

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 1, 2012, 7:00 PM
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

ROLL CALL:

Andrew Blenko	- Present	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Timothy Hondal	- Present	Charles J. Gilbert, System Supt.	- Present
Joseph Korenic, Jr.	- Present	Chris Sanner, Asst. System Supt.	- Present
William Miller	- Present	Donald J. Snyder, Solicitor	- Present
Edward Shields	- Present	David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by Andrew Blenko, Chairman. Mrs. Petrosky called the roll and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Joe Martin – 907 Alder Drive

Mr. Martin said he is confused about a regulation that was adopted in May 2008 pertaining to the lateral inspections and dye tests. He completely understands that on a sale the buyer is being protected. He had this done just a little over two years ago. He is on disability with a very strict limited income. His refinancing will gain him some extra money per month. Medical bills have wiped out what savings he did have. He's unclear why a homeowner is responsible for any problems on a refinance.

Mr. Blenko responded that we have many, many homes in the Township with leaky laterals that are leaking into the system. When we get some of these major storms that we've had lately, we end with water squirting out of the manholes instead of coming into the manholes. If we had enough people and enough resources, we'd want to tell everyone in the Township to have the tests. We've made a compromise and decided to make people have the tests done when they are selling their homes. That was extended to include refinances on the basis that when you do refinance it gives us an opportunity to get that leaky lateral fixed and gives the homeowner the opportunity to roll the repair cost into the refinancing. If we had the resources in a perfect world we'd like to systematically tell every customer in our system to fix their line. We don't have the staff to manage that. We also do this on a project-by-project basis in a particular neighborhood if our flow metering has identified that as an area that has a high infiltration problem.

Mr. Martin said he had the tests done by the Authority two and a half years ago and he has not done anything to change his house.

Mr. Hondal said there are subsidence issues, separation issues and wet weather issues. Conditions could have easily changed on that. There is a 33% failure rate including plastic. A policy is in place and he would have to vote to abide by the policy right now.

Mr. Martin said he wants to appeal for them to waive the need for the tests and provide a no-lien letter. According to the lender, he can't have a closing until the tests are verified. Medical bills have wiped out their savings and \$230 is a lot of money right now.

Mrs. Petrosky took the homeowner's address to notify him of their decision. Mr. Martin left the meeting at this point.

The Board discussed Mr. Martin's situation and decided the tests need to be done. The Authority can add it to his bill and ask that the balance be paid by the closing costs. Mrs. Petrosky will notify Mr. Martin of the Board's decision.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Coldren reported that for the Yough NPDES Permit renewal they are recommending the award of the lab testing services to Environmental Service Laboratories Inc. in the amount of \$4,120.

Motion: Blenko Motion to award lab testing services to Environmental
Second: Shields Service Laboratories Inc. in the amount of \$4,120.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Coldren presented an engineering proposal for the resurfacing of the driveways at five of the Authority's pump stations. The total cost of the engineering proposal is \$8,500.

Motion: Hondal Motion to approve the engineering proposal.
Second: Korenic

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Coldren requested authorization to advertise the project for bid.

Motion: Hondal Motion to advertise the bid.
Second: Korenic

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Coldren reported the contractor has about 500 feet of sewer left to install for Contract 2011-4 on Wayne Drive. Then the contractor will be moving into Country Hills.

Mr. Coldren said last month there was discussion about the maintenance restoration work being required of Border Patrol on the lateral project where there were two properties left to finish. He came in about three weeks ago and took care of one yard. He basically had to refinish the whole front yard including replacing two patio stones, top soil and seed. He sandbagged the curb temporarily to allow the grass seed to catch. There was one other property across the street but they couldn't reach the homeowner to find out exactly what he was looking for. Border Patrol had replaced his walkway and it was very rough. They came back and saw cut a clean line but now the sidewalk is too narrow. They claim they will come in and replace it.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Snyder presented a Resolution concerning the draft feasibility study prepared by the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority. ALCOSAN is requesting a feasibility study for the Cavittsville service area, and our Resolution must accompany it to signify that the governing body is aware of the study and the potential costs. WWMA drafted their own Resolution and approved it. This approves the Resolution that WWMA submitted and joins in it. WWMA obtained input and data from all involved authorities in order to prepare the study.

Motion: Hondal Motion to adopt the Resolution #4 of 2012 as stated.
Second: Korenic

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Attorney Snyder presented an agreement between the Authority and PTM, LP which is a Delaware limited liability company. It is the property owner with respect to the new Turnpike Sheetz store. The agreement calls for the placement of fill material over the existing public sanitary sewer line conditioned upon PTM, LP and Sheetz fulfilling the obligations imposed upon them under this agreement.

Under the agreement they are to internally line the pipe with cured-in-place liner in accordance with the provisions provided by KLH Engineers subject to inspection by the Authority and its consulting engineer. They would execute and deliver to us a right-of-way and easement 50 feet in width in recordable form. They would execute and deliver a certificate of completion when the work is completed. Under this agreement they would hold us harmless from any damage to curbs or anything else if we had to get back in there to repair something.

They are going to construct any replacement of the public sanitary sewers in accordance with our rules and regulations and then they are to operate their facilities in accordance with our rules and regulations and will have to put in grease traps. There is a full blown indemnity which is consistent with the indemnity clause which is in our Developer's Agreement. They would be

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Petrosky recommended hiring William Maha and Tim Crawford for the two laborer positions at the Plant. This is contingent upon their successfully completing a drug and alcohol screening, a physical capabilities test and a criminal background check with the first date of work to be determined, most likely sometime in early-to-mid September. As a condition of their employment, they would be required to maintain a regular Pennsylvania driver's license and also to obtain a CDL class A with an N endorsement before the end of their probationary period. Their starting rate would be at 80% of the base pay as outlined in the bargaining agreement or \$18.53 per hour. Until successful completion of the probationary period, they would be at-will employees, not members of the bargaining unit and would not be subject to any benefits under the bargaining agreement other than workers compensation.

Motion: Blenko Motion to hire William Maha and William Crawford.
Second: Korenic

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mrs. Petrosky received a request from the Township to split the \$600 cost of the hazardous material cleanup day that is sponsored by Pennsylvania Cleanways. We've done this in the past and shared the cost. The cost would be \$300 for the Authority. The Township has already paid the initial \$600 fee. This participation permits Township residents to deposit their hazardous material with no cost.

Motion: Shields Motion to pay \$300 to the Township for hazardous
Second: Korenic waste disposal.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mrs. Petrosky stated that action on the security improvements are going to be held until September as we get additional information and quotations on swipe cards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hondal Motion to adjourn.

Second: Shields

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.


William H. Miller, Secretary