

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Work Session, April 6, 2011, 5:30 P.M.

North Huntingdon Township Town House

11265 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642

**Roll Call:**

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

The Work Session of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

**Citizen's Input**

No citizens were present.

**Manager's Report**

Mrs. Petrosky, Mr. Blenko, Mr. Gilbert and Engineer Coldren met with DEP to discuss the storm water connection recently discovered at Stewartsville. DEP also wanted an update on the repairs on Nathan, Nicole and the Highland Terrace force main. Mrs. Petrosky briefed DEP on the extent of the Authority's capital expenditures each year, the lateral project and what is being done to remove inflow and infiltration.

The Authority recently discovered a line at Stewartsville where the storm water and emergency bypass are both connected, which probably occurred during the upgrade to the pump station. The line is not shown on the record drawings. The Authority plans to install a dedicated emergency bypass line, and a separate storm water line. DEP needs a drawing of what will be done at Stewartsville, as well as the completed changes at Highland Terrace. The record drawings for Highland Terrace are to be sent to Don Leone at DEP.

Mrs. Petrosky was copied on a letter that Glenn Engineering addressed to Alcosan submitting flow estimates on behalf of several municipalities, including North Huntingdon. The Authority has already submitted its own estimates, and WWMA has done the same. At a minimum, the Authority must write to Alcosan and let them know that Mr. Glenn does not represent the Authority in any way whatsoever, was not authorized to submit the flow estimates, and Alcosan should disregard any information received from Glenn Engineering concerning NHTMA. Mr. Coldren thinks because the Western Westmoreland interceptor flows through Trafford, we got lumped into Glenn's report.

Mrs. Petrosky, Mr. Blenko and Attorney Hewitt attended a pre-closing meeting at Dean Richardson's office last week for the bond transaction.

The Authority has not received an official report on the mold testing. The gentleman that came in said he could see no visible signs of mold, but conducted air quality testing. Mr. Branthoover said the preliminary results indicate that there is nothing to be alarmed about.

Maher Duessel, the Authority's auditing firm, has provided a three-year proposal for auditing services. The quote is in line with what the Authority has been paying, and this item is on the agenda of the Regular Meeting for action.

The annual CPR and first aid training was conducted last week at Rescue 8. At times the Board has authorized a donation to Rescue 8 because they provide the training at no charge. There is no obligation to make a donation, but in the past it's been \$200. There were 21 employees who attended the training sessions.

Two young men are being recommended for summer employment. One is Dean Jordan, from Vincent Drive, who has been with us for two or three years. He is from Vincent Drive. The other is Michael Slavka from Ipnar Road. Dean is currently in college and Michael starts college this fall. It is recommended that they both be hired for temporary summer work at minimum wage, and both will be required to pass a drug test.

Mrs. Petrosky received a letter and pictures from Mr. Ditoppa. The pictures were taken both before and after the main line break. Mr. Gilbert said the tree limb had to be cut off because it was on the right-of-way and they had to get a machine up in there. The Authority is done on his property right now, but will have to go back to remove the temporary manhole and for restoration. The Board suggested getting an estimate for restoration, and offering Mr. Ditoppa the opportunity to hire his own contractor. The insurance company is taking care of what they deem is their responsibility both inside and outside of the home. The Authority will repair what they dug up with machinery. In the same letter, Mr. Ditoppa requested that the Authority waive his sewage bill. Mr. Snyder suggested sending a letter stating that there is not a provision within the Service Agreement or the Trust Indenture which permits the Authority to render free services. This request is on the agenda for action.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Attorney Snyder reported that Penn Township has been permitted to intervene in the WWMA litigation but not much has happened. WWMA has not filed an Answer to their allegations.

There is a pre-trial conference scheduled for May 23, 2011 on the Glenn Engineering lawsuit. We are going to coordinate and get an expert opinion from Joseph Lagnese.

The status of the Territ versus Glenn lawsuit has not changed. Mrs. Petrosky said Cipriani and Werner, the attorneys hired by the Authority's insurance carrier, continue to pursue having the Authority dropped from the suit.

DEP has not responded to WWMA's Corrective Action Plan or their request for taps. However, DEP has been approving certain taps on a case-by-case basis.

A meeting has been scheduled for April 13, 2011 with Penn Township, WWMA and Bob Shuster to work out an agreement so that Penn Township will sign an Amendment to the Service Agreement. The Amendment would permit the Hampton Heights Plan to be incorporated into the service area. The hang-up is that in the last Amendment to the Service Agreement, which also added territory, an amount was fixed for Penn Township to pay. The number that WWMA is now proposing for NHTMA to pay as a tapping fee for the Hampton Heights area is less than what Penn Township had imposed upon it. Penn Township doesn't want to sign unless they get the same deal.

The SWAP transaction is complete.

### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Coldren reported there is one more corner to set at the Parkside property in order to finalize the survey. The plat is essentially done. The TV truck is in the shop, but will be back out in about a week and the location of the existing storm sewers can be identified. The property can be appraised as soon as the last pin is in place.

Five bids were received for Yough and Stewartsville Grinders project. The numbers came in where expected and Lone Pine was the low bidder. Lone Pine recently completed the Sludge Heat Exchanger and RBC Media Replacement projects at Yough, and has a good track record with the Authority. Mr. Coldren recommends that Contract 2010-3 be awarded to Lone Pine in the amount of \$146,175.

Mr. Gilbert reported the Highland Terrace force main is basically complete. Some changes were made when it was first put in when the residents who were tapped into the existing line had problems with water bubbling in their vent. The contractor took them out of that line and put them into another line. A new line was installed all the way down to the Parkside line. There was one odor complaint since then and we installed an insert. All that's left is to put the cement pad down, move the shed, build the new shed and restore the ground and the road. John Brentzel will start that as soon as weather permits.

Bill Petraikis is pretty much done in Country Hills. He has less than 1,000 feet of line and three manholes to complete, and will then start restoration. During the 107-day extension he was given, he lost 18 days due to weather. It is recommended that Mr. Petraikis be given another extension to May 15, 2011.

The Board viewed an online demonstration of the Mr. Manhole leveling system. The Authority had a demonstration of this product about five years ago on three or four manholes in Route 30 adjacent to former Chesterfields location. It's held up well, and when traveling over that section of the highway you barely feel the manhole. It's something that's being looked at for the budget.

**Adjournment**

The Work Session adjourned at 6:37 PM.

  
Edward P. Shields, Secretary