

Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2017

In attendance: Joseph Delikat, Vice Chairman, Joseph Krumenacker, John Canterbury, James Dowling, Board of Supervisor Liaison, Rick Colello, Supervisor, Ken Snyder, Township Manager, Stephanie Mason, Special Projects Coordinator, Autumn Canfield, Director of Operations, David Tomko, resident, Dan Wood

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.

Minutes Approval:

Mr. Krumenacker moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Canterbury seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business:

Update on Phase 1:

Ms. Mason discussed how Phase 1 is moving along. The Zoning Hearing Board meeting regarding the pump station is scheduled for May 25th. The pump station is in the floodplain and therefore the plans need approval by the Zoning Hearing Board. The issue with the neighbor has been resolved. Once the Zoning Hearing Board meets and provides a decision, the last easement will be completed.

The next step is for the Board of Supervisors to hold a conditional use hearing. The pipe along the Neshaminy impacts the riparian corridor. Information is in the process of coming in from Boucher and James and well as Begley, Carlin and Mandio. Ms. Mason is hopeful the June 20th meeting will be the public hearing for the conditional use and then proposals for construction can be sought.

The Township is working on the loan application through PennVest. The company provides low interest loans. The application is started and the Township is working to set up a meeting with all appropriate parties.

Meeting with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority:

The Township met with Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA). If the Phase 1 project continues to move forward, BCWSA believes fall may be possible for construction to start, but definitely by spring. The pump station portion would have to be bid.

In regards to a master plan for the Township, Ms. Mason discussed with Bucks County Water and Sewer when they met for the Phase 1 meeting. They would like to focus on Phase 1 before looking at other parts of the Township. They will be happy to work with the Township to update

the 537 plan. Mr. Van Houten would need to put a letter together with questions and the Township will share the maps again. A target timeframe may be July. A key aspect for BCWSA is knowing that the Board of Supervisors is supportive of projects.

Mr. Dowling questioned a section in the minutes where Mr. Colello mentioned several times he did not believe the entire Township needs sewers but Mr. Dowling believes the need had been proven by research. Mr. Colello verified the research that has been done proves a need in a specific area but not the Township as a whole.

At this point, Ms. Mason is prepping for the June 20th meeting for the public hearing for conditional use and hopefully the ordinance designating the properties to be included in the project. Mr. Van Houten will go to the meeting on June 20th and potentially give a presentation. A letter will go out to the residents informing them.

Mr. Delikat questioned the need to establish a subcommittee to assist with the PennVest application. Ms. Mason indicated that there might be a need and Ms. Canfield will reach out if need be. The Township is working with Matt McHugh as Mr. Garton is unable to represent the entity due to a conflict of interest. Once the loan is accepted, responsibility will be transferred to Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority. Specific agreements need to be drawn up for this to occur.

Mr. Wood asked if the loan was defaulted on, who would be responsible to pay.

Ms. Mason indicated that the loan would be transferred to BCWSA but they have the ability to lien properties who do not pay.

Other:

Mr. Delikat asked about federal funding for the project for Phase 1. Ms. Mason indicated that we had applied and received a grant already. She hopes there will be more available in the future.

Mr. Colello suggested the Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board needs to start talking to the Board of Supervisors about Phase 2 and that Mr. Van Houten should make a presentation in the upcoming months.

Phases 2 and 3 should be on the agenda for the meeting next month under new business.

Mr. Canterbury commented that a number of residents are unaware of the issues with on lot septic systems. He believes there is a lack of communication and suggested putting an editorial in a newspaper. Ms. Mason suggested doing this as a newsletter article as each resident receives a copy.

Mr. Dowling believes there should be an article from the committee in each newsletter.

Mr. Krumenacker motioned to adjourn, Mr. Canterbury seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Autumn Canfield