

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 WORK SESSION, JUNE 14, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

Roll Call:

Jeffrey Fisher	- Present	Michael Branthoover, General Manager	- Present
Thomas Hempel	- Present	Christy J. Stewart, Finance Director	- Present
Timothy Hondal	- Present	Christopher Sanner, System Superintendent	- Present
William H. Miller	- Present	Michael Henao, Asst. System Superintendent	- Present
Charles Denning	- Absent	Daniel J. Hewitt, Solicitor	- Present
		David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present

Citizen's Input

Ipnar Road Area Residents – Roger & Janet Gettemy, Jeff & Maria Gabony & Phyllis Bornak

There were five Ipnar Road area residents present. No one wanted to speak individually but they wanted to see the different plans for installing sewer service. NHTMA presented four different options but unfortunately there are no close sewer lines so we would most likely either have to do a large pump station and take all the flow in by gravity to the pump station. Or we could install a pressure sewer where everyone would get a grinder pump and it would pump into a common force main and then that force main would go into the Falcon Ridge Pump Station or Sewickley may be able to take the flows. Dave Coldren explained the different plans. The costs range from around \$600,000 divided by 34 homes works out to about \$18,000 per customer. That's with the grinder pump scenario. The scenarios with a pump station are \$1.9 and \$2.0 million which works out to almost \$60,000 per household. The force main options don't include the homeowner's costs of purchasing the grinder pump plus installation. The gravity sewer options don't include the homeowner's costs for the gravity lateral.

There was further discussion on income levels in the area and applying for funding. To do an income survey there would need 80% participation and then it has to meet certain criteria.

There was further questions and discussion. The Authority will continue to work on this and watch for possible funding.

Mr. & Mrs. Zezza – 610 Colonial Manor Road

Mrs. Zezza said they are extremely frustrated with this project for the last year. Before the project started, everything on paper looked like it was flat land but it wasn't. Last year Greenland barreled through everything without marking it. They were careless through the whole process. The company keeps saying it will be back to the way it was or better,

but it's not even close. Everything has been a fight and they are calling us constantly about the tree they decided to put a 45 degree angle onto their lateral to come back through tree roots instead of going straight. They killed a 40 year old cherry tree and are fighting with Greenland for compensation.

Dave spoke with Jeff yesterday and he's had two conversations with Bob Greenland who is part owner with his brother Tim. Bob can't make the decision because Tim is out of town this. He did have a professional tree service to look at the tree. It's going to cost them \$2,500 to drop the tree. The wood is worth about \$230. They are looking out of pocket about \$2,270. They thought the offer was bit high but there should be an answer Monday when Tim Greenland gets back.

Mr. Zezza said it's a mess. He has video of all the topsoil that was put in there is gone. They made the hill steeper than it was and they asked them to regrade it. If he was home he would have popped the guy running the show because of the way he treated his wife. It wasn't called for to talk to her like that. The people behind them are getting everything they want but when it comes to them the guy was a jerk. The machinery is there and she told them hold up on the putting the topsoil down because it needs graded. The guy said he wasn't doing it and he has lots of money. Then they only put the riprap half way down and they wanted it all the way down.

Dave said they are aware of the riprap and extending it which shouldn't be an issue. He's not sure about re-grading the slope.

Mr. Zezza said he has almost 200 pictures as this was going along. They had a tree-house there and had to take it down because they knocked it over. They just need to grade the dirt down some. They hauled all their machinery away today so he thinks they are not going to do it.

Dave said they are moving out for a couple days because of the rain but will be coming back.

They just want it back the way it was.

Dave asked them to give us a couple days to work something out with Greenland. The tree will come down and the stump will be ground down. We'll just have to work out the compensation.

Manager's Report

Congratulations to Christy who was married this past Saturday, congratulations Mrs. Christy Stewart!

The necessary information has been supplied to HomeServe. The first thing they want to do is a postcard mailing which should be coming out in a few weeks. There was a snag in our initial meeting that they wanted to offer water line insurance first. I explained that would be a deal breaker and that this insurance partnering is for NHTMA customer's private laterals. There was a little push back but it's done and we're moving forward. Sewer lateral insurance will be primary, water line insurance is second and lastly indoor plumbing.

The Property & Liability Insurance is up for renewal at July 15, 2017. It's a one year policy and the premium is \$106,523 which is \$668 less than last year however we also received our dividend check for \$19,172. Mr. Denning asked about the dividends and if it was funded properly. Mike provided all that information. The dividend accounts for about an 18% decrease in the current premium and there's about \$80,000 accumulated in additional dividends that will keep growing. The fund overall has over \$5 million in dividends to give out.

The Public Officials Liability Insurance covers the Board, Management and employment practices liability insurance. That includes a \$2 million in liability limits. HDH is our current broker. The prices remained the same at \$6,287. They have changed carriers from Darwin National to Greenwich. Mr. Denning questioned if our limits were enough. Our insurer feels that \$2 million is more than enough but they have provided an additional quote for \$3 million in limitations and that is \$6,988 and another \$400 for \$4 million.

Yesterday's rains hadn't effected Penn's Woods Phase 3 restoration efforts. They have the top soil spread very nicely everywhere. Additionally, Chris and Michael checked it out today and there wasn't any major damage.

We've extended the deadline to receive laborer applications from the 16th to the 30th and re-advertised. There was a very poor response of six applicants to our first ad. The Trib failed to include our logo and accentuate our name so it's going to be reposted.

We need to pick a weekend for the facilities tour. Think of some dates and let's get it on the books.

We are going to participate in the summer celebration again this year.

Solicitor's Report

There were no items to discuss.

Engineer's Report

Kukurin Contracting is in the process of mobilizing in Markvue Manor and will start digging Monday. All of their shop submittals have been received.

We hope Brentzel will be starting in Penn's Woods in the next few weeks.

Five Pines Phase 1 will cover Roberta and Jonathan. Markvue Manor Phase 2 will be Craig, Bruce and Marcia. The engineering proposal for start to finish survey, design, bid phase, general project services and doing as-builts at the end of the project. They will be two separate projects. There is currently \$1.16 million in the budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. The goal is to be very aggressive to get the field survey, plans and specs done and advertising it in January with the thought of awarding it at the February meeting. The total engineering proposal is \$92,000 from start to finish.

The Tuscan Hills development has a total of seven or eight phases. Ultimately they'll be sending 150 homes to the Yough System via the Falcon Ridge Pump Station. In order to get them tied into the system and to handle the inflow and infiltration we discovered during the process lift station evaluation last year, we need to upgrade the Falcon Ridge Pump Station. That requires us to increase the size of the force main. Basically the sewer needs upsized from the discharge point of the Falcon Ridge Pump Station down to Indian Lake which has the capacity to handle it. This would quadruple the size of Falcon Ridge mostly to deal with the I&I. If there were no I&I in the system, it could handle Tuscan Hills as is. The developer should be put on the hook for some of this. Estimating a cost and flows to Tuscan Hills, it was figured to be about 24% of the station upgrade which works out to about \$65,000. The next step would be to sit down with the developer to discuss the cost. There was further discussion about the I&I and where it's coming from. We may need to do a community wide dye test and televising lines.

KLH is having a sporting clay shoot out event Friday, June 30. The invitations were sent, he'd love to see everyone there.

We met with Greenland a few weeks ago about the water in the back yards. We asked for a price to install a storm sewer. Dave will be submitting it as Change Order #2 under Contract 2016-01 for \$17,356. The work is already done.

System Superintendent's Report

There was nothing to add to his written report.

Assistant System Superintendent's Report

Michael attended a Penn-Tec Convention on how to start a safety committee and program. He presented to the class about what we are doing and he received a positive response from the class and the person running it.

Michael was named the Co-Chair of Laboratories at the state level which is good for NHTMA because it gives us a front seat for things that are coming up with the DEP.

Finance Director's Report

The audit is in progress and is going very well, they are supposed to be here for two weeks. Our change to Quick Books last year made it so much easier.

Executive Session

At 6:33 pm the Board went into executive session and at 7:23 pm they came out of executive session.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 7:23 PM.



William H. Miller, Secretary