

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 WORK SESSION, JANUARY 2, 2013, 5:30 P.M.
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

Roll Call:

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

The Work Session of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 5:39 P.M.

Citizen's Input

Ken Weaver – Hometown Rooter

Mr. Weaver stated due to weather conditions they weren't able to start the laterals until December 4, 2012. He requested extra time to get the laterals in.

Mr. Coldren stated there were two deadlines in Hometown Rooter's contract. Substantial completion was required within 90 days which would be February 2, 2013. Then there's another 90 days for final restoration which would be about May 2, 2013. They have 12 done out of 57.

Mr. Hondal asked how many days they had been able to work? Mr. Weaver replied he wasn't sure of the actual number of days. They had days off due to the weather and holidays. They were about a month late starting which was their own fault and no fault of the Authority.

Mr. Hondal said we've always had a problem here with finishing contracts on time. A contract should begin on time.

Mrs. Petrosky told Mr. Weaver that no decision could be made on his request at the Work Session. Formal action would be taken later at the 7:00 meeting and he will be notified.

Mr. Miller asked if the extension would cause any problems for the Authority? Mr. Gilbert replied no. Mr. Coldren added this project is being paid for by the county block grant.

Mrs. Petrosky asked if there will be any conflict with the next main line contractor? Mr. Coldren said there would be no conflict but they will need to come back for restoration.

Ron Wagler – Advanced Contracting

Mr. Wagler requested more time due to excessive rock. They got their notice to proceed late which has pushed them into winter where they can't do restoration.

Mr. Hondal agreed they got started late due to permitting but he was hoping they would've added another crew. He asked what the expected completion date is? Mr. Wagler said they will probably need about another month. The contractors left and the Board discussed in length how to handle the contracts. Advanced Contracting was the low bidder on the two main line projects – Emergency #2, and Country Hills. They chose to start in Penns Woods first, and then moved to Country Hills. They were held back somewhat due to the delay in receiving the highway occupancy permit from the Township. However, they did have the option of bringing in an additional crew.

Hometown Rooter got a late start on the laterals in Country Hills because extra work was added to a contract that they were working on in another community, and they chose to complete that work before moving to North Huntingdon.

Manager's Report

The Reorganization would normally be done next month but could be done tonight if the Board is ready to act.

Mrs. Petrosky, Mr. Branthoover and Mr. Coldren are going to begin working on the rate district study. The Board discussed this at the December meeting because of the substantial increase in the rate imposed by Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority. Mrs. Petrosky presented a draft of the paid advertisement for all the newspapers for the rate increase.

There have been some questions recently on the Pension DROP plan. PMRS would be willing to meet with the Board to better explain the DROP plan and any other Pension questions. The Board is concerned about who will be eligible and how it will impact the pension plan in the future. Mrs. Petrosky explained the DROP, and the Board determined that they didn't need any additional information at the present time. Mrs. Petrosky will prepare a list of current employees and their eligibility date for the DROP.

WWMA has decided that in order to meet their obligations under the DEP Consent Order they are going to replace the majority of their lines to provide for future growth and build storage to handle current flows. They are anticipating that the project will cost \$57.8 million. The \$5 monthly increase is for engineering and feasibility studies, but not construction.

Engineer's Report

Country Hills Phase 3 is being prepared. Plans and specs are nearing completion. The easement exhibits and legal descriptions will be going to Mr. Snyder's office on Friday. The plan is to advertise in February, open bids in March and get started early. There have been two meetings with the Township. Based on their current ordinance, because of the area being disturbed, the

Authority would be liable to overlay basically one lane of the roadway. The Township is offering to accept a payment in lieu of restoration. Our contractor would go in, install the main line and simply restore the trench, bring the trench up in binder to the existing road surface and leave it. Our contractor would be on the hook for two years for any rehab work. If that trench would settle they would have to repair it. The Authority would make a payment to the Township which would allow the Township to come in within a three year period to do the final restoration. That could be simply overlaying one lane or the Township contributing its own funds and redoing the entire roadway. In the agreement the Township is tying themselves into using those funds provided by the Authority to address that specific road. They would hold the money. Dave will run some numbers for the next meeting. This will address not doing the overlay too soon and allowing the trench to settle for a year or so.

There was supposed to be a bid opening today for sludge disposal. The bid opening has been extended for two weeks in an attempt to get additional bidders.

Solicitor's Report

The Authority has succeeded in the Glenn Engineering matter. Mr. Snyder will be asking for ratification of that at the Regular Meeting.

Wallace Trailer Court raised its head again. It's the trailer court on 993 towards Cavittsville. The trailer court paid MAWC a tremendous amount of money, about \$62,000 for excess water they had not turned in through the meter readings. The question becomes does Alcosan get the money? Alcosan bills WWMA based upon water consumption, not on a flat rate. WWMA thought they had it worked out and sent a check for about \$7,000. Alcosan sent it back and said they owe them \$106,000. The problem is even if you figure the water consumption at the full EDU, it still would be in excess of that. It doesn't make sense for a trailer to be using that much water.

System Superintendent's Report

Mr. Gilbert plans on being at Atwood Estates on Monday to replace the peer crossing. He doesn't want to wait any further on the weather.

There was a little hold up on the drive replacements for Long Run. The motor was burnt out when they went to start it. The motor was sent out to be repaired and should be back Monday.

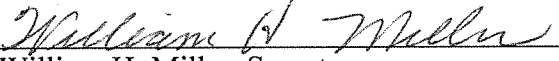
Assistant System Superintendent's Report

A letter of deficiencies was received for the onsite evaluation of the lab. It was some minor item that dealt with the SOP manual. They asked for corrective action. It should be submitted by the middle of the month. The manual was created by Gary Blasko and was approved quite some time ago.

The GPS equipment was received and Mr. Sanner is starting to get that ready so they can get out easements, doing manhole inspections and collecting the GPS data.

Adjournment

The Work Session adjourned at 7:05 PM.



William H. Miller, Secretary