority is seeking no new money.

A motion by George Miller, seconded by Joel Klinedinst to authorize Gordon Walker and PFM to make application to Delaware Valley Financing Authority for sufficient financing to refund the 2005 Bonds. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Operations Report**

Tom Prowell's report was sent to all members. He is currently at the Wastewater Treatment show in Indianapolis.

## **Special Projects Report**

Tom Beakler reported that the Authority should have approximately 30,000 lbs. of nitrogen for sale.

The Authority's farmer has been investing in equipment for making the farm better. He has purchased a "nutcracker", a common piece of equipment to breakup rocks. He would like to get rid of some of the "islands" in the farm that contain a lot of rocks and junk trees. Mr. Beakler has called Farm and Natural Lands Trust to verify that there is no problem with that work.

Mr. Beakler reported on a PPL meeting that was held in early February. PPL wants the Authority to provide a 5-year inspection plan for the effluent line over their land. The Effluent Line Committee has met and discussed this issue and will be meeting again in March.

#### **Authority Operation/Administration**

A letter to shopping owners was sent mid-February advising them of the rule change that will now send all invoicing to property owners and not to tenants.

## **Solicitor's Report**

The Solicitor reported that the Del Val variable rate at the beginning of February was .92%.

The Solicitor reported that the Bylaws as currently in effect do contain a position of Second Vice-Chairman, although it need not be filled.

The Solicitor provided a chart of regional sewer rates for the informational purposes.

#### **Engineer's Report**

The Engineer reported that he is close to completing the Effluent Line Feasibility Study. There are three options being reviewed: 1) discharge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; 2) discharge at the Gut; and 3) maintaining the existing discharge with the PPL-requested inspection plan. Both options 2 and 3 would require replacement of the 1960's corrugated metal pipe from the Plant to the Gut. The estimated cost to replace this pipe is \$2,800,000.00. The estimated cost of a UV System necessary to discharge at the Plant is \$1,100,000.00. Sections of the line may need to be abandoned with option 1, but it is expected that the cost will be minimal. Discharge at the Gut in option 2 would also require a chlorine contact tank and dechlorination tank. This would be the most costly option. C.S. Davidson will also be looking at long-term maintenance costs associated with these options.

# **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reviewed the invoices for payment.

A motion by George Miller, seconded by John Nace was made to approve payment of the invoices as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

# Recess – Executive Session

At 8:00 PM the Authority recessed to Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter and pending litigation.

At 8:15 PM, the Authority reconvened.

# **Adjourn**

A Klinedinst/Fisher motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 23, 2015 – 7:00 PM – 200 North Main Street