

Doylestown Township Public Water and Sewer Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting

January 18 2024

In attendance: Joe Van Houten, Chairman; Robert Shaffer, Vice-Chairman; Matt Oakes, Secretary; Wallace Pattyson, Member; John Canterbury, Member; Robert Repko, Member; Mike Giegerich, Member

Township Staff: Stephanie Mason, Township Manager; Judy Dixon, Board of Supervisors

Keith Haas, Executive Director; Doylestown Township Municipal Authority

Meeting started at 5:06pm

Reorganization of Committee

There was no new nomination for the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary, nor was there anyone looking to not be re-elected.

Joe made a motion to re-elect the existing slate of candidates, motion seconded by Wally. So moved.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from 11/23 was made by John, motion seconded Wally.

Introduction by Mike Giegrich. Mike noted his main interest is putting sewer in Pine Valley.

537 Update:

Joe mentioned that the 537 plan was submitted to the Board of Supervisors and asked Stephanie if there was an update. Stephanie mentioned that the 537 plan is moving forward. Formal letters have been sent to residents within the 5 year plan in December. The letter to residents mentioned that the document will go to the Board in February to consider sending to PADEP.

Robert asked if current residents already hooked up to public sewer will have to make modification to their sewer connections. Stephanie responded that those residents will be excluded from any future project.

Mike Geigrich asked if there were learning/educational pieces that can be presented to residents with regard to septic systems and public sewers.

Robert mentioned that it may be more of a payment issue than anything else. People may object due to cost incurred.

Joe mentioned that there most likely will be PennVest money available for future projects. He also mentioned and reiterated that there is a difference between the cost of the pipe in the street and the cost to hook up.

Stephanie mentioned that the biggest issue might be with residents who are within the project map that have already replaced their septic tank and would be upset of incurring the cost to run a pipe in the street.

Matt asked what the meeting on February 20th is primarily for. Joe and Stephanie answered that the meeting is for the Board to vote to send the resolution to DEP regarding the township's updated 537 plan. Once approved by DEP, the Board of Supervisors should be prepared to talk about pipe in the street projects.

Future Advisory Board Projects:

Joe mentioned he would like to see the board start to turn their energy into the water side. He mentioned there are many residents with well water and residents should be educated on what is in their well.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15