

Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting

July 16, 2020

Members in attendance: Joe Van Houten, John Canterbury, Bob Shaffer, Jenny Kimble

Board of Supervisor Members in attendance: Dan Wood, Liaison

Staff in attendance: Stephanie J, Mason, Township Manager, Keith Hass, DTMA Executive Director, Andrea Susten, Special Projects Coordinator

Absent: Gary Munkelt, Wallace Pattyson, Bud Hutchinson

Minutes Approval: May 21, 2020

On MOTION of Mr. Schaffer, seconded by Ms. Kimbel the May 21, 2020, minutes were approved.

PRWR Sewer Project

Mr. Van Houten provided a summary of the project and confirmed that houses are continuing to hook up.

Mr. Hass shared some information about the accessibility of public water in the PRWR and that DTMA is working to eliminate dead ends, which are areas where the water line does not go anywhere and the water sits in the line and stagnates. DTMA will be bringing public water to the neighbor as DTMA recently awarded a bid. There is also, opportunity to connect with North Wales Water Authority at Bristol Road further eliminating dead end lines. Ms. Mason suggested that the Township create and send out informational flyers to residents with information on connection, paving, storm water and curbing plans as an overall update about the project and important phone numbers.

537 Plan

Ms. Mason has arranged for Carol Engineering to come and speak to the PWSAB at the August Meeting to go over the 537 plan update. Residents want to know what the future of sewage

planning throughout the Township will be and the 537 plan is the document that will give clarity to the residents.

Water Study

It was recommended earlier to have homeowners conduct tests of their onsite wells beyond fecal coliform. In addition it was suggested that an educational component to developed. It was also recommended to create an infographic about water testing to include what to test for and resources for water quality. Mr. Canterbury shared with the PWSAB members the research that he did on various types of treatment such as carbon filters that homeowners use to remove contaminants from their wells. Having a better understanding of the complexity of well water contamination in the Township would assistant in providing information on correcting it. Mr. Shaffer discussed obtaining information from Josh Crooks at the PA DEP regarding the area in the Township impacted by PFOA/PFAS. He said he'd reach out and see what data the PA DEP has to share. The discussion of if well water testing and whether or not it should be a recommendation or mandate was discussed.

Other Business

At the next meeting the Board will look at potential well testing as a recommendation and gather information on industry & state levels.

Next Meeting

The next meeting out the Board will be Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Susten
Special Project Coordinator