

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
 WORK SESSION, DECEMBER 5, 2012, 5:30 P.M.  
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT  
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

**Roll Call:**

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

The Work Session of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 5:55 P.M.

**Citizen's Input**

No citizens were present.

**Manager's Report**

The WWMA is having a special meeting next Monday for elected and appointed officials to discuss the work they have to do at Brush Creek and to discuss their rate increase. WWMA is increasing our rates beginning with January service by \$5.00 for everyone in the Brush Creek system. There is also a smaller increase for our ALCOSAN customers which will start with the payment we send to them in January. Mike has calculated what the impact will be on our budget. The estimate is a revenue loss of \$138,500 if we wait and do a rate increase for May service. In the past, the Brush Creek increases have been spread across the system, which would be \$2.50 to everyone.

The Boards feels the Authority can't absorb that much of an increase. There was discussion on charging different rates for the Brush Creek, Yough and ALCOSAN customers. Until some research can be done and it can be determined what the different rates would be, the Board decided to spread the increase across the system for now. The Authority is going to publish a press release notifying the customers of the rate increase as a result of WWMA's rate increase.

Palarino's Car Wash called asking for a reduction in their bill. They believe that a lot of the water from their vehicles doesn't enter our system. They believe that the water is either evaporated or the cars carry it out. The Authority spent several months investigating this a couple years ago, and Palarino's couldn't provide any data that any Authority anywhere reduces rates to car washes. Chuck went down to meet with them again to see if there was anything new, but there wasn't.

It is uncertain when the Township is meeting to appoint an Authority Board member, so the Board decided to postpone their Reorganization until the February meeting. Mr. Blenko's term is expiring.

Roberta Drive was one of the first areas where there were lateral inspections and Community Development Block Grants. 14140 Roberta Drive failed the test and was eligible for the grant. Mongovi was the contractor who did the repairs. This particular home had an inside trap in the basement and it was in the paperwork that it was going to have to be removed and relocated outside the home. It was not removed, and it was not discovered until the owner recently went to sell her home. We went back out and inspected it, and found that the inside trap was still in place. It had to be removed and relocated in order to meet our specifications for the sale. Attorney Snyder suggested the Authority get it done because it was too late to go back after Mongovi. In the end, it cost the Authority about \$4,500.00.

The Country Hills public meeting went well. About 60 to 70 residents attended, and seemed to be well versed on the project.

### **Engineer's Report**

We are waiting for the ground to freeze to do the repairs at Atwood Estates.

The rebid opening was held this past Friday for the Sodium Hypochlorite. The bids were about the same as the first time. There were five bidders. The low bidder was Next Gen again but they didn't sign their bid form which voids their bid. The next low bidder was Lone Pine. It was higher than the estimate, but other equipment has been added. Lone Pine is being recommended to be awarded the project. They have done work for the Authority in the past. Most recently, they've done the Sludge Heat Exchanger. They are well known in the wastewater industry.

The contractor, Advanced is about 60% complete with the sewer construction of the Country Hills, Phase II main line project. He is currently working on Butterfield and has requested the Authority allow him to demobilize for the winter months. His plan is to get off of Butterfield this week, get everything paved, get the trench paved, close up on Butterfield, move to the backyards of Vermont, shut down before Christmas and start again March 1. The clock would stop. When he comes back he'll have one month to get done. The Board discussed the repercussions if he's not done on time. It will be tabled until next month.

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


The issue with the plant security is whether to move money around to cover it or wait until next budget and try to get it then.

**Assistant System Superintendent's Report**

The new lab accreditation was received for 2013. We are still waiting for the on-site lab assessment to come back from the DEP.

**Adjournment**

The Work Session adjourned at 7:05 PM.

  
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William H. Miller, Secretary