

NORTHEASTERN YORK COUNTY SEWER AUTHORITY

DECEMBER 19, 2022

The Northeastern York County Sewer Authority met on Monday, December 19, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM in the administration building at 200 North Main Street in Mt. Wolf.

Authority members in attendance were:

Mt. Wolf Borough

Patti Fisher
Anya Barlett

Manchester Borough

Dale Benedick
Judy Hilliard

East Manchester Township

John Nace - Absent
Tyler Kramlick - Absent

Engineers

Chris Toms
Colin Cash

Solicitor

Attorney Jayne Katherman

Operations Manager/Recording Secretary

Pat Poet

Visitors/Employees

Seth Predix, Steve Kohr and employees Desiree Boorujy and Peter Nestlerode

An Executive Session was held at the end of this meeting to discuss legal and personnel items.

Agenda

A Benedick/Barlett motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

A Hilliard/Barlett motion was made to approve the minutes from November 28 and 29, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence/Visitors

Seth Predix – Mr. Predix discussed his South 3rd Street property in Mt. Wolf Borough. He would like to serve the existing building and the yet to be built second building located on the same parcel with one lateral. That lateral would have a wye connection run to the second building. His engineer calculated the 4” lateral would be a sufficient size to serve the 18 apartment units proposed. Using only the existing lateral would avoid digging up the street. After discussions, a Fisher/Barlett motion was made to approve Mr. Predix’s request to use one lateral to serve both buildings under the conditions that Mr. Predix sign a document stating he would be responsible for all sewer lines on his property as well as out to the main line on South 3rd Street and agree to the Sewer Authority’s ability to require Mr. Predix to install a second lateral should one lateral cause repeated problems in the sewer system. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Kohr – Mr. Kohr purchased the building at 541 Maple Street in Mt. Wolf Borough. He would like to construct a salon in the front portion of the building, and two apartments; one on the second floor and one behind the salon. Currently that building uses two EDU’s. A third one would need to be purchased for the 2nd apartment. Mr. Kohr would like to relocate the sewer lines on the current lot to clean them up. He presented a site plan of the lot. Chris Toms will review the plan.

Operations Report

No report this month. November’s monthly average report was provided.

Peter’s Report – Peter’s report was reviewed. Peter reported on the Leg Up Farm visit to view their pump. When he and Chris looked at the area, it was completely dry. Inspector Bob Kling had some concerns about the pump being connected to the sewer. There were some conflicting reports received; however, it was decided that Leg Up Farm did not have to make any changes to the piping.

Paper Problem – Peter reported an excessive amount of paper coming into the Canal Road pump station from Assurant. During the previous meeting Peter attended with Assurant, they promised to remove all of the paper towels from the rest rooms and replace them with hand drivers. The towels then stopped coming into the station. However, Peter said it appears large amounts of toilet paper are now coming into the station causing the same problem. Drew Dubbs traced the paper back to Assurant. Peter will make a call to them and report on this problem at next month’s meeting.

Swimming Pools – Draining pool water into the sewer was discussed. The two pools that are drained to the sewer are located at Leg Up Farm and Northeastern High School. Pat will contact them to request they inform the Authority before their pools are drained so as not to drain them when high flows are projected at the plants and also ask them to provide the pH of their water prior to draining. Chris could not find any mention of swimming pools in the Rules & Regulations.

Illegal Connection Inspections – Desiree reported inspections have slowed down, with 18 inspections completed in December. She will prepare a report for Chris for the 4th quarter inspections so he is able to add this information to his report for DEP. Inspections will resume in the Spring.

Starview Mobile Home Park – Desiree presented a graph of the park’s flows. There was a significant increase in their flows during the 3” of rain over a three-day period. Chris asked for a report of their flows over a three month-time period.

Long Road Connection – Desiree reported the home at 385 Long Road is still not connected. The property owner did not pick up the certified letter sent to him regarding the connection. The Board decided to secure a plumber to make the connection and have one of our staff at the property when the work is being done. The cost of the connection will be paid by the Authority and a lien will be placed against the property for the total cost to connect.

North Sherman Street Manhole – Pat received a call from a representative of PennDOT, Dean Fisher, asking for information regarding the manhole in front of Leg Up Farm. He is the Assistant Manager of this area. He explained he was new and wanted the history of this problem. After speaking with him, he said he will follow-up on this issue with his supervisors.

Solicitor’s Report

North George Street Station Easements – Attorney Katherman reported Penn Waste has approved the Easements but has not returned the signed copies.

Engineer’s Report

Contracted Projects - Colin Cash

2022 Sewer Maintenance

Colin reported all work has been substantially completed for the maintenance projects with the exception of paving, which cannot be completed until mid-May.

Second Street Pump Station – Work began on November 14th, which was earlier than expected. An Application for Payment #2 from WYE Electric will be paid with a requisition.

General Operations

Capital Improvements Plan

Digesters – A meeting with Synagro and staff is planned for the 2nd week of January. Both Entech and CSD are working on the requested alternative evaluations.

Corrective Action Plans – Chris reported there has been only one incident that both pumps at the 2nd Street station were running simultaneously. It was during a high rain event on May 7th & 8th. The Starview Mobile Home Park exceeded their flow allotment on those two days.

2023 Sewer Maintenance – These projects are on hold for now.

Area 2 Extension

Permits – Initiating procedures for permits to obtain an HOP for PennDOT as well as SESC for YCCD and the Land Development Plan for East Manchester Township have begun. Chris contacted Kristie from the Township to discuss the fact that an LDP is not required for pump stations. She will review and get back to him.

Geotechnical Borings – The permit applications are pending with the Township and PennDOT.

Musser Run Line – The line was located. There are easement issues at this location.

Engineering Fees – Chris provided a pie chart indicating the amount of money spent on the Area 2 project thus far as well as a spreadsheet showing the breakdown of requisitions.

Area 2 Soil Erosion Plan – This plan has been submitted.

Grants – Chris reported their office has completed the grant applications for both Area 2 and the North George Street station upgrade.

Area 2 Grant - A Hilliard/Benedick motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-5 authorizing submission of the H2O PA Grant for the Area 2 Extension project totaling \$9,763,378. Motion passed unanimously.

North George Street Grant – A Benedick/Barlett motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-4 to submit the PA Small Water Grant for the North George Street pump station upgrade project totaling \$494,234. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Payment of Invoices – A Fisher/Barlett motion was made to approve payment of invoices as presented by Judy. Motion passed unanimously.

Requisitions – A Fisher/Barlett motion was made to approve the following requisitions: 2022-26 to CS Davidson for engineering fees for pump stations and 2022/2023 sewer maintenance totaling \$12,849.97; 2022-27 to Premium Power Services LLC for partial payment of the 2nd Street generator totaling \$6,500.00 and 2022-28 to WYElectric for Application for Payment #2 for the 2nd Street generator project totaling \$22,572.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session – At 8:12 PM an Executive Session was held to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Returned to Regular Meeting – 8:50 PM.

Budget – A Hilliard/Benedick motion was made to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Prospects – After discussing the interviews with three prospective legal firms, a Benedick/Barlett motion was made to move forward with Stock and Leader as the Authority's Solicitor beginning in January, 2023 and request an agreement from them. The agreement will be reviewed prior to the January 23rd meeting and the official appointment could be made during that meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

At 8:53 PM a Fisher/Hilliard motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – (Reorganization Meeting) – Monday, January 23, 2023