

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Work Session, November 3, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

North Huntingdon Township Town House

11265 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Roll Call:

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

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

Citizen's Input –

Mr. Mark Madonia and his daughter were present regarding the sale of the Ivanhoe Drive property. Mr. Madonia was advised that the sale of the property was on the agenda for the Work Session for discussion purposes, but that formal action would be taken at the 7:00 PM Regular Meeting.

Chlorite Generation Presentation

Mr. Blenko, along with Engineer Coldren and System Superintendent Chuck Gilbert gave a presentation on the chlorite generation project that is being proposed for the Yough Plant to replace the present chlorine gas disinfection system. These individuals recently visited a similar installation in Alabama. Mr. Coldren was asked to prepare a detailed cost analysis for the Board.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Petrosky advised that the Authority may be receiving a request from the Township fire chiefs to develop a policy permitting Authority employees who are firemen to leave work in order to fight a working fire.

The Hampton Heights Plan of Lots on the site of the former Carradam Golf Course is an 85-lot subdivision that straddles the dividing line of the Brush Creek and Yough drainage basins. Twenty-six of the lots are within the Brush Creek service area, 15 lots would require grinders to get to Brush Creek, and the remaining 44 lots are outside the service area. The developer, Robert Shuster, proposes to send all of the flow to Brush Creek.

Solicitor Hewitt believes that it would require an amendment to the Service Agreement in order to permit the lots that are outside of the service area to be served by the WWMA. Another option for service, such as Sewickley Township, has been explored and eliminated, due to additional costs, need for easements, capacity, and time constraints. The feasibility of sending the flow to Indian Lake was briefly considered, but the cost and need for easements made that alternative impractical. Mr. Shuster has been asked to study the possibility of sending the outside flow to Hempfield Township's Andrews Run facility. Andy Blenko and Kate Petrosky met with Kevin Fisher on November 2 to discuss the plan. Mr. Shuster, his attorney Don Tarosky, and Engineer John Vozel attended a portion of the meeting.

The Board discussed the possibility of making changes to the Discontinuation of Billing policy, as was discussed at the October work session. One possibility would be to require that the homeowner disconnect his lateral from the main, and cap it off, at his own expense. The work would be inspected by the Authority. The owner would also submit documentation from MAWC certifying that water service has been terminated.

A second alternative would be for the homeowner to install a site tee near the curb, again at his own expense, and have the work inspected by the Authority. The Authority would then install a plug to block the passage of sewage into the system. The owner would submit paperwork from MAWC certifying that water service has been terminated. The Authority could periodically inspect the site tee to ensure that the plug was still in place. Both alternatives would include the homeowner signing a release absolving the Authority from any liability.

The Board was divided on which alternative was preferable, and Mrs. Petrosky will prepare drafts on both options for the December meeting.

Mrs. Petrosky reported that the Authority's medical insurance premiums will increase by 2.9% in 2011.

Mrs. Petrosky also reported that the Authority will host NASSCO training at the Yough Plant in early January. The training will cover the newly-developed inspection standards for private laterals and manholes. Several Authority employees will be attending, as well as individuals from other authorities.

One bid was received on the Ivanhoe Drive property from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Madonia in the amount of \$15,427. The bid opening was held on November 1. This item is on the agenda for the Regular Meeting. Mr. Hewitt advised that the deed will be prepared by the Authority, and reviewed by Mr. Madonia's attorney, James Duffy. All existing easements will be referenced in the deed.

There has been no change in the status of the WWMA tap restriction.

The Authority's new payment option for accepting credit cards, debit cards and eChecks is being developed, and should be operational by December 1.

The Board has received a copy of the memo outlining the initial Benchmarking meeting.

The Manager is working on the 2010 Performance Appraisals, and 2011 Management Salaries, and will schedule an Executive Session after the December Work Session.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 6:45 PM.



Edward P. Shields, Secretary

Executive Session

The Board then entered into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, litigation involving Glenn Engineering and the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority with Authority Solicitor Daniel J. Hewitt.