

PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Minutes From Regularly Scheduled Meeting December 7, 2006

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Penn Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at 7:05 p.m. in the Penn Township Municipal Authority Office located at 2585 Route 522, Selinsgrove, PA. Chairman Neal Smith presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Neal Smith, Treasurer Timothy Laubscher and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Ferry

Member(s) Absent: Vice-Chairman Darwin Swope and Secretary Gregory Aungst

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solicitor Robert M. Cravitz, Esq., Inspector Pete DeWire of PECO Consultants, Inc. and Administrative Secretary Susan Seibold

VISITORS PRESENT:

Owen Heller of SIDCO

MINUTES:

The Authority members reviewed the minutes of the November 2, 2006 PTMA meeting. A motion was made by Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Ferry to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2006 Penn Township Municipal Authority meeting as presented. Treasurer Timothy Laubscher seconded the motion and unanimously approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one present to be heard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

On-Lot Sewage System Malfunction – Jim Grose:

The Authority members reviewed the December 5, 2006 letter from James F. Grose of the Snyder County Sewage Code Enforcement Committee concerning the 5 Lake Drive on-lot sewage disposal system malfunction. According to the aforementioned letter, the existing on-lot sewer system is not repairable leaving the property owner with two options: (1) replacing the existing system with a new elevated sand mound on adjoining lands owned by the same property owner or (2) connecting to a public sewer main in the near proximity. After a brief discussion, the Authority members determined that at this time, the property owner would not be able to connect to a public system, since there are currently no public sewer mains located near the aforementioned property. It shall be noted that there is a proposed sewer main being planned by the Borough of Selinsgrove that may be constructed to the Selinsgrove Borough / Penn Township line in which a sewer main extension could be constructed into Penn Township, which would be near said property.

Grayson View Expansion Capacity Request – Troy LaFerrara:

After the Authority member reviewed and briefly discussed the December 4, 2006 letter from Troy A. LaFerrara concerning the Grayson View Expansion, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Ferry motioned to send a letter to Mr. Troy LaFerrara stating that the Penn Township Municipal Authority and its engineer have reviewed his December 4, 2006 letter concerning the proposed Grayson View Expansion. It shall further state that upon review PTMA finds that public water facilities are available based on the estimated 5,250 gallons of water per day and sewerage facilities are available based on an estimated total average sewage flow of 5,250 gallons per day (10 EDU's at 275 gallons per day per EDU plus 20 Units at 125 gallons per day per Unit totaling 20 EDU's) to serve the proposed 20-bed expansion to the existing Grayson View Assisted Living Facility and 5 duplex style cottages to be located to the west of said facility in the Grayson View Development. It shall also state that the estimated flows will not cause an over-load on the PTMA water or sewer systems in the projected 5 years. It shall note that the Authority will accept the proposed connections to the public water and sewer systems upon compliance with all of the Authority's rules, regulations, requirements and specifications pertaining to connections. It will also advise Mr. LaFerrara that approval by the

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Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority (ESCRA) (treatment capacity) is required in order to proceed with this project and if the sewer lines for the 20-bed expansion are connected into the existing facility or any sewer mains are connected into the Eighteenth Street South mains approval by the Borough of Selinsgrove (conveyance capacity) will be required. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ferry further motioned that the letter shall also state that prior to the plan review, a water escrow account in the amount of \$3,500.00 and a sewer escrow account in the amount of \$3,500.00 totaling \$7,000.00 must be set up with the Authority office. It shall note that the escrow funds will be used for Engineering & Legal review of all water and sewer plans for the said development along with associated inspection fees by the Authority's Inspector with any unused funds will be returned upon the final completion of the project. Treasurer Timothy Laubscher seconded the motion and unanimously approved. It shall be noted that a current permit fee schedule will be sent to Mr. LaFerrara as per his request.

PAWLING STATION BUSINESS PARK – SIDCO:

Owen Heller of SIDCO reported that as a part of the Pawling Station Business Park Land Development, SIDCO is planning to purchase a portable generator for the Pawling Station Business Park sewer pump station as an emergency backup source in the event of a power outage that may be also used at all of the Authority's other pump stations. Mr. Heller further reported that currently construction is scheduled to start in spring of 2007 and be completed by late summer of the same year.

ST. PIUS X LAND DEVELOPMENT:

Solicitor Robert Cravitz reported that St. Pius X Catholic Church has opened bids for their land development, but have not awarded the contract due to costs exceeding their estimates. Solicitor Cravitz further reported that currently the St. Pius X Catholic Church is reviewing the water main agreement as presented to them by PTMA.

PEACHWOOD VIEW:

The Authority members briefly reviewed and discussed the December 7, 2006 letter from Engineer Kevin Shannon concerning the Peachwood View land development. Further discussion was tabled until Engineer Kevin Shannon finishes his review.

BIG BEE BOATS – ROBERT SPRENKEL:

Chairman Neal Smith reported that Robert Sprenkel of Big Bee Boats has not responded to the July 7, 2006 letter concerning the repair of his 2016 Route 522 sewer system and outstanding sewer account balance. After a brief discussion, the Authority office was directed to send the Penn Township Board of Supervisors a letter along with copies of the previous letters sent, stating that as they may know the above-referenced property has not reconnected to the PTMA sewer system. It shall further state that according to Mr. Sprenkel his grinder pump system was not working and instead of having it repaired, he disconnected his building from the PTMA sewer system. It will also state that as per PTMA Rules and Regulations, the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the grinder pump system, pressure lateral and other related appurtenance located on said property are the owner's sole responsibility. The aforementioned letter shall note that in addition to this violation, Mr. Sprenkel is also in violation of Penn Township Ordinance 81-3, article II, section 2.01 concerning mandatory sewer connections. It shall request that they send the aforementioned property owner a notice to reconnect to the PTMA sewer system. It shall further note that if this situation is not rectified in the near future, it could pose potential danger for other customers located along the PTMA low-pressure sewer system.

PTMA 2007 SEWER BUDGET:

Chairman Neal Smith motioned to approve the 2007 Penn Township Municipal Authority Sewer Fund Budget as presented to include the revision of the loan payment from the Penn Township Municipal Authority Water Fund in the amount of \$60,000.00. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Ferry seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT By Neal Smith:

Chairman Neal Smith stated that he had nothing further to report.

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INSPECTOR'S REPORTS By Pete DeWire:

201 Old Colony Road:

Inspector Pete DeWire reported that the 201 Old Colony Road property has not connected to the PTMA sewer system. After a brief discussion the Authority office was directed to send a letter to Glen and Darwin Swope of 201 Old Colony Road stating that as they know in order to assist them, PTMA has provided a sewer tap to the PTMA low-pressure sewer main located along the Quarry Road side of the aforementioned property. It shall further state that in preparation of their connection to the sewer system a pit was left open for their convenience, but unfortunately they have not connected to the system and the pit remains open. The Aforementioned letter shall note that due to the eminent cold weather the Authority is concerned with the potential hazard the open pit poses. It shall request that they have their property connected to the PTMA sewer system immediately, or if this is not possible for some reason or another, request that they winterize the pit by either closing it up or placing straw around the pipes.

5 Calvin Drive:

Inspector Pete DeWire reported that the water service lateral leak at 5 Calvin Drive has not been repaired. After a brief discussion the Authority office was directed to send a letter along with a current PTMA Approved Plumbers/Contractors list to Wilbur L. Wolfe, Jr. of 5 Calvin Drive stating that as he knows the water service lateral is leaking on the property side of the curb stop located at his 5 Calvin Drive residence. It shall further state that due to potential safety issues related to the cold weather, not to mention the substantial water loss, the Authority asks that he have the curb stop repaired by an approved PTMA Plumber/Contractor in the immediate future. It shall note that the cold weather can cause the valves along with the pipes to freeze and will cause icy conditions on the sidewalks posing danger to pedestrians. It shall also note that a PTMA inspector must be present at the time of the repair to ensure that all repairs are done according to the PTMA rules, regulations and requirements.

OPERATOR'S REPORT By Scott L. Sharp:

The Authority members reviewed the Monthly Operating Report submitted by PTMA Operator Scott L. Sharp. (See Attachment A)

TREASURER'S REPORTS By Timothy Laubscher:

The Authority members reviewed the financial reports. (See *Attachment B and C.*)

Treasurer Timothy Laubscher motioned to approve the Payments and Time Cards as presented. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Ferry seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Thomas Ferry motioned to adjourn the December 7, 2006 PTMA meeting at 7:40 p.m. Treasurer Timothy Laubscher seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

***Respectfully Submitted,
Susan L. Seebold, Administrative Secretary
Penn Township Municipal Authority***