

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 WORK SESSION, JANUARY 4, 2012, 5:30 P.M.
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

Roll Call:

Andrew Blenko	- Present	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Edward P. Shields	- Present	Donald J. Snyder, Jr., Solicitor	- Absent
William Miller	- Present	Daniel J. Hewitt, Solicitor	- Present
Timothy J. Hondal	- Present	Chuck Gilbert, System Superintendent	- Present
Joseph M. Korenic, Jr.	- Present	David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present
		Michael Branthoover, Finance Director	- Present

The Work Session of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 5:35 P.M.

Citizen's Input

No citizens were present.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Petrosky stated that she was adding Mr. List from Colt Drive to her report because he might be attending the 7:00 PM Regular Meeting. Mr. List had his billing discontinued back in 2009. He wanted the charges prior to the inspection waived. The Authority couldn't do that because the Authority's policy does not permit it. Mr. List is coming to the Regular Meeting to appeal that decision. Mr. List lives in Florida. The Colt Drive home is in need of rehabilitation. The water has been on and off over the years. There was an inspection early in 2009 but not everything was removed and capped. There was another inspection about a month later and everything was completed on February 19, 2009. The outstanding balance is \$980 for service prior to the last inspection. There is no interest but there are late fees.

The Country Hills and Emergency 2 Project meeting was held a couple weeks ago. About 40 residents attended. The residents appear to understand the need for the project.

The 2013 budget process will begin in about two to three weeks.

Mrs. Petrosky did additional research on the sewer line insurance. She spoke with the water authority and the coverage they have is through another company that only deals with water lines. There are two other companies that she sent emails to, explaining what we do and asking if they would provide coverage for our type of violation. There has been no response.

Solicitor's Report

Attorney Hewitt reported on the Marko swimming pool encroachment concern. He will be asking for authority for his office to join with the Township Solicitor in the enforcement action. The encroachment is over a combined easement of both the Township and the Authority. The individual got a permit to put in a pool and they put it in cockeyed and thereby sitting out on the rights-of-way. The Board discussed the details of the line and easement.

Attorney Hewitt had the deed for the Parkside plan to be signed and then they can close in the near future.

The resolution for the Section 125 is ready to go.

The PNC Standby Letter of Credit Extension will extend for another year for the SWAP deal.

The Solicitors are waiting for word back from Township on the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. John Shepherd said the action was tabled in December and will be back on the meeting for January 18.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Blenko stated Appleby's restaurant is proposing to locate on Route 30 next to the new Verizon building. Someone from Appleby's came in for a pre-project meeting and asked how much sewer taps are in the Township. Mr. Blenko said they're \$3,300 for the Authority and another \$1,500 for WWMA. The Appleby's representative felt that was steep and asked why they had to pay for two? Mr. Blenko explained that one goes to NHTMA for conveyance and one to WWMA for treatment capacity. The Appleby's representative asked if there's any way to get it lowered?

Mr. Blenko feels this brings up again the subject of NHTMA's tap fee. Right now the tap fee has a collection fee component which is every foot of sewer line, every manhole, every pump station and every foot of force main in our area lumped in as a collector portion. Then there's the treatment plant. Only a portion of our system is served by the treatment plant, yet everybody is paying a portion of it in their tap fee even if they go to WWMA. It was never an issue before WWMA started charging for the treatment plant capacity. Now that they are charging \$1,500, should the Authority break out a portion of the tap fee that would go towards this plant?

The Board discussed in length how the tap fee is calculated and if the Authority should consider charging different tap fees for Yough versus Brush Creek. Mrs. Petrosky is going to research some other authorities to get information for next month's meeting.

Mr. Coldren reported the storage building is framed and the roof is on.

The Hedy Lynn sewers have been cleaned and internally lined. The contractor began spraying manholes, and the project should be wrapped up next week.

Mr. Blenko asked if the lines were made of terra cotta and if they were in bad shape? Mr. Gilbert replied they were in bad shape and were full of roots. There were a lot of open joints.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Gilbert reported that he received the Mr. Manhole equipment but doesn't have the other two new machines yet.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 6:30 PM.



~~Edward P. Shields~~, Secretary
William Miller