

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Work Session, October 6, 2010, 5:30 P.M.

North Huntingdon Township Town House

11265 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Roll Call:

Andrew Blenko	- Absent	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Edward P. Shields	- Absent	Donald J. Snyder, Jr., Solicitor	- Present
Drew Polczynski	- Present	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	- Absent

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

Citizen's Input –

Claire Loughrey, Edie Matthews, Mark Madonia and Jim Gallagher were present to discuss the Authority's plans to sell the vacant parcel located off Ivanhoe Drive. Mrs. Loughrey and Mrs. Matthews are the daughters of the property's former owner, Earl M. Evans, and are attempting to sell an adjacent parcel to Mr. and Mrs. Madonia. Mr. Gallagher is a real estate agent representing the sellers.

Mrs. Loughrey and Mrs. Matthews feel that the Authority's plans to sell the parcel are unfair, since their father gave the parcel to the Authority for \$1 in order to facilitate the installation of public sewers. They presented a copy of the deed, and after reviewing, Mr. Snyder stated that the sale price was actually \$1,000. The daughters feel that the appraised value of \$14,000 is unrealistic in view of the flood plain and the numerous easements running through the property. They would prefer that the Authority simply grant an easement to the new buyers, which will permit them to access their new property.

Mrs. Petrosky recalled that during a previous discussion with Mr. Madonia he had mentioned that there was another point of access to the property. Mr. Madonia said that a portion of Walter Street is unopened, or a paper street, and he wasn't sure if he could use it as access because it had been over 21 years since its dedication to the Township. Attorney Snyder explained that although the Township could not open the road after 21 years, it could still be used as access. Property owners within the recorded plan have not lost their ability to use the paper street.

Mr. Snyder asked the group if selling the parcel under the condition that an easement be provided would be satisfactory, and they stated that it would be acceptable.

The citizens were advised that the Board would be discussing the sale during an executive session following the work session, and that any formal action would be taken at the Regular Meeting.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Petrosky advised that the Authority received a request from William Haywood of Coulterville Road in South Versailles to tap into the Authority's system. The Authority currently serves one home in South Versailles, and Mr. Haywood would extend our line to pickup both his home, and a neighbor's. Mr. Haywood would fall under the requirements of the Authority's Developer's Agreement, and an inter-municipal agreement would have to be executed between South Versailles and NHTMA.

The Authority submitted its list of requested taps to WWMA as part of their response to DEP's tap restriction. DEP has released taps for Walmart, Kingsbury, and Lot #227 in Oakton Manor.

Mrs. Petrosky reported that the benchmarking meeting at the Plant on September 29 went well, and she will be preparing a separate memo summarizing the discussion.

Mr. Korenic asked that the discontinuation of billing policy be discussed again, because he shares the Board's frustration in requiring a homeowner to remove and cap facilities. Mr. Hondal suggested that in order to stop billing, the homeowner could be required, at his own cost, to actually disconnect his lateral from the main, and have it capped. The owner would be required to install a site tee if one is not already in place, and the Authority would inspect the work before it's covered. Then a crew could periodically check the site tee to see if there's flow. The Board was willing to consider this option, and it will be on the agenda for the next work session.

System Superintendent's Report

Chuck Gilbert and Dave Coldren discussed their recent trip to the annual WEFTEC conference. Chuck met with representatives of a firm that is willing to do a free manhole rehabilitation demonstration, and also found information on a portable camera that can be taken into thickly-wooded areas.

Chuck also described the damage that occurred at the Yough Plant and at Indian Lake as a result of the recent storm. At Yough, the RBC covers and the railing around the chlorine tank were damaged by the wind, and a circuit board at Indian Lake was blown. Both have been submitted to our insurance carrier.

Chuck and Dave also discussed their recent trip, along with Andy Blenko, to Alabama to inspect a chlorine-generation system that they are proposing for Yough. Andy Blenko will be providing a presentation on this project at the November work session.

Engineer's Report

Dave Coldren will be asking permission at the Regular Meeting to purchase two impellers for the pumps at Stewartsville, which should bring them up to or above permitted capacity. The cost of the impellers will be included in the Glenn Engineering lawsuit.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 6:30 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 Donald J. Snyder, Jr., and the sale of the Ivanhoe Drive property.