

## **PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**November 20, 2014 at 5PM**

**In Attendance:** Ed Harvey (Chairman and DTMA Representative), James Dowling (Vice Chairman), Wally Pattyson (Member), Gary Munkelt (Member), Joseph Delikat (Member), Joseph Krumenacker (Member), Joseph Van Houten (Member), James Plummer (Member), Rick Colello (Board of Supervisor Liaison), Stephanie Mason (Township Manager), Richard John (Director of Operations), Sam Bryant (Special Projects Coordinator), Bert Eck (Guest)

#### **Minutes Approval**

Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Munkelt, seconded by Mr. Delikat, unanimous approval;

#### **Guest Introductions**

Mr. Bert Eck introduced himself as a resident curious to learn more about the Pebble Ridge sewer project.

#### **Past Business**

Mr. Krumenacker asked if there was any communication from Ms. Querin. As there has not been any, Mr. Harvey will write a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding her situation.

Mr. Krumenacker requested that the minutes and agenda in the future have "Phase 2 and Phase 3 Update" in place of "Update from Mr. Jim Dowling". Mr. Dowling agreed with this, and no other member expressed dissent.

Mr. Harvey stated that the Board of Supervisors approved the agreement with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority at their last meeting.

During this project, BCWSA will only connect sewer, not water as well. Mr. Eck expressed an interest in connecting to public water. Mr. John will work with him on this issue.

Mr. Harvey expressed that he would have preferred that water pipe (pipe in the street) be installed along with sewer.

Mr. Munkelt motioned to create a formal subcommittee to handle only Phase 1, while the rest of the committee works on phase 2 and 3; motion seconded by Mr. Harvey;

Mr. Harvey explicitly stated that he and Mr. Van Houten would deal with Phase 1, while the rest of the PWSAC should be completely focused on completing the necessary research for Phase 2 and Phase 3.

#### **Phase 2 and Phase 3 Update (changed from "Update from Mr. Jim Dowling" as noted earlier in this meeting)**

Mr. Delikat showed a resource (MLS Listings) that stated that several properties in Phase 2 and Phase 3 already had public water and sewer. Further review of MLS listings showed it was erroneous in determining the presence of existing public water and sewer.

Now that the address list for each Phase 2 and Phase 3 is complete, research should mimic that done for Phase 1. This should include checking with BCWSA about existing sewer in the area, if any. Then research can begin using the Township's Septage Management Program records for these addresses, soil quality information, checking information from the Bucks County Health Department, and stormwater information from Conestoga Rovers. This information should be presented in a map outlining possible issues in the Phase 2 and Phase 3 areas.

The Act 537 Plan will also have some useful information for phase 2 & 3. Committee members are urged to review and study the ACT 537 Plan. Anyone in need of the plan should contact the township for a copy.

It was noted that the word malfunction should be used in septic system discussions, not failure; malfunction has a specific definition, and is the term used by other organizations. A septic system is deemed to be malfunctioning if it has problems even only at certain times of year.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Munkelt, seconded by Mr. Pattyson, unanimous approval.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sam Bryant