

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
 WORK SESSION, SEPTEMBER 11, 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	- Absent	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**

*David Rosenblatt, owner Green Valley Cleaners building – 11055 Parker Drive*  
*William A. Palmer, Jr. – 11075 Parker Drive*

Mr. Rosenblatt owns Image First which is a medical laundry facility. The business was moved from Allegheny County in 1998 to the facility he built on Parker Drive. The building is 40,000 square foot and there were 100 employees. He was there for 10 years and grew the business to about 200 employees. In 2008 he sold the business but still owned the property. In November 2012 there was a fire that destroyed everything. They are going to rebuild and get back into business. A week from Friday he has a closing and he'll be writing a check for what is owed. He requested relief from the finance charges which is about \$4,000.

Attorney Snyder said it will be taken into consideration. A decision won't be made right now.

Mr. Rosenblatt also wants to apply for a water evaporation credit for future operations.

Attorney Snyder asked if it was possible to separate the water consumption that doesn't reach the sewer system.

Mr. Rosenblatt replied that's not possible. There are about 20-30 different pieces of equipment. For instance, there are two 90 horsepower boilers. The water goes in and creates steam. A lot of the process is done with steam and the water evaporates. If there is 100,000 gallons of water coming in, there is not 100,000 gallons going out. There is approximately 30%

evaporation. There are two ways of doing it. A meter can be placed to measure what goes out. Or he could get an engineer's report that can evaluate the equipment and report what evaporates.

Attorney Snyder said he could get the report and the Board would review the data and give a decision.

Mr. Rosenblatt asked if he gets the report will he get the credit or could he be wasting his money.

Mr. Coldren replied there have been similar instances where we were looking at putting a permanent meter on the sewage outflow.

Mr. Rosenblatt said he has done it both ways. In Allegheny County he put a readable meter on for 90 days and then a percentage was agreed on. He also had another situation where an engineer reported how much water was evaporating. A meter is more accurate.

Mr. Coldren said a meter would be his preference. Meters are not cheap and may be as much as \$10,000.

Mr. Rosenblatt said he didn't know if he wanted to spend \$10,000 on a meter. He asked if he could put a temporary meter on for 90 days.

The Board suggested he put a plan together for our engineer to review.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Coldren presented the Larimer Drainage Basin analysis. There were some suspicions that we might be surcharging the interceptor along 993 to the west of the Brush Creek plant. It's about 3,700 feet and right now it's a 12 inch interceptor. Last year we had Drnach Environmental come in and they installed 10 meters throughout the system. There were 3 meters installed in this area. A model was calibrated using our flow data. Based on the data there is surcharging of that interceptor. After additional testing of the model, it was determined the interceptor needs to be upsized from 12 inches to 18 inches. The estimated cost is \$1 million. The estimated cost for Tinkers Run is \$810,000. The total combined is \$1.81 million and there is \$1.7 million in the budget for 2014. Now may be the right time to do this because of Western Westmoreland's plans to upsize their interceptor. The next step would be to meet with WWMA and see how this project would overlay into their master plans.

There is a change order under the sodium hypochlorite contract with Lone Pine. The total amount is \$14,347.11. It includes two items. One, power had to be run over to the chlorine contact tank. It was routed from the pump station. An extra 40-50 feet had to be trenched. That amount was \$4,003.69. Second, modifications had to be made to the feed lines. Asphalt had to

be dug up and replaced. That amount was \$10,343.00. The sodium hypochlorite is still being fed manually until the SCADA modifications are done. Lone Pine said that would be done by the 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Bauccio went through the disconnect procedure on June 28<sup>th</sup> of last year for the former Norwin Pizza building. An inspector was sent to the building which is now Knuckleheads Motorcycle shop to find they are connected again without notifying the Authority. Mr. Bauccio is being back billed to June 28, 2012. The back billing was \$424.34.

The Authority will be saving nearly \$3,000 on the eye and dental insurance through MEIT because they are self-insured now. The health care rates will be out on October 1.

The scanning project is nearing the end. The last street to be scanned is Guffey Road which is about 140 files. Shanna has really taken that to task and her hard work is acknowledged. The staff is doing all their own scanning so the process is progressing forward.

Approval will be requested to donate \$220 to the Westmoreland Cleanways for household hazardous waste collection. The Authority splits the donation with the Township who has already cut their check.

The Authority would like to make some changes to the CDBG restoration procedures. Grading and seeding only will be done to the property. Shrubbery and flowers will not be replaced. Mulching will be done as needed to prevent soil erosion. Driveways will be saw cut and repaired, not entire pads. There was much discussion about whether or not to replace walls. The language will read as follows:

The Authority shall at its sole cost and expense repair and restore any disturbed property to substantially the same condition that existed immediately prior to such disturbance including without limitation the necessary repairs and replacement of paving and landscaping. The Authority shall not be responsible for shrubbery or flowers and will be responsible only for that mulching as needed to prevent soil erosion. The Authority shall not be responsible for complete replacement of entire slabs of concrete or paved driveways. The disturbed areas shall be saw cut and the disturbed area shall be patched with material similar to what was in existence prior to disturbance. With respect to walls or retaining walls, the Authority shall not be responsible for restoration of walls or retaining walls disturbed by the construction.

The Township is having a flu shot clinic on September 30. The memo says the shots will be covered by the insurance. Action is not needed but they will be going during work hours.

Approval will be requested to sell the 2004 Ford F-150 Crew Cab. A new vehicle was purchased last month. The low value for trade in is \$10,200 and the high value is \$11,800 which we would not get trading in on a Costars vehicle because it's wholesale. The high private party value \$14,900 and the low value is \$13,000. Permission will be requested to advertise the bid.

**Solicitor's Report**

Attorney Snyder had nothing to report.

**System Superintendent's Report**

Two employees were hired this year. Of those two, one quit and went back to his old job. Two employees are off on disability right now. Permission will be requested to hire an electrician. The labor to pay an electrician to repair the Hyland Pump Station would be \$7,000 per station. Last year over \$4,000 was paid to an electrician to repair things in the station. Craig Johnson was paid roughly \$7,000 a year for maintenance. The Board would like to discuss this with Gretchen Love.

Advanced Contracting plans to have all the pipe in the ground by the end of October and be completely done by the end of November. There have been less complaints during this project.

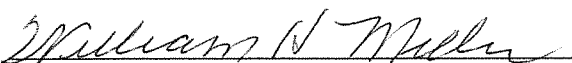
**Assistant System Superintendent's Report**

There was an issue with the Hartford Heights force main this month. Labor Day Friday about 2:00 in the afternoon when the guys were doing their rounds they noticed the check valve arms on the pumps were going up to quickly and staying up too long. They found a leak in the force main right outside of the pump station. John Brentzel was called and two of our guys were there to help. They got there about 2:00 and everything was up and running by 6:00.

Training classes were conducted because the way the dye test/lateral program for sales and refinances has changed. DVD recorders were used but a new Rigid C Snake has been purchased and recording has been switched to MP3.

**Adjournment**

The Work Session adjourned at 6:29 PM.

  
William H. Miller, Secretary