

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
 REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 3, 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	- Absent	Daniel J. Hewitt, Solicitor	- Present
Drew Polczynski	- Absent	Chuck Gilbert, System Superintendent	- Present
Joseph Korenic, Jr.	- Present	David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:03 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 reported that Greensburg Environmental has fulfilled their contract and the work is complete on the Stewartville Pump Station Modifications. They are meeting tomorrow to look at additional modifications to the station. Presented this evening is Change Order #2 and approval is recommended. It's in the amount of \$3,288 for installing a riser pipe within a manhole adjacent to the pump station.

Motion:	Hondal	Motion to approve Change Order #2 in the
Second:	Korenic	amount of \$3,288.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Under Contract 2009-1, Lone Pine Construction is complete with the Sludge Heat Exchanger Replacement Project. The heat exchanger was placed online on February 3, 2010. The final paperwork will be in this month along with the as-built drawings. There was a Change Order #1 for which approval is recommended in the amount of \$1,401.70. That was for additional fittings and tank hangers to properly align the new unit. They were trying to align the new unit with the sludge piping coming up from the basement as well as hitting the alignment of the exhaust.

Motion:	Blenko	Motion to approve Change Order #1 in the
Second:	Hondal	amount of \$1,401.70.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

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Trinity Contracting is approximately 99% complete with the SCADA project. There was a test run of the system on Friday. Various individuals went out to the pump stations and triggered the alarms while Dave and Chuck were at the plant. They were able to see the alarms come in. They have generated a punch list which they will be working on this coming month. Hopefully this project will be wrapped up within the next six weeks.

Mr. Blenko asked if these are cell phones and is that how the signal gets out?

Mr. Coldren replied yes. It's sent back to a web-based program which is hosted by Siemens Water Technologies. There's an annual fee for that service. The first two years were included in the SCADA contract with Trinity. Anyone can go on the website and see the interacting of the pump stations.

Mr. Korenic asked what the notification process is for an alarm?

Mr. Coldren replied that Chuck can selectively choose which alarms are called out to his cell phone. It's like an auto dialer through the website.

Mr. Gilbert added that he gets an email if it's not a critical event. Then he can decide if he wants to send somebody out on it.

Mr. Korenic asked if this is just data acquisition?

Mr. Gilbert replied no, he can restart or stop pumps. He can go into the site at home.

Mr. Coldren stated there is an engineering proposal before the Board tonight to do the design work required to replace two of the RBC units. These are the circular plastic media units which perform the treatment at the plant. There are eight units at the plant. Two have already been replaced which were easily accessible. The two they are proposing to do now require some crane work and are more difficult for the Authority personnel to do. They propose to do the design on an hourly basis with a not-to-exceed cost of \$6,400. The bid phase and construction phase would be flat fees of \$1,200 and \$1,600. The RO would be hourly if required by the Authority. Sometimes the Authority personnel actually do the inspection. They are presenting this for a total cost of \$9,200.

Mr. Blenko asked if last time there was only one manufacturer that bid on it?

Mr. Gilbert replied that they will probably going to end up with Siemens material again but this time they have to have somebody install it. For the one RBC unit, they already have half the media on site.

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Mr. Coldren added they are bidding out the installation of the media.

Mr. Gilbert stated the Authority did the first set in-house. They are not going to be able to do the second set.

Mrs. Petrosky said we will be buying our own equipment and material and bidding out the installation.

Mr. Coldren said we have half the media and we'll have to bid out the other half. If it were simply do that it would be a lot less than the \$6,400 but this is actually preparing the drawings to show the installation.

Mr. Gilbert said he has to put an option for the drives also because they had trouble with one of the drives on the last ones. They had to go out to bid a second time because they didn't include it in the original bid. There's going to be an option in there if the drive needs replaced, we can replace it.

Mrs. Petrosky asked if we'll need to bid the material or will it be proprietary?

Mr. Gilbert replied we already have half of it. We don't want to lose the half we have because we paid for it. We have to get the same material as least for the first part of this.

Mr. Coldren said they are going to write the specification around the material we need.

Mrs. Petrosky said maybe what we need to do before we proceed is to sit down with Don or Dan and discuss the whole process so we make sure that we're covering ourselves.

Mr. Blenko asked if we ever ran into an issue where we hired the contractor to put in our material and then when there's a failure he said it wasn't me, you're materials were bad?

Mr. Gilbert said the materials would be backed by Siemens because they're the ones that made the mistake the first time around. That's why we have the material on site. Siemens was part of the reason when they came out and looked at the media we needed and the wrong stuff was ordered. We have the stuff stored inside. It's as good as the day it was sent.

Mr. Korenic asked how much the additional material is?

Mr. Coldren replied around \$40,000 to \$50,000 probably.

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Mr. Blenko asked if we have the right material?

Mr. Gilbert replied that it's the right stuff. We have media to do half of one RBC unit. We need media for one and a half units.

Mr. Coldren said there's low, medium and high density media. We may have needed two high density media and we ended up with a medium and a high.

Attorney Snyder stated there's no question, you have to bid it.

Mr. Blenko asked why we can't replace the media ourselves this time?

Mr. Gilbert replied that one, we can't get to it, we need a big crane in there. Two, the way we were doing the last one it took forever because they could only work on it when they had time. That way, if he had a crane there, it would cost too much. We would get in trouble with the DEP if it sits too long.

Mr. Korenic asked Chuck if he was prepared to do the inspection service?

Mr. Gilbert stated we usually leave the engineer do it on a unit like this. We usually do only the sewer lines. There are only a couple people who installed it originally who are qualified to inspect. One is retired and the other one will be busy doing other maintenance, he won't have time to stand there and watch.

Mr. Coldren said KLH typically inspects the plant and pump station work. Authority personal typically do any sewer work.

Mrs. Petrosky said the crews don't have the expertise to inspect this project.

Motion:	Hondal	Motion to approve RBC Replacement Engineering
Second:	Korenic	Proposal dated March 1, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$9,200.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Mr. Coldren stated the County Hills Sanitary Sewer Phase 1 design is complete. Solicitor Snyder is working on the easement agreements. This evening we'd like approval to advertise the project for construction bids. That would be done sometime later this month or early April.

Mr. Hondal asked when they were contemplating making the award?

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Mr. Coldren replied they can hold the bids for 60 days. If we would advertise April 1, 2010, we would have one month advertising, open bids around May 1, 2010. We could hold the bids until July. Or we could postpone the advertising.

Mrs. Petrosky stated we'll get a good feel once the letters go out and see what the feedback is. We'll also see feedback at the March meeting. We should hold the advertisement until after that meeting.

Attorney Snyder said he thought that would be the prudent course. He doesn't want to get into a situation where there are bids out there and we feel that we have to make an award and we haven't gone through the process. Bear in mind, the condemnation process takes a little more than 30 days before you can get possession. Generally speaking you have to push that out to 45 days from the day you file. You have to get it served then a period of time has to run.

Mr. Korenic asked if we can also ask for the bids to be valid longer than 60 days?

Attorney Snyder said no, because the Acquisition Acts and Procurement Code changed all that. You have to make an award within a specific time of opening unless it's contingent upon funding or some other mechanism. The reason for that is they don't want you to take bids today and don't give the contractor the Notice to Proceed until November. Meanwhile, the prices have gone up and they are into a new year as far as labor agreements. They need a bid that reflects today's circumstances.

Mr. Korenic asked if we can put a motion out on the floor to allow the time to be set with Manager's approval?

Attorney Snyder replied yes.

Mr. Korenic stated he would form the motion that we go ahead and permit the advertisement of the contract for the Country Hills Line Replacement Project. The time is to be set at the direction of the Manager for this advertisement.

Motion:	Hondal	Motion to approve advertising the County Hills
Second:	Korenic	Line Replacement Project, Phase 1.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Snyder stated the first matter is a resolution selecting, appropriating and condemning certain rights of way and easements in and through the property situate in North Huntingdon Township and authorizing the Solicitor to pursue the necessary

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proceedings and to file the necessary bond. There was a motion made to adopt that resolution as presented.

Motion: Korenic Motion to adopt the Resolution of Condemnation  
Second: Hondal #1 of 2010.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

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

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Motion: Blenko Motion to approve the following bills:  
Second: Hondal Capital Reserve Requisition #109, \$57,356.33;  
Administration and System, \$417,125.89 and  
Payroll, \$103,688.18.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items of Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Petrosky stated she had two items. The first item is to accept the resignation of Gary Blasko effective May 7, 2010 and to authorize the Manager to advertise for a replacement.

Motion: Blenko Motion to accept the resignation of Gary Blasko  
Second: Hondal effective May 7, 2010 and to authorize the Manager  
to advertise for a replacement.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

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Mrs. Petrosky said the second item is to accept the resignation of Russell Kisner effective March 31, 2010.

Motion: Korenic                      Motion to accept the resignation of Russell Kisner  
Second: Hondal                      effective March 31, 2010.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

### 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.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hondal                      Motion to adjourn.  
Second: Blenko

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

  
Edward P. Shields, Secretary