

Doylestown Township Water and Sewer Advisory Committee

Minutes of January 21, 2021 Meeting

In attendance: Joe Van Houten, Bob Shaffer, Wally Pattyson, Jenny Kimbel, Dan Wood, Keith Haas, Stephanie Mason, Aaron Walizer.

1. Election of officers

- a. Joe Van Houten was named committee chair
- b. Bob Shaffer was named vice chair
- c. The committee did not name a secretary. Members agreed to rotate responsibility for taking minutes.

2. Committee announcements

- a. Aaron Walizer was introduced as the new Project Manager for the township.
- b. Stephanie announced that Gary Munkelt has resigned from the committee after 15 years. There are now two open positions on the committee. If anyone knows someone interested in joining, they should contact Joe or Stephanie.

3. Update on Pebble Ridge/Woodridge sewer project

- a. Stephanie provided an update on the sewer portion. The installation is ongoing. BCWSA expects the project to be completed within the neighborhood within a few months, and fully completed in all areas by the end of 2021. The project remains about 90 days behind schedule. Updates are posted weekly to the township website.
- b. Keith provided an update on the water portion of the project. Installation will begin Jan 28 of the main that will run along Lower State Road between Brinker Drive and Old New Road, to close the water loop. The project is going well and follows the installation of the sewer lines.

4. 537 Plan Update

- a. Stephanie updated that she has shared the committee's recommendations for the 537 plan. The next step will be a public meeting, it will be challenging due to coronavirus restrictions. The meeting may need to be virtual. Plans will continue to move forward.

5. Private well education efforts

- a. Bucks County Health department is not currently providing water testing. Most residents have used them for their water testing, so Aaron has researched the cost of other options. He found that most other companies had pricing comparable to the Health Department, and he will be reaching out to the companies to see if they are willing to offer any discount or incentive for people to use them for testing.
- b. There may be grants available in the future to study covid in wastewater, which may indicate the prevalence of covid in the community
- c. The committee will plan to include the first well education article in the next township newsletter. The deadline is in March. Jenny Kimbel offered to contact Penn State Extension for permission to reuse some of their existing materials.