

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWN HOUSE 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Andrew Blenko	- Absent	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Kelly Wolfe	- Present	William J. McCabe, Solicitor	- Present
Edward Shields	- Absent	Chuck Gilbert, System Superintendent	- Present
Drew Polczynski	- Present	Terry Soster, KLH Engineers	- Present
Herman Sieber	- Present		

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Mrs. Petrosky called the roll and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Mr. Anthony Brooks of 2431 Hi Ridge addressed the Board about his sewage bill. Mr. Brooks is a senior citizen and a widower. He pays \$29 per quarter for water, and pays more for one month's sewage than for the entire quarter's water usage. Mr. Brooks believes that the Authority Board does not care about the people, and said many other people have told him they feel the same.

Mr. Sieber explained that he is also a senior citizen, and that the Board has taken a serious look at this issue several times. The Authority's costs are mainly fixed, and the cost to serve a home with one resident, versus a home with a family, is very similar.

Mrs. Wolfe also referenced the prior studies done by the Authority, and that the majority of the costs were fixed. Mrs. Wolfe went on to say that if the Board felt there was a system available that was fair and accurate, the Board would approve such a system. However, the Board could not reach a consensus on consumption billing.

Mr. Polczynski responded that he was one of the Board members in favor of changing to consumption billing. However, the fact that the Board spent at least 10 months debating this issue is proof that the Board does care about the ratepayers. Mr. Polczynski said changing the billing structure is not an easy task. The biggest risk in changing is that Mr. Brooks' rate might have actually gone up, even if he had a lower consumption. Mr. Polczynski said there are many costs that affect the billing. Also, there is no way to adequately meter the amount of sewage produced by a home. While the water authority can measure the amount of water going into a home, no one has been able to invent a meter that can accurately measure sewage. If that were the case, it might make it easier. Mr. Polczynski said he would be glad to meet with Mr. Brooks after the meeting to continue their discussion.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Motion: Sieber Motion to authorize KLH Engineers to solicit bids
Second: Polczynski for sludge disposal in accordance with their
proposal in an amount not to exceed \$1,750.00.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCabe had no formal report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The minutes from the August 5, 2009 Regular Meeting and Work Session were tabled because a majority of the members present had not attended those meetings.

Motion: Polczynski Motion to approve the following bills:
Second: Sieber Capital Reserve Requisition #104 in
the amount of \$238,947.22, Accounts
Payable for Administration and
System in the amount of \$483,134.01 and
Payroll in the amount of \$94,339.37.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Petrosky stated there are no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Sieber Motion to approve the audited financial statements
Second: Polczynski for Fiscal Year 2010.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Motion: Polczynski Motion to approve the Minimum Municipal
Second: Sieber Pension Obligation.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McCabe stated there was an Executive Session before the Regular Meeting regarding the WWMA litigation matter and a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Wolfe Motion to adjourn.
Second: Sieber

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.



Andrew W. Blenko, Secretary

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