

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2016, 7:00 PM
 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. Raspotnik, Finance Director	- Present
Timothy Hondal	- Present	Christopher Sanner, System Superintendent	- Present
William H. Miller	- Present	Michael Henao, Asst. System Superintendent	- Present
		Daniel J. Hewitt, Solicitor	- Present
		Sam Gibson, KLH Engineers	- Present

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:24 P.M. by Timothy Hondal, Chairman. Michael L. Branthoover called the roll and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Cindy Ieraci – 1040 Robbins Station Road

Ms. Ieraci said all of sudden she received an email from the sewage department that she was being charged with \$300 for her sewage. She and Mike had a meeting and Mike explained it's because she has a business and she's being treated as a commercial entity. However, she's not a commercial entity, she's a resident. She spoke with zoning about it and they've said she's not a commercial entity. To be a commercial entity, they would have to spot zone her and they wouldn't do that. She asked to be a commercial entity because then she could have employees in her studio which is being called a hair salon. It's only her with one chair and she averages 5 to 10 clients a week. So she's being charged double and it's ridiculous. She's owned a business in this community, Cristo Bello Spa which was 3,800 square foot. There were 3 pedicure chairs, 4 treatment rooms, 8 hair stations, 4 shampoo bowls and she didn't pay in comparison that little bit of sewage. The spa closed. Before she opened Cristo Bello, she owned a home in Bella Mia where she had a studio. She never paid that kind of sewage before. She feels it very unjust because she was told she's being charged based on water usage under commercial rate. So when they shower, she's cooking dinner, doing laundry, watering plants they usage went up. When she bought the house she acquired a pool which was a disaster. She didn't open her studio and wasn't officially licensed by the Board of Cosmetology until July 7, 2016. For her to be charged these kind of rates is ridiculous. She was told we have nothing to do with zoning. But she says we do because zoning sent us the occupancy permit. She said to Mike, she's being punished for her being honest and doing it the right way. She's asking for an adjustment in this policy.

Attorney Hewitt asked if she had to go the zoning hearing board to get certification as a home occupation.

Ms. Iraci said she had to apply and send it in.

Attorney Hewitt said they township blessed and call it commercial use for the home occupation.

Ms. Iraci said she was told she is a resident with a home based business. There are certain regulations such as a separate entrance. She put two new sidewalks in because she has a client who is in a wheelchair. She's also trying to get an auto wheelchair for her mother so that she can sit with her while she's doing hair. She's doing everything legal and she's getting punished for it. She called the water and they said they don't charge different for resident versus commercial.

Mr. Hondal commended her for taking the proper steps because there's a lot of people that hide things in this township. Eventually they get caught and they get back billed. I don't think this issue is going to resolved here this evening to be honest. Prior to this we had some other rate issues and maybe we can address this too. We don't have too many boxes to put people in. They are either residential or commercial. You are operating a business out of your house. There's no way for us to catch how many people commit that act.

Ms. Iraci asked about an intake meter.

Mr. Hondal said if she's having a pool issue a meter could be installed but he's not sure if that would offset the cost. Maybe she could speak to Chris about some alternatives.

Attorney Hewitt said she may want to speak with the water authority because they could have a separate meter for the business and the bulk of the house would be still be under residential.

Ms. Iraci said she can't legally write all that off. If she put \$1,200 sewage with the income of earning she would be audited so fast her head would spin. She's happy to pay commercial rate on anything she uses for hair.

Attorney Hewitt said we can't watch every day to see how many customers she has.

Mr. Iraci said if a meter could be put on it that would be fair.

Mr. Sanner said he could contact Ms. Iraci about alternatives. He gave her his business card to contact him when she can.

Ms. Iraci asked why she should contact the water company.

Motion: Miller Motion to approve the conveyance for the Villas of Buena
Second: Fisher Vista.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 0

Attorney Hewitt presented a condemnation for the Hartland Property on Northview Drive. He requested a motion to approve the condemnation for the report to be filed with the Westmoreland County of Common Pleas.

Motion: Hempel Motion to approve the condemnation process for the
Second: Miller Northview Drive property.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 0

Attorney Hewitt presented the Commercial Tapping Agreement and a Developer's Agreement for Huntingdon MarketPlace. These can be approved in one motion.

Motion: Hempel Motion to accept the Commercial Tapping Agreement
Second: Fisher and the Developer's Agreement for Huntingdon
MarketPlace.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 0

MANAGER'S REPORT

Motion: Fisher Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session on
Second: Hempel September 14, 2016.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 1 (Miller abstained)

Motion: Hempel Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on
Second: Fisher September 14, 2016.

Motion Carried 3 – 0 – 1 (Miller abstained)

Motion: Hempel
Second: Miller

Motion to approve payment of the bills:

Capital Reserve Requisition #189 --	\$337,446.99
Operating --	\$234,250.91
Payroll --	\$107,675.14

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items of Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Branthoover presented the Safety Manual. Originally it was on the agenda for approval, however he needs a motion to table the Safety Manual for a future meeting.

Motion: Hempel
Second: Fisher

Motion to table the Safety Manual.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 0

Mr. Branthoover requested approval to hire a laborer at the rate of \$18.00 per hour for the standard 90-day working probationary period and 90-day ACA calendar day healthcare.

Motion: Fisher
Second: Hempel

Motion to approve the hiring of a laborer in the amount of \$18.00 per hour.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

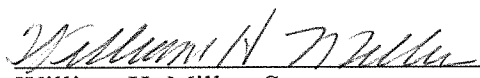
An executive session was held prior to the Regular Meeting for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hempel Motion to adjourn.
Second: Fisher

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.



William H. Miller, Secretary