

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
 WORK SESSION, NOVEMBER 9, 2016, 5:30 P.M.  
 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

**Citizen's Input**

There were no citizens present.

**Manager's Report**

Lateral Replacement Phase 8, the Township should hear back in January regarding the funding for the.

The management performance evaluations will be emailed to the Board Members prior to next month's meeting.

Northview Drive, our guys have been installing the new replacement line in the newly acquired right-of-way. They are using ductile iron for the repair so it won't come apart and we won't have to worry about it shifting. The guys had to dig very deep to find solid ground because the fill was so deep and extremely loose. Kudos to the guys for a fine job.

Mr. Sites from Ormsby Drive attended last month's meeting regarding the water pooling on his property. We received permission from the Township to install a drainage pipe and tap into their storm sewers. That has been taken care of and there is no longer water on his property. A buried storm sewer was also located.

Next month's Work Session will begin at 6:00 PM and the Regular Meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. That has been advertised and it's posted on the website.

The aerial mapping for Markview Manor Phase 1 was done by T3 Global. KLH is now overlaying property lines onto the aerials. They hope to start the detail design next week.

Basis of Design Project, this is the project that was proposed by KLH for updates to the Yough Treatment Facility, and they are still looking at different scenarios.

Thomas Street pump station had a power surge on November 1, 2016. A nixel went out from the Township about power lines down on Ridge Road at the intersection of Thomas Street. That caused our transfer switch to kick out, which caused our emergency generator to go on which powered the station. When the power came back on there was a surge and the transfer switch did not kick back out. A claim was filed with our insurance company. They contacted us today and will be visiting the site tomorrow.

New hires, Mr. Petro started on October 31, 2016 and Mr. Kennedy started on November 7, 2016. They are both very excited to be here and we're excited to have them as well.

We are expecting residents in attendance at the regular meeting. Mr. Rizza from Ormsby Drive and Mr. & Mrs. Zezza from Colonial Manor Road. They'll be talking about restoration issues. There was further discussion about restoration issues.

Cindy Ieraci attended the meeting last month saying she was trying to do the right thing by applying for a "home occupation" permit. Sometime in the past, a policy was instituted of billing residents with hair salon businesses in their homes as commercial entities and billing them as such, but not doing the same for other "home occupation businesses". Mike asked Christy to do some research to see how many homes this really effects in the township and in our billing system. We have eight homes that have hair salons in their homes that we are billing commercially. Out of those eight, five use a little more water than one EDU. We're talking about a total of \$1,446 of revenue annually that we would not generate by not billing these folks at a commercial rate. The problem is that we don't bill other home occupations the same and we should be fair across the board. Mike would like to Board to consider revising the Home Occupation Policy effective April 1, 2016, to say we're no longer going to do this policy, that a residential home is a residential home. If the township zones them commercial and they allowed to run a full-fledged business, then that's a different story.

The management team reviewed all the comments provided by Mr. Hondal last month on the Safety Manual. We have incorporated some of the recommendation in the latest update.

### **Solicitor's Report**

The as-builts have been received from Shorkey Kia.

There is a property meeting next Friday. There is a dispute between Clay Pike and North Street. There was one house on a large piece of property owned by the Sensenich family. They had a lateral that came across the property to connect to the sewer line. They did a subdivision and built a house that is now owned by their daughter. The daughter tapped into the existing lateral.

There are now two houses on one lateral. Mom & Dad sold their house to Mr. Stein. Mr. Stein is now trying to sell his house and this violation flagged up because we found roots in the line. Ms. Sensenich is concerned it's going to ruin the pastoral quality of her property and it might damage a tree. Attorney Duffy is representing Stein and Attorney Kober is representing Sensenich. Violation notices were issued on October 6, 2016 saying you have 30 days if you want to appeal it. On the 30<sup>th</sup> day Attorney Kober said they wanted to have a meeting. There is going to be a meeting on site. We don't want to sue anyone. Duffy doesn't want to go to court and get a prescriptive easement. We are going to try to get it resolved.

### **Engineer's Report**

The PA Small Water and Sewer grant application was submitted. We are requesting \$127,500 for the Wallace Drive sewer extension. We are hoping to hear in the first quarter of 2017. The state has \$22 million dollars to divvy out.

The restoration in Penn's Woods Phase 3 will be finishing up probably this week. They will be back in the spring to do the final restoration. There was a pay request on this month's requisition for \$208,000. It looks like they are going to come in just under budget. The contract amount was \$793,000 and they are currently under \$600,000. We received the final as-built drawings.

### **Assistant System Superintendent's Report**

Michael presented the F.O.G. Program (Fats, Oil & Grease) and explained it in detail. It was discussed in great length.

### **Finance Director's Report**

There was nothing to report.

### **Adjournment**

There was an Executive Session held from 6:44 PM to 7:04 PM. The Work Session adjourned at 7:04 PM.

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William H. Miller, Secretary