

Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2016

In attendance: Members Chairman, Joe Van Houten, Jim Dowling, John Canterbury, Gary Munkelt, Wallace Pattyson, Joseph Krumenacker; Board of Supervisor Liaison, Rick Colello, Special Projects Coordinator, Autumn Canfield, Manager, Stephanie Mason, Intern, Kaci Milligan

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

Minutes Approval:

Mr. Dowling motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Pattyson second and all present in favor.

Old Business:

Act 537 Plan- DEP was invited to attend the June 16th meeting to educate the Public Water Sewer Advisory Board on matters of the 537 plan. They are unable to attend the meeting. They suggested a meeting during the daytime on June 29th at 2pm. Mr. Dowling cannot make that date and other members had to check their schedules. It was suggested to go back to the DEP with alternative dates that would work for as many members as possible, preferably on a day when a Public Water Sewer Advisory Board meeting was already scheduled, but earlier in the afternoon. The possibility of a Skype or Facetime meeting was discussed because a meeting during the set meeting time is preferred. Any member is free to come up with questions to ask the DEP, but the visit is mostly education on how to update a current 537 plan.

Phase 1 update-One easement will be going to condemnation. One easement is left to be finalized. All other easements are finalized. Once condemnation is filed, the matter will go to the board of review and they will decide what the easement is worth. The overall timeline from the bid to groundbreaking is still similar to previous hopes. It is the goal to start bids later this year.

Phase 2 and 3 map updates- Ms. Milligan edited the maps previously shown to the Board based on suggestions made. These maps will help in determining if there is a need for sewers in Phase 2 and 3. One section may have the opportunity to hook into lines already existing in Warwick. Stephanie will speak with Brendan O'Boyle at the health department to invite him to a meeting to speak with the Board. The Board is interested to know more about the OLDS systems and what determines if a system is in trouble. Ms. Milligan will work on new suggestions for the maps, clarifying certain elements and adding legends as well as making maps the same size. One section of Township was added after the data for phase 2 and 3 was collected so new data will need to be collected for the area near Sugarbottom and St. Lawrence Way. This area may have the opportunity to hook up to existing lines in Warwick. It was suggested to reach out to Bucks County Water and Sewer as well as Warwick to see if a discussion can be had. More information is needed to make a final determination if sewer is needed in the Phase 1 and 2 areas.

537 Grant- at this time there is no update on the potential grant for the 537 update. The staff does intend to put a grant in and they are seeking what information is needed.

Mr. Munkelt presented that there are 17,500 residents in the Township over a 15.6 square mile area. This equates to 1122 people per square mile. Due to this, we are classified as a suburban area, the cutoff point being 1,000 for rural classification.

Mr. Canterbury brought up again the need for financial assistance to residents through this process as it is not inexpensive and in most cases, not planned for. The Township continues to look into other options.

With all feedback in, Mr. Colello will bring a paragraph describing the Board's goals and principles to the next meeting for review and acceptance. Once approved, the paragraph will be put on the website as information to residents.

With no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:40pm
The next meeting of the board will be June, 16th at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Autumn Canfield

Special Projects Coordinator