

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 Work Session, August 4, 2010, 5:30 P.M.
 North Huntingdon Township Town House
 11265 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Roll Call:

Andrew Blenko	- Present	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Edward P. Shields	- Present	Donald J. Snyder, Jr., Solicitor	- Absent
Drew Polczynski	- Absent	Daniel J. Hewitt, Solicitor	- Present
Timothy J. Hondal	- Present	Chuck Gilbert, System Superintendent	- Present
Joseph M. Korenic, Jr.	- Absent	David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present
		Michael L. Branthoover	- Present

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

Citizen's Input -- There were no citizens present.

Auditor's Report --

Elizabeth Krisher, Vice President of Maher-Duessel CPAs presented the financial statements for Fiscal Year 2010, and distributed copies to the Board and staff. Mrs. Krisher complemented the Board on the sound financial status of the Authority, and their decision to raise rates in a steady, moderate fashion in order to maintain sufficient funds to continue its capital improvement program. Mrs. Krisher explained that the report was an unqualified report, which is the highest level possible.

Executive Session --

After Mrs. Krisher's presentation, the Board entered into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with labor Counsel Gretchen Love, and litigation involving Glenn Engineering and the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority with Authority Solicitor Daniel J. Hewitt.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board continued the Work Session.

Manager's Report

Mrs. Petrosky reported that she contacted William Chapman to obtain a property appraisal for the Authority's property off Ivanhoe Drive. Mr. Chapman will do the appraisal at no cost as a courtesy to the Authority.

Mrs. Petrosky also reviewed the status of WWMA's tap restriction, noting that the Authority and other participating municipal entities have been invited to a meeting on Monday, August 16, at the Town House to discuss the situation.

Finance Director Mike Branthoover presented information on Paymentus, a company that will provide the ability for the Authority to accept credit card and electronic payments, at no cost to the Authority. The Board discussed the procedures and customer convenience fee, and indicated that it would be willing to approve entering into an Agreement contingent upon the language of the Agreement being approved by the Solicitor. This item is on the agenda of the Regular Meeting for official action.

Mr. Branthoover also presented a proposal from Keytex Energy to act as the Authority's electricity supplier broker. The Board asked Mr. Branthoover to obtain additional information for next month's meeting:

- Does Allegheny Power assess delivery charges?
- What happens if the Authority exceeds its allocated usage?
- Is it non-interruptible power?

Mr. Hondal also suggested that Mr. Branthoover meet with an Allegheny Power marketing representative.

The Board entered into a discussion about its current policy for discontinuing billing. Solicitor Hewitt explained the reasoning behind the policy. This item will be placed on next month's Work Session agenda as well, since Mr. Polczynski was not able to attend this evening due to his Naval Reserve commitment, and his continuing interest in this subject.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Hewitt reported on the upcoming hearings before District Justice Weimer on various violations associated with tapping into the system, and lateral testing.

The Authority is waiting for a decision from the Township on its stormwater management plans for the site of the former Parkside Pump Station off Nicole and Nathan Drive.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 6:55 PM.


Edward P. Shields, Secretary