

**Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting
January 23, 2020**

Members In attendance: Joe Van Houten, Gary Munkelt and Wallace Pattyson.

Board of Supervisor Members in attendance: Dan Wood, Liaison.

Staff in attendance: Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager.

Absent: John Canterbury

Mr. Van Houten welcomed everyone.

Reorganization:

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Mr. Van Houten accepted nominations.

Chairman: On motion of Mr. Munkelt, seconded by Mr. Pattyson, Mr. VanHouten was nominated as chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman: On motion of Mr. VanHouten, seconded by Mr. Pattyson that Mr. Canterbury continues as vice chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Tabled, as they were not submitted. Mr. Wood indicated that he would forward them to Mr. Van Houten.

Guests: Ms. Kimble, 88 Westaway Lane was present.

Mr. VanHouten welcomed Ms. Kimble and indicated that there are two vacancies on the committee. Perhaps she may be interested; she said that she might be, if so she would get her information to Ms. Mason as soon as possible.

Pebble Ridge/Woodridge Sewer Project Update: Mr. Van Houten provided an update on the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge Sewer Project, indicating that on a weekly basis the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority website and Township websites are updated with information on the progress of the project.

Billing was discussed and that it will take place once the project is complete, probably in late 2020 early 2021 timeframe.

Pubic Water Component: Mr. VanHouten indicated that the Doylestown Township Municipal Authority will be expanding water to most of the area. Working with Toll Brothers they will be able to do a loop of the area. Willow and Westaway will be able to provide public water Old New Road as well as Buck Road area.

As more information becomes available he will update the committee.

He also indicated that it is a good location for an interconnection to be able to maintain pressure as well.

Ms. Kimble had a question on the cost.

Mr. VanHouten indicated that it will be billed and only those people who are interested in connecting will be responsible for the cost for the line and the connection.

537 Plan Update: Ms. Mason indicated that she and staff had met with Carroll Engineering and went over the list of documents and information that they need to continue the update of the 537 Plan. We can anticipate public meetings later in the process.

Well Ordinance: The Board of Supervisors has authorized a Well Testing Ordinance for consideration. It is still in the process of being developed and has not been advertised yet. It is likely that more information will be needed but it would be a requirement at the time of sale for anyone with a well to have their well water tested for a variety of volatile organics, PFAS/PFOS and other contaminants that might require connection to public water and/or treatment facilities on their wells.

Mr. Munkelt asked if a list of the chemicals being considered for testing could be provided.

Ms. Mason said that she would obtain them from Mr. Hass.

Educational Program: Mr. VanHouten stated that regardless of whether an ordinance is adopted or not he strongly believes that educational programs on well water are important. He indicated the PWSAB has done a good job on providing information on septic system maintenance and sewer systems and perhaps now it is time for consideration on water.

In addition, it was suggested that perhaps the Board of Supervisors could consider voluntary testing of private wells to see what situation are truly out there.

Mr. Munkelt asked is it true you get better discounts on home owners insurance if you are located near a fire hydrant.

Mr. VanHouten indicated that one of the DTMA members Mr. Bach worked in that industry and indicated that yes that does occur.

Mr. VanHouten also indicated that now that Mr. Wood is a supervisor, we will need someone to serve in the secretarial role for minutes. It was suggested waiting until new members are appointed to see if someone would like to take that on.

Adjournment: Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Manager