

## **Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**August 18, 2016**

**In attendance:** Chairman, Joe Van Houten, Joe Delikat, Joseph Krumenacker, John Canterbury, Board of Supervisor Liaison, Rick Colello, Supervisor, Ken Snyder, Manager, Stephanie Mason, Guest, Sean Sablosky

Meeting called to order at 5:34pm.

**Minutes Approval:** June 16, 2016

Mr. Krumenacker moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Delikat seconded the motion. All present in favor.

#### **Phase 1 Update:**

The Township is in the process of acquiring all the needed easements. There are few more steps in the process. There is still paperwork coming in. The pumping station is in the flood plain so there needs to be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Gilmore and Associates is looking at all the numbers. Mr. Van Houten asked about the ramifications of the pumping station in the flood plain and what steps are being taken to prevent contamination. Mrs. Mason indicated that it will all be addressed by Gilmore and Associates.

#### **Review of the Committee's role to be placed on website:**

A final version of the statement for the website was presented. It states the overall purpose of the Board. After review from the Board, Mr. Krumenacker motioned to approve the information for the website and Mr. Delikat seconded. All present were in favor.

The statement for the website is as follows:

The Board advises and educates the public and Board of Supervisors on issues involving wastewater and well water management. Wastewater is that which is discharged from a residence or building; then processed through an on-lot septic system (thereby recharging the aquifer below the ground), or through a sewer pipe leading to a wastewater treatment facility.

Utilizing technical data and public input the Board reviews and evaluates current on-lot system and well data provided by the Board of Health and Township. Upon analyzing the data, Board members prepare practical and economically feasible recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding wastewater management and to the Municipal Authority regarding water contamination.

### **3M study for phases 2 and 3:**

Nothing official in regards to budget has been discussed. The suggestion is to ask for \$25,000 to be put in the budget for analyzing needs for future projects. The areas that need to be included are the Chestnut Valley Dr. area encompassing Shady Retreat Rd., Chestnut Valley Dr., and Friendly Ln which are not part of phase 2 or 3. Mrs. Mason believes that Chestnut Valley Dr. area will require \$3,000-\$5,000 to study. It is an area of approximately 30 homes. The Sugarbottom area that aligns with Jamison may be able to hook into Warwick's sewer system. It will cost approximately \$3,000-\$5,000 to study this area as well and is approximately 30-50 homes. This leaves approximately \$15,000 for studies in other areas.

Mr. Snyder questioned how the Chestnut Valley Dr. and Sugarbottom areas reached the top of the list. The committee explained that the areas had been on their radar for some time. There are recorded septic problems in the area. DEP came in and said that 3m studies needed to be done. Mr. Krumenacker asked if they should survey the area to see resident interest in sewers. The want of sewers in the area is not relevant as DEP has required us to do the study.

The Pebble Ridge area had information previously done which reduced the cost of the study. These areas may not have that advantage. CKS Engineering will have to be contacted for pricing before the September 20<sup>th</sup> budget work session. Mr. Van Houten recommended setting up a meeting with CKS Engineering to show them the maps of the area, show the scope of the projects and receive an estimate.

Mr. Snyder said to look at neighborhoods where the most homes are selling for the remainder of the funds requested. However, sale of homes is not as big of a driving factor as need for health reasons. Studies have to be done in areas of proven need however home sale may be a lesser impacting factor in considering a hierarchy of sewer projects.

DEP stated replacing sand mounds is not a good option. Sewers need to be sought in areas that cannot sustain healthy septic systems.

Based on requests from neighbors, Mr. Krumenacker requested a survey be done on his street to determine if people in the neighborhood want public water and sewer. For the September PWSAB meeting, identify where existing sewers are, all roads and the closest sewer to the areas identified. There is a forced main on Sauerman Rd. and Mr. Butler from Bucks County Water and Sewer will be contacted for information on feasibility of connecting to a forced main. Mr. Van Houten does not want to do surveys until all the facts are together.

### **Ordinance for Township:**

Other Townships have ordinances requiring any new construction using on lot waste management to reserve approved land for future replacement of the system. Mr. Van Houten would like to move forward with a recommendation of an ordinance of this type to the Board of Supervisors. The hope is that new homes will be put in with public sewer; however there are areas of the Township that will not be sewerred for quite some time. Mr. Sablosky asked how this would affect Zoning. Mr. Van Houten and Mrs. Mason indicated it would not make change

zoning. Mr. Krumenacker motioned to make the recommendation to the Board, Mr. Canterbury second. Mrs. Mason said to take it to the Planning Commission on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Potential Grant Opportunity:**

Commonwealth Financing Authority has opened a grant round for small water systems. The Township intends on applying for this grant to aid in funding the Pebble Ridge/ Wood Ridge project. The maximum amount for the grant is \$500,000.

**New Business:**

Mr. Munkelt provided a summary of facts for the Board to review in regards to Septic Systems. Mr. Canterbury pointed out that it is more of a summary of opinions as data is not included. Mr. Van Houten suggested taking home Mr. Munkelt's notes and reviewing them to discuss further at the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:39pm on MOTION of Mr. Krumenacker, MOTION carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Autumn Canfield