

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 10, 2013, 7:00 PM  
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT  
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

**ROLL CALL:**

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

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Timothy Hondal, Chairman. Mr. Branthoover called the roll and a quorum was present.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT**

Kevin Shirey – 4171 Turner Valley Road

Mr. Shirey said the plant has never looked better as far as aesthetics go but this has been the roughest summer as far as odor. His house is up for sale. He had a buyer who was outside the house on Saturday around 4:30. He got hit with a blast that would make you puke and he walked away. On Friday the realtor came out with people who got out of the car, got back in the car and left. He asked if there is anything that can be done to minimize the odor issue. He's lived here for 19 years and has never complained.

Mr. Gilbert said they haven't been doing anything different than usual.

Mr. Shirey said there's a neighbor who had a birthday party with 30 people who all left because it smelled so bad. Just recently Mr. Shirey was cutting his grass and it smelled so bad he got sick to his stomach. It's never happened to him before.

Mr. Gilbert said people have complained to the DEP who have come down and walked around but didn't find anything. He suggested calling to make a complaint when it's going on so it can be checked out at the time. Maybe it's happening at times when they are not there.

Mr. Shirey said it happens different times of the day. It's so bad at night that he couldn't leave his windows open. He didn't smell anything tonight until after it rained.

Mr. Sanner asked Mr. Shirey if he ever noticed the flame in the yard and if it's on or off when he smells the odors.

Mr. Shirey said he had not looked.

Mr. Sanner asked him to take notice if the torch is lit or not. The settings may be wrong that it's not lighting fast enough and it's leaving some of the methane out of the torch head before it lights and that may be where the odor is coming from.

Mr. Shirey said it's not every day.

Mr. Hondal asked if he noticed how long the odor lasts.

Mr. Shirey said the longest is about 40 minutes and then it's intermittent.

Mr. Sanner said it may be the igniter on the torch and he can have Craig Johnson take a look at it.

Mr. Shirey said he would appreciate anything that could be done.

Mr. Shirey said there a lot of neighbors that have had serious health issues in this valley. Some have passed away. There have been a lot of cancers and different types of illnesses that are occurring. He asked if there was any chance there was too much methane or something in the air that's causing it.

Mr. Hondal said methane is not toxic. The Authority passes the DEP audits and inspections with flying colors. They would pick up on an emissions problem if there was one.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Coldren recommended approval of Change Order #2 in the amount of \$36,200 to install 275 feet of eight inch sewer by directional drill in lieu of open cut excavation for Contract 2012-2 Country Hills Phase 3.

Motion: Fry  
Korenic

Motion to approve Change Order # 2 of Contract 2012-2  
Country Hills Phase 3 in the amount of \$36,200.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Coldren recommended approval of Change Order #4 of Hometown Rooter Contract 2012-5 to extend the contract time by 60 days to take them to final completion and to waive any liquidated damages.

Motion: Shields Motion to approve Change Order #4 of Hometown Rooter  
Fry Contract 2012-5 to extend the contract 60 days and waive  
any liquidated damages.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Snyder stated he had nothing for approval.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Motion: Korenic Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on  
Second: Fry June 5, 2013.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Motion: Shields Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session on  
Second: Miller June 5, 2013.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Motion: Korenic Motion to approve payment of the bills:  
Second: Shields

Capital Reserve Requisition #150 -- \$279,571.28  
Administration and System -- \$171,754.85  
Payroll -- \$155,709.85

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

**OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items of Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Branthoover requested approval to renew the General Liability insurance at a cost of \$101,648.

Motion: Shields Motion to approve the renewal of the General Liability  
Second: Fry insurance in the amount of \$101,648.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Branthoover requested approval to renew the Public Officials insurance at a cost of \$5,548.

Motion: Miller Motion to approve the renewal of the Public Officials  
Second: Korenic insurance in the amount of \$5,548.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Branthoover requested approval to change the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to August 14<sup>th</sup> for next month.

Motion: Fry Motion to change the August meeting to August 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Second: Korenic

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Meeting for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Miller Motion to adjourn.  
Second: Fry

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

  
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William H. Miller, Secretary