

NORTH HUNTINGDON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
 REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 5, 2011, 7:00 PM
 YOUGHIOGHENY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
 4222 TURNER VALLEY ROAD, NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA 15642

ROLL CALL:

Andrew Blenko	- Present	Kate Petrosky, Manager	- Present
Timothy Hondal	- Present	Donald J. Snyder, Jr., Solicitor	- Absent
Edward Shields	- Present	Daniel J. Hewitt, Solicitor	- Present
Drew Polczynski	- Present	Charles J. Gilbert, System Supt.	- Present
Joseph Korenic, Jr.	- Present	David A. Coldren, KLH Engineers	- Present

The Regular Meeting of the North Huntingdon Township Municipal Authority was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Andrew Blenko, Chairman. Mrs. Petrosky called the roll and a quorum was present.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

There were no citizens present.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Coldren reported the rebid opening was held for the Stewartsville pole building. Plavchek rebid and his amount went up by about \$5,000. Swede Construction was the second bidder and he was about \$20,000 less than Plavchek. It is much more in line but still slightly higher than the budget. KLH has worked with Swede before and references were given by Cranberry and Rochester. Swede built a \$1.5 million concession stand for Cranberry Township and they were very satisfied with the project. Swede has also done work for McKeesport. They've built quite a few salt storage buildings. It is being recommended the Authority award Contract 2011-3 to Swede Construction. Option A was with a gravel floor and Option B was with a concrete floor. For the additional \$8,000, it is worth having the concrete floor installed now. There was one detail that both contractors overlooked. It was required that the contractor provide a set of stamped drawings showing exactly what building was being supplied.

Attorney Hewitt stated that can be waived at this time and any award would be contingent upon receipt of the sealed plans. Mr. Shields asked how they would know exactly what was bid on? Mr. Coldren replied a general spec was in the bid.

Motion: Hondal Motion to award Contract 2011-3 to Swede Construction in
Second: Polczynski the amount of \$80,650 which is Bid Option B that includes
a concrete floor with the condition that we receive the
stamped drawings as discussed.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Coldren reported the rebid opening was held for the Pipe Lining Contract on Hedy Lynn and Alberta Drive. The project involves about 700 feet of lining and the polymer coating of five or six manholes. Insight was the low bidder last month with a bid of \$150,000. The reason for the high bid was due to the tee liner. There were nine service laterals and they were charging \$10,000 to line each one. That was eliminated in lieu of grouting each service lateral which is typically less than \$1,000 per lateral. There were two base bids. There is a hot water steam cure on the liner or a UV curing system. There are four possible scenarios to award. Base Bid A without coating the manholes, the low bidder would Tri-State. Base Bid A with the manhole coating would be Inland Water Pollution Control whose bid is \$63,000. Abel Recon would be the low bidder on both scenarios of the UV curing.

Mr. Blenko asked how do we compare whether UV is better than steam curing?
Mr. Coldren stated that UV is a newer technology that has been around since about 2005 locally. There is only one company in the area. Typically the bid for UV can be requested but the other bids have to be requested to keep the UV people honest with their numbers.

Mr. Blenko asked if the end result is the same? Mr. Coldren said there are pros and cons with both. The hot water steam curing causes dimpling or bubbling of the liner. Large vehicles have to be able to get up to the manhole with the steam to feed the liner and to have the water fed into the line. In this case, it would probably be a lot easier to get the UV system installed. A lot of municipalities are going with the UV even though it's more expensive. South Fayette just awarded a contract for 7,000 feet for the UV system which was more expensive.

Mr. Blenko stated the difference in \$55,000 and \$45,000 could easily be spent in restoration costs if we have to get trucks into back yards.

Mr. Coldren recommended that the Authority award the contract to Abel Recon for the UV, and doing the manholes for \$75,185. Mr. Korenic said he didn't see any line items for restoration? Mr. Coldren said it's incidental to the price of line item A of the lining itself. Mr. Polczynski asked if Inland Water was using the cementitious material? Mr. Coldren replied that both are using polymer systems to line the manholes. They are different types but they are comparable.

Motion: Shields Motion to award the bids for the Hedy Lynn/Alberta Drive
Second: Hondal Pipeline Rehabilitation CIPP lining to Abel Recon in the
amount of \$75,185.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 1 (Polczynski abstained)

Mr. Coldren reported they are working with Border Patrol to revise their number on the Phase 3 Lateral Replacement Contract. Change Order #2 is for additional work that was done with tearing down and rebuilding retaining walls, moving and rebuilding decks. These are things that couldn't be identified until digging actually began. They had to rebuild approximately 15 retaining walls and two small decks. We are still well below the amount of money allocated by the County.

Mr. Coldren reported the Yough Grinder is up and running. Stewartsville should soon be up and running.

Mrs. Petrosky reported there will be two projects in the next couple months that we'll be asking permission to bid. One is the second emergency project where we'll replace line. Then the other is Country Hills Project that will go out to bid in January. Easements will be needed in both projects. Rather than completing the easements, sending them out to people and inviting them to the meeting, she wants to send out just the draft drawing of their easement, invite them to a meeting and show them the maps. If anyone has any questions, we will go out, meet with the resident and mark the lines. Once everyone is satisfied, the easements can be finalized and signed. Hopefully this will streamline the easement process.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Hewitt reported that municipal liens have been filed for Gabrielle Commons and the Brugnoli property. Mr. Blenko asked if they are paying their current charges? Mrs. Petrosky replied Brugnoli is paying nothing at the bar or at the animal shelter. Gabrielle Commons set up a payment plan and so far they have met that requirement. Mr. Blenko asked if we will look at this again in six months? Attorney Hewitt replied yes, we stay on them. If they go out and seek any financing we would get paid.

Mrs. Petrosky said she got a call from a tenant at one of the Gabrielle Commons buildings. They are sending the tenants invoices for sewage that is to be paid to the landlord. The tenant asked if that is legal? Kate replied the Authority's relationship is with the landlord. What he does with his tenants is up to him.

Attorney Hewitt stated they will be filing a claim on the Christopher Estate property. They were in court last week for this. This was a municipal claim that Bill McCabe filed in 2003. Bills have been going out since then but no new liens had been filed. The property sold at Sheriff's Sale in 2010 and we had a claim in then for \$3,500. They now owe us about \$3,800.

We are in litigation over that. Attorney Dave Robinson is representing the property owner. They cut a deal with the purchaser at the Sheriff's Sale that set aside money and they went to the Township and got that lien forgiven. They came to Kate and she said she would not forgive it. We may end up meeting to negotiate it. Mr. Blenko asked if the lien was for service through 2003?

Attorney Hewitt replied no. The claim that was presented at the tax sale was service to date. We had not filed those claims since 2003. The only lien was a \$300 lien going back to 2003. The rest of it was for lingering services charges they hadn't paid. Mrs. Petrosky asked why that would entitle them to a deal?

Attorney Hewitt replied the problem is how far back they can look at some of those. There is dissention among the case law. When you don't have the municipal claim, can you go back and charge them for services in 2005 if we didn't file a municipal claim in the interim? That's the issue where the court would come down on that.

Mrs. Petrosky asked how often liens should be updated? Attorney Hewitt replied the rule of thumb is not more than three years.

Mr. Blenko asked about the status of Hampton Heights? Mrs. Petrosky replied we got the signed amendment to the Service Agreement. The planning components have been submitted.

Mr. Blenko said he had originally done a module for the first three phases which didn't include the grinder pump lots. Then we received a revised module which had the grinder pumps.

Mr. Blenko asked where WWMA stands with DEP? He had received a single tap allocation for something in Oakton Manor. DEP said in their cover letter that it was being issued based on WWMA's pending acceptance of the consent order. Mrs. Petrosky said when they met at WWMA last week, we were asked to get a new tap allocation request in to them because they have to pull them all together and submit them to DEP.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Motion: Polczynski Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on
Second: Korenic September 7, 2011.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 1 (Blenko abstained)

Motion: Korenic Motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session on
Second: Hondal September 7, 2011.

Motion Carried 4 – 0 – 1 (Blenko abstained)

Motion: Shields Motion to ratify payment of the August bills:
Second: Blenko Capital Reserve Requisition #129 -- \$ 36,807.72
Administration and System -- \$167,153.80
Payroll -- \$ 98,923.72

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Petrosky stated the Board had asked for additional quotes on the Plant camera. Chuck got a proposal from Guardian which totaled \$11,202. The other quote is from ADT which is \$20,000. The concern with Vicon last month was that it is proprietary, but it appears the new quotes also involve proprietary equipment and software.

Mr. Blenko said it seems like the software would proprietary but not the camera?

Mr. Gilbert said the camera is supplied by them. It goes with the software. When you update the camera, you have to update the software. To do anything here, you have to reinvent the wheel. They would have to put new wires in and put new cameras up. The cost is going to be outrageous. When you're done, you're still in the same situation, when the camera breaks you going to have to buy their software and their camera.

Mr. Blenko asked if the total price from Vicon is \$6,500.10? Mr. Gilbert replied yes. That's for new software and computer installed.

Motion: Hondal Motion to proceed with the upgrade of our camera security
Second: Korenic system at the Plant by entering an agreement with Vicon
in the amount of \$6,500.10.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Petrosky reported some potential changes in the 5-Year Capital Plan. There are a few expenditures that Chuck would like to make and move some money around.

Mr. Gilbert said he had a backhoe in the budget for \$85,000. He now thinks a backhoe may not serve the purpose. He prefers an excavator because he wants to be able to go off-road if rights-of-ways have to be cleared. We would also need a trailer to haul the new piece of

equipment and all of the equipment is available under COSTARS. The total of everything would be \$132,833.

Motion: Hondal Motion to accept the changes as proposed in the
Second: Korenic capital budget to include the purchase of a skidster, trailer,
an excavator, Mr. Manhole and Mr. Manhole supplies in
the amount of \$132,833.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mrs. Petrosky stated we would also need a motion to purchase the 2012 cargo van for \$22,995 under the Westmoreland COG program from Day Chevrolet.

Motion: Korenic Motion to approve the purchase of the Chevy Express
Second: Hondal Cargo Van in the amount of \$22,995.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

The Authority received a request from the Sullivan family who lives on Carmichael Circle in Franklin Farms. When they bought the property they told the builder that they wanted room to put a pool in their backyard, but our line is in their backyard. The Sullivan's are offering to relocate our line at their expense by hiring their neighbor Glenn Johnston who is a respected contractor. Mr. Blenko has concerns about it and whether the new location would be too close to the slope to give stability to the line.

The Board discussed at great length the request to relocate the Authority's line at the owner's expense in order to permit them to install a pool. The Board has many concerns but would like a more specific plan before they can make a decision. The Sullivan's will be notified that the Board is willing to consider this request under the condition that the design of the line change is done by KLH Engineers at the Sullivan's expense. KLH is preparing a cost estimate for the Sullivans to review.

The Authority has also received a request from Hempfield to serve the Cicci property. They have two lots. The lot with their home is taxed in Hempfield and it faces onto Corbet Avenue. They have another lot that abuts it in the back that is actually in North Huntingdon. They have sewer service on Corbet out front. They want to provide service to their back lot. We have no lines in the vicinity. Hempfield is willing to provide service to the property. They are asking our permission and if we give it, this owner would become their customer. Mrs. Petrosky asked if we would need a new intermunicipal agreement? Attorney Hewitt replied they would do a brief amendment acknowledging this would be a Hempfield customer.

Motion: Shields Motion to give Hempfield Township permission to
Second: Hondal service the Cicci property.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mrs. Petrosky requested permission to advertise the sale of the site of the former Parkside Pump Station.

Motion: Polczynski Motion to advertise the site of the former Parkside Pump
Second: Hondal Station.

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Mr. Blenko asked if we would notify the adjoining property owners? Mrs. Petrosky said yes and we would post it physically maybe at the access point, on the website and on the bulletin board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Executive Session was held prior to the Regular Meeting to discuss litigation matters concerning Glenn Engineering and the Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority, real estate, collective bargaining and a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Blenko Motion to adjourn.
Second: Shields

Motion Carried 5 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.


Edward P. Shields, Secretary