

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
 WORK SESSION, AUGUST 14, 2013, 5:30 P.M.  
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT  
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

**Roll Call:**

Todd M. Fry	- Present	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Absent
Timothy J. Hondal	- Present	Charles J. Gilbert, System Supt.	- Present
Joseph M. Korenic, Jr.	- Present	Michael Branthoover, Finance Director	- Present
William H. Miller	- Present	Christopher Sanner, Asst. System Supt.	- Present
Edward P. Shields	- Present	Donald J. Snyder, Jr., Solicitor	- Present
		David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present

The Work Session of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Citizen's Input**

There were no citizens present.

**Engineer's Report**

The bid opening was held August 1, 2013 for the Stewartville Emergency Bypass Pipe Project. There were six bidders ranging from \$96,925 to \$159,000. The estimate was \$100,000. Lone Pine was the low bidder and is wrapping up the project on the sodium hypochlorite system. They have done various work for the Authority in the past. The recommendation will be for Contract 2011-5 to be awarded to Lone Pine for the lump sum bid \$96,925. Work will probably start in the middle of September.

Advanced Contracting continues to work on Country Hills Phase 3. They are ahead of schedule and about 60-65% complete. They are keeping up with restoration paving as they go.

Hometown Rooter was granted a time extension taking them to the completion date. Paperwork has been sent to get that formalized.

Authorization will be requesting to advertize the Indian Lake Pump Station Piping Modification Project. There are three hydraulically operated check valves that are leaking. The valves will be replaced with standard swing check valves. The estimate is \$35,000 and there is \$33,000 in the budget. This will probably be done in the Fall and/or Winter.

Mr. Coldren left the meeting at this point.

**Lateral Insurance Program**

**Bill and Mike – Home Serve USA**

Home Serve is 100% focused on infrastructure for the home. They mainly deal with repairing sewer and water lines but also work with gas and electric lines. They also get involved in functionality of the house like heating and cooling. This is all they do and everything is underwritten by an A rated insurance company. There is no cost to the Authority. There is a 30-day waiting period for the customers. Everything will be restored back to its original condition. There's a \$10,000 maximum per year. The program can also offer coverage for other utilities. Typically, Home Serve covers repairs when there are problems like sewage backups but the program can be customized for our lateral program. The program can go through the Authority or go directly through Home Serve. A report will be sent to the Authority once a month. Billing for the customers can either be added to the Authority's bill or it can be billed by Home Serve. The Authority would get a 10% commission or that money could be applied to give the customers a lower rate. The presenters and the Board discussed the program in great length.

**Betsy Krisher, Karen McCarthy and Tony Natalie - Maher Duessel**

The audit findings for Fiscal Year 2013 were presented for the Authority. There were no material weaknesses identified and there were no significant deficiencies in internal control.

**Manager's Report**

The signed copies of the WWMA resolution were received.

The Highland Terrace claims are being sent to Philadelphia and Travelers. There are two \$1,000 deductibles that have to be paid. One is for equipment pump failure and the other is for flood damage.

The Authority's Center Westmoreland County Council of Governments membership is up for renewal. It allows us to purchase vehicles through the COG. The cost is \$195 per year.

Approval for the agreement for Hampton Heights 3 and 4 will be requested at the regular meeting.

It will be proposed to permanently change the meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month.

**Solicitor's Report**

The right-of-way agreement modifications were received from Heshizer who agreed to pay for the associated legal and engineering fees.

Green Valley Cleaners doesn't actually own the property. It is owned by David and Gayle Rosenblat. This was prompted by the notice sent that we intended to file municipal claims for the full amount of the indebtedness. It doesn't matter who the tenant is, it is the property owner who is responsible for payment of the fees. The claim is in the process of being reduced to judgment. A letter from received from Steve Ruddick who is the CEO and President of the Joseph Crow Company which is the cleaner. He asked the Board to reduce the amount owed and remove the lien from the property owner. He asked if the Board would be will to make payment arrangements. Their last payment was made June 29, 2012 and there was a zero balance. All notices have been ignored up until now.

**System Superintendent's Report**

The work on Torie Drive has been taken care off. Mr. Yeo did not come outside. Mrs. Yeo was very nice and offered them water. There was a miscommunication which resulted in the police not being there, but there were no problems anyway.

There was discussion about hiring an in-house electrician. The Board would like more information on how much the Authority spent on electrical services in the past.


**Assistant System Superintendent's Report**

Lone Pine finished putting in the permanent sodium, hypo line. The paving has been finished up.

The DEP came for the annual inspection. The report was good.

**Adjournment**

The Work Session adjourned at 7:05 PM.

  
William H. Miller, Secretary