

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2016, 7:00 PM
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

ROLL CALL:

Jeffrey Fisher	- Present	Michael Branthoover, General Manager	- Present
Thomas Hempel	- Present	Christy J. Raspotnik, Finance Director	- Present
Timothy Hondal	- Absent	Christopher Sanner, System Superintendent	- Absent
William H. Miller	- Present	Michael Henao, Asst. System Superintendent	- Present
		Daniel J. Hewitt, Solicitor	- Present
		David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Jeffrey Fisher, Vice Chairman. Michael L. Branthoover called the roll and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Anthony Rizza – 13530 Ormsby Drive

Mr. Rizza said he's the kind of person that will give you credit if you deserve credit. He's going to start off giving credit. He's retired and has a lot of time on his hands so he can sit and watch TV and gawk outside. He happened to be gawking outside the day they were restoring his front yard. They came with a rock hound picking out all the stones. They dropped topsoil and raked it. When they were done, the front yard looked like PNC infield. It looked great. There is a fence on the side yard. They put the fence up but did nothing with the grass. They had an excavator picking up buckets of mud and putting it in his backyard and pounding it down. If there was a rock that didn't get pound down, that's where it stayed. When they got done, they put grass and straw down. If you walk back there, you could break your ankle. It's that bad. There are tons of rocks. If they did the front yard like they did, why couldn't they do the backyard like that? He spoke with the guy who said they took pictures of the yard and supposedly they had all the measurements of the yard. His yard is on a grade now and it's completely wrong. Dirt needs transferred, rocks need taken out and they need to put topsoil down. They had a temporary fence when they put the road in, and that temporary fence was about half way in his yard when they got done putting the chain link fence back up. They put the temporary fence down and when that excavator was pounding that stuff in he didn't get close to the fence on either side. They left it like that. The only thing he wants is what he should've got.

He wants his yard restored the way they found it. He has two grandbabies who are 4 and 4 months old. When they come, they like to go out in that backyard. They are coming tomorrow to go out in the backyard run around and play. He wouldn't let anybody go in that backyard now. All he's asking and he wants it on record, that he wants his yard the way they found his yard. That's all he wants. That's why he's here.

Mr. Coldren asked when his front yard was done.

Mr. Rizza said it was done about three weeks ago. Why couldn't they just go in the back? If they're going in there now, they are going to need some kind of excavator or bobcat so they are going to have to take that fence back down to move that dirt around. The fence was down. They should have taken the rock hound back there then.

Mr. Coldren said he spoke with Bob Greenland and they are finishing up the initial restoration and then they are going to demobilize until the spring. As soon as the weather breaks, they'll be back. There is also going to be settlement throughout the project area.

Mr. Rizza said what really took him over the edge is when he was talking to one of the guys. He said about the yard and they guy said well "if" we have to come back in the spring, we'll come back in the spring. That one little word "if". It isn't if or not, you have to come back in the spring.

Attorney Hewitt said it's not "if" to this Board.

Mr. Branthoover said he's reassured him numerous times we will be back.

Mr. Rizza said he wants us to put in our records and minutes that he came down here and he wants it done the way it is supposed to be done. He doesn't want him coming in and saying we're supposed to do this. They beat him. He's the kind of guy that says go ahead if you want to use that for stones, go ahead. Then he comes out and those stones were 30 feet high in that front yard at one time, he's exaggerating maybe 15 feet high. You couldn't see, you had to back up this way and go around three jersey barriers. That's not what he told they guy he could do. And he did it for zero dollars. Then he said he was going to replace the front pad he parks on. He signed agreement with him. He looked at that agreement the other day and he thought they got him. It said replace the damaged part and put a coating on the other part of it. His neighbor who is in reconstruction, said Tony, they put the excavators on that and there has to be some kind of damage underneath that you can't see. The equipment is just too heavy. Is it going to last for the 18 months that he has? It probably will. Now what happens in two years? Just like the water company when the water line broke. They have immunity. He was sitting in his house watching TV and you could literally feel the house shaking when they are out there working. What happens? Sorry Tony it's just 18 months. It's not right. We don't live in \$400,000 houses but they are their houses and they care about their houses.

Attorney Hewitt said please understand the timing on all that, the 18 months etc., is all fixed by state law. That is the most we can make them do.

Mr. Rizza said he gets that's and he's not blaming you, them or anybody because you don't know what is going to happen in two years. He's been living there for 40 years. That pad has been out there for 30 years and it still looks like it just got poured. It hasn't changed. What happens in two years when the (expletive) that he put down there is crumbling away? Too bad Tony, 18 months is up. So that's his beef, thank you for listening.

Jeff Zezza – 610 Colonial Manor Road

Mr. Zezza said he gets a lot of water coming off the state road which the state doesn't want to do anything about and wash his hill out. He fills it up with river rock and it gets washed out. He had river rock four foot high on the back fence, that's how much water comes down his driveway. They insisted they'll put rip-rap down. He comes back after they put the rip-rap and there's one area about two foot by two foot. They were supposed to put it all the way down. He's concerned because his hillside is washing out. There are rocks all through his yard. He had an area where his car was, they were supposed to save the dirt and push it off to the side so when they were done they could push all the dirt back in. They didn't do that. The municipal authority brought dirt and that made his garden nice. In the meantime, he had rocks stacked up where the manhole was. Mike's the only guy he can talk to get anything done. They came today after Mike called them and all the rock happened to disappear. When they put his lateral in, they didn't care what they were doing. He has a big cherry tree in the back and they cut the roots. They didn't damage the tree, but they cut all the roots out. He has pictures that he can show us, he took pictures of everything. When they were putting the rocks back last week, they had a tamper to put the rocks back in the ground. He caught them tamping a tree root in the ground. He had to go out and ask what they were doing. His concern is that half his hills missing, he had a tree house they knocked down but he's not complaining about that. His wife is furious about the tree. She had an arborist come out, now they are fighting with Greenland about the tree. He's more than glad to email the pictures if they want to see them.

Mr. Coldren asked if they are ok waiting until spring for Greenland to address the tree.

Mr. Zezza said he guesses he's going to have to now.

Mr. Coldren said that's what they want to do. They gave the arborist report to Greenland. They reviewed it and the treatments added up to about \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Mr. Zezza said that was all his wife. She went outside when they were going to do something and asked what they were going to do. The workers said they were going to rip your house down. He was real cocky. That's what he told her. They could've done it different ways. They could've burst it under his shed. They did that under the wall of the house next door. They just ripped the roots out.

Mr. Branthoover asked Mr. Zezza to email the pictures to him.

Attorney Hewitt said if he emails them to Mike, then they will be part of the township files.

Mr. Zezza said he would get copies and give him the pictures.

Mr. Branthoover said he could just email them.

Mr. Zezza said he just wants his yard back the way it was. The houses down below are down on a hill. His yard is the yard. He has two German shepherds that couldn't run all summer. One is a puppy and all he wants to do is run. Over the weekend, he was fixing his garden before winter, the puppy was out there having a ball.

Attorney Hewitt asked if he understands that is a rough grade.

Mr. Zezza said you talk to those guys and the next thing you know his whole yard is covered in straw that is probably two feet deep. He's asked them who is coming to rake that up.

Mr. Rizza asked if Greenland says they are not replacing his tree, can we take money from the money we're holding if he wants his tree replaced.

Attorney Hewitt said it's not if he wants it. If it's damage that causes that. We may not know that in the time frame.

Mr. Rizza said you might now know that in 18 months. Those roots are all cuts and then in two years.

Mr. Zezza said if you go out there right now you can see the tree and there is nothing wrong with it. The problem is not the tree limbs, it the roots they cut. They cut big roots.

Attorney Hewitt said we're hoping the next cycle we'll see and that's typically when you can see it.

Mr. Zezza said that's one of the things it needs fertilized to try to save the roots. And there are rocks all through it.

Mr. Coldren asked about the rip-rap.

Mr. Zezza said after they did it, it didn't even look like they did anything.

Mr. Branthoover said there is not much there. Mike, Chris and Michael were out there and met with Melissa last week and were looking at the construction photos. That was one of the things they said would be addressed but it hasn't been done yet. But we did get him topsoil, mushroom manure and the fence was fixed. The metal post still needs put in. The straw should be left there because they may need to add more grass seed.

Attorney Hewitt said they talked about this earlier tonight, given time frames it probably wouldn't have done anything if they put it down anyway because it's too late in the year.

Mr. Branthoover asked Mr. Coldren if he could get them to do the rip-rap tomorrow.

Mr. Coldren replied yes, it would talk to Bob on the way home.

Mr. Zezza said he just wants his yard back.

Mr. Branthoover said he's talked to both of them a lot. He promised we will make it right. Unfortunately they were at the tail end of the project, at the time of the year when grass is not going to grow. Its rough graded and they put stuff back. Remember, we are going to have surveyors come out and put stakes in so all the yards will be marked properly to make sure everything is where it should be. We'll make it right but they'll have to be patient through the winter.

Mr. Rizza said if he's running a company, your yard is going to look better than when I came. If these guys leave it like that, he questions the grade of pipe they have in the ground and things like that.

Mr. Zezza said that's another concern because his line came out one way and then all the sudden it was brought back another way.

Mr. Branthoover said we go back in and televise all that again anyway. His lateral runs that way because they were trying to avoid the tree. He thanked them for coming.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Coldren stated there were no items to report.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Attorney Hewitt stated there were no items to report.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Motion: Hempel Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session on
Second: Miller October 19, 2016.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Motion: Miller Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on
Second: Hempel October 19, 2016.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Motion: Hempel Motion to approve payment of the bills:
Second: Miller

Capital Reserve Requisition #190 -- \$254,094.94
Operating -- \$587,305.83
Payroll -- \$106,515.74

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Branthoover said the Safety Manual was tabled at last months’ meeting.

Motion: Hempel Motion to move forward as stated with revisions.
Second: Miller

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Branthoover requested authorization to prepare a resolution for the F.O.G. Regulations which is Fats, Oils and Greases. This is to be approved at the December meeting.

Motion: Miller Motion for authorization to prepare a resolution for
Second: Hempel regulations to be presented at for the December 2016
meeting.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Mr. Branthoover requested authorization of the Home Occupation Policy Revision. It states that all homes will stay residential unless they are changed by the Township to commercial.

Motion: Hempel Motion to approve the Home Occupation Policy Revision
Second: Miller going back to April 1, 2016.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An executive session was held prior to the Regular Meeting for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hempel Motion to adjourn.
Second: Miller

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

William H. Miller, Secretary