

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 7, 2010
NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWN HOUSE 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Andrew Blenko	- Present	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Timothy Hondal	- Present	Donald J. Snyder, Solicitor	- Present
Edward Shields	- Present	Chuck Gilbert, System Superintendent	- Present
Drew Polczynski	- Present	David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present
Joseph Korenic, Jr.	- Present	Michael Branthoover, Finance Director	- Present

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Andrew Blenko, Chairman. Mrs. Petrosky called the roll and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

There were no citizens present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Coldren announced that the Chapter 94 Annual Report has been submitted to the DEP, which is due every year on or before March 31. It summarizes the past year's operation of the system and the treatment plant. It also looks ahead five years, and NHTMA's plant is more than adequate for the projected flow over the next five years.

Mr. Coldren said last month authorization was given to prepare the plans and specifications in the bidding documents for the Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) media replacement. Those specs and plans are just about complete. Authorization is now being requested to advertise that project for bid. The bid opening will probably be later this month.

Motion: Blenko Motion to approve advertising bid requests for
Second: Shields RBC media replacement.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Coldren stated the three ongoing projects are wrapping up. It's down to punch list items on both the SCADA and the Sludge Heat Exchanger projects. KLH is working with Greensburg Environmental to finalize the Stewartsville Pump Station modifications

Mr. Hondal asked how close they are getting to the calculated rates?

Mr. Coldren replied they are within 120-130 gallons per minute. Greensburg has modified pump four and they are going to come back out next week and do pump number three. Beyond that they are going to make a service call to the pump manufacturer's representative. They will come up to balance the impeller, do a check on the volute and hopefully that will get them to capacity. That will all be done within the next month.

Mr. Hondal asked if he was confident that would take care of it?

Mr. Coldren replied the last resort would be to upsize the impeller which they are trying to avoid. The low flow pumps are pumping exactly what they should be. They picked up about 140 gallons on the low flow pumps just with the pipe modifications.

Mr. Blenko asked how old the pump is, and Mr. Coldren replied about seven years old.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Snyder said he already reported on the ongoing matters of litigation which are the first three items of his report. He and Mrs. Petrosky are working on an update of the standard developer's agreement. He's received Kate's and Dave's comments. They may want to have some discussion with Andy on some of those points as well. They are to coordinate their agreement with what the Township's requirements would be for these developers so we're all on the same page. There are some fine issues of having to comply with the present requirements of the municipality's planning code and what it says you can require by way of security as opposed to the traditional manner which we used to get security by developers.

Attorney Snyder stated they have received several of the Country Hills rights-of-way. His office is in the process of bleeding them in to the Recorder's Office for recording. Once they get some of the revisions they will try to get them out right away to Kate so that she can try to get to them before the April 30th deadline.

Mr. Blenko asked about the Parkside Plan of Lots. He's heard nothing else from Keith Staso about that. Mr. Blenko is beginning to think that maybe what Mr. Staso wanted to do was to make sure he was on solid ground to put in the gravel road to reach the back of his property. Now that he's done it and nobody has said anything, maybe he figures why spend any more time or effort on it. Mr. Staso had originally talked about wanting to carve out a right-of-way for his use through that property. This whole thing seems to have fallen off the face of the earth.

Attorney Snyder replied he could get in touch with him and see where he's going.

Mr. Blenko said he's done that and hasn't gotten any reply. Mr. Hondal asked about that plan as well. In the report it says the parcel is to be conveyed to the Township. What's the legality behind that? Does it need to be advertised?

Attorney Snyder said it did not need to be advertised. The Authority can do a conveyance to the Township without going through the advertising process because it is to the municipal government unit. An Authority doesn't have to advertise for the disposal of property. It's probably prudent to do so, but the Municipality Authorities Act doesn't require that. The Township codes do require it. Mr. Hondal asked what the expected value of the property is?

Mrs. Petrosky replied that the Authority purchased it at a tax claim sale. The Authority had a pump station and various lines and easements going through the parcel. It was probably constructed in the 70's or 80's and the Authority found that it had never been conveyed by the developer to the Authority. At the same time, it was discovered that the Township had a detention pond on that same parcel. The Authority subsequently demolished the pump station and re-routed the flow to Stewartsville as part of the PennVest project. The plan at that time was to secure the property, tear down the station, then convey it the Township because they had the detention pond to deal with. That conveyance never happened. When Mr. Staso brought up the issue and wanted to put a driveway through it, that rekindled trying to get that accomplished.

Mr. Hondal asked if we still have facilities on this property? Mrs. Petrosky replied that the Authority has easements and lines that run through it. The pump station was torn down many years ago. The Authority has no need for it other than retaining an easement.

Mr. Hondal said that's his point. Is it prudent to narrow our sales to just the Township or should we look at the actual value of the property and consider an advertisement and a bid process for that while we maintain the easement?

Mr. Blenko replied the Township needs the detention pond. He reminded Kate that she had said there was an informal agreement.

Mrs. Petrosky said John Shepherd went with the Authority to the sale. She doesn't remember the details but possibly the Authority and the Township were going to share the expense of the transfer. Once the Authority tore down the station there was no need for the property.

Mr. Hondal stated that's his point. Is it a couple acres? If so, he doesn't think the detention pond is all two acres. Is there a valuable piece of property that can be sold? Can the property be subdivided? Convey one to the Township for the detention pond and sell off the other?

Mr. Blenko said he doesn't believe it can be subdivided because it sits behind the existing lots. It's only connected to the road with a driveway. By the time you carve it up with the rights-of-way that are there between the storm sewers and the sanitary sewers, there's not much left that's buildable. Mr. Blenko can look into it and get some information.

Attorney Snyder said they could get a report for the next meeting on the whole thing. Based on what's happened so far, he doesn't think Staso is going to do anything.

Mr. Hondal stated he understands it might be in the Authority's best interest to get rid of the property from a liability standpoint.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Motion: Hondal Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular
Second: Korenic Meeting on March 3, 2010.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 2 (Polczynski and Shields)

Motion: Korenic Motion to approve the minutes of the Work
Second: Hondal Session on March 3, 2010.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 2 (Polczynski and Shields)

Motion: Shields Motion to approve the following bills:
Second: Polczynski Capital Reserve Requisition #111, \$24,027.81;
Administration and System, \$180,273.95 and
Payroll, \$153,364.51.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mrs. Petrosky requested authorization to promote Terry Horvat to the position of Working Foreman effective April 5, 2010.

Motion: Hondal Motion to promote Terry Horvat to Working
Second: Polczynski Foreman effective April 5, 2010.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mrs. Petrosky recommended the Board take action to rescind their acceptance of the resignation of Gary Blasko, our Operations Supervisor.

Motion: Hondal Motion to rescind the acceptance of the
Second: Shields resignation of Gary Blasko.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Blenko asked Kate if she could give some background on this. Mrs. Petrosky replied she thought maybe there were some variables, some insurance issues that changed and he decided to stay.

Mrs. Petrosky requested action to hire two temporary seasonal workers at the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. They would begin work at the discretion of the System Superintendent. They would work no more than 89 working days. Mrs. Petrosky recommended Chad E. Gummo and Dean M. Jordan. They would be painting, cutting grass and possibly acting as a second man on a dye test crew. These are generally college students.

Motion: Blenko Motion to hire Chad E. Gummo and Dean M.
Second: Polczynski Jordan as summer workers.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Petrosky requested action to ratify her decision to undertake an emergency repair on St. Clair Drive. It was about 200 feet of terracotta pipe that collapsed. Mrs. Petrosky obtained an opinion from the Solicitor and a letter from the Engineer indicating that it was an emergency. John Brentzel is on site doing the repair.

Motion: Polczynski Motion to ratify decision to undertake emergency
Second: Shields repair on St. Clair Drive.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mrs. Petrosky said the second item for Oakton Manor does not need action. She found that the Authority had taken prior action to approve that conveyance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Mrs. Petrosky announced that there had been an Executive Session prior to the regular meeting to discuss matters of litigation concerning Glenn Engineering and WWMA, as well as a personnel matter. There is a budget work session immediately following this regular meeting. It will be upstairs in the second floor conference room and it is open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Korenic Motion to adjourn.
Second: Polczynski

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.


Edward P. Shields, Secretary