

# **PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

## **Minutes From Regularly Scheduled Meeting February 5, 2009**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Penn Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Penn Township Municipal Authority Office located at 2595 Route 522, Suite 20, Selinsgrove, PA. Chairman Thomas Ferry presiding.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Thomas Ferry, Vice-Chairman Neal Smith, Treasurer Timothy Laubscher and Secretary Gregory Aungst

**Member(s) Absent:** Assistant Secretary/Treasurer James Newman

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Solicitor Robert Cravitz, Inspector Pete DeWire, and Administrative Secretary Susan Seebold

### **VISITORS PRESENT:**

Tom McBryan of Susquehanna Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO)

### **MINUTES:**

The Authority members reviewed the minutes of the January 8, 2009 PTMA meeting. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Neal Smith to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2009 Penn Township Municipal Authority meeting as presented. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*No one present to be heard.*

### **PAWLING STATION BUSINESS PARK:**

Tom McBryan of Susquehanna Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCO) came before the board to request that SIDCO be allowed to purchase sewer permits without expiration dates for the seven lots located in the Pawling Station Business Park. Mr. McBryan explained that currently SIDCO does not have any buyers for the industrial park lots; however, they are concern with the possibility of a future sewer permit moratorium that will stop connection to the PTMA system if an industry decides to setup business in the park after such moratorium is put into place. It shall be noted that currently PTMA sewer permits expire 18 months after the date of application. After further discussion, the board tabled this matter until Solicitor Robert Cravitz has time to review the aforementioned request and render his professional opinion.

*(Mr. Tom McBryan left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.)*

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### ***Regional System Grease and Organic Discharges – ESCRA:***

The Authority members reviewed the January 19, 2009 letter from John Abromitis of the Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority (ESCRA) concerning the regional system grease and organic discharges. After a brief discussion, Chairman Thomas Ferry was directed to draft a letter to send to PTMA customers that have the potential to discharge large amounts of grease into the sewer system including all restaurants connected to the Authority's sewer system.

#### ***Sewer Bill Payment – Steven Sassaman, Sr.:***

The Authority members reviewed the February 3, 2009 letter from Steven D. Sassaman, Sr. concerning payment of his outstanding sewer bill. After a brief discussion, the Authority determined that Mr. Sassaman should continue to make payments; however, the Authority is not in a position to stop the filing of a municipal lien against Mr. Sassaman's property if the lien amount is not paid by the lien notice due date.

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### ***SOUTH FRONT STREET DEVELOPMENT:***

The Authority members reviewed and discussed the January 20, 2009 email from Engineer D. Jeffrey Golding concerning the South Front Street Development. Further discussion was tabled until the next PTMA meeting.

### ***EAST SNYDER PARK:***

Inspector Pete DeWine reported that the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association has submitted a sewer capacity extension request to the Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority (ESCRA) for the East Snyder Park development and are awaiting a response to their request. It shall be noted that the Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority sewer capacity approval for the aforementioned land development will expire on March 15, 2009. Further discussion was tabled until the next PTMA meeting.

### ***LAWN MAINTENANCE QUOTES:***

The Authority members reviewed the lawn maintenance proposals from M&R Lawn Service and Randy Hawk's Lawn Service. After a brief discussion, Treasurer Timothy Laubscher motioned to accept the January 31, 2009 lawn mowing proposal from M&R Lawn Service as presented. Vice-Chairman Neal Smith seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

### ***CHAIRMAN'S REPORT By Thomas Ferry:***

#### ***Route 522 Water Main Extension Survey Results:***

Chairman Thomas Ferry reported that eight out of the fourteen property owners responded to the Route 522 Water Main Extension Survey. Chairman Ferry further reported that out of the eight responses, five of the property owners are interested in a water main extension. The Authority members then reviewed Engineer D. Jeffrey Golding's February 4, 2009 email concerning the requirements for economic stimulus grant funding. It shall be noted that the current minimum size for the aforementioned grant funding consideration is a "regional" project that is "shovel ready" with an estimated cost of \$500,000 or more. According to these guidelines, the Route 522 Water Main Extension would not be eligible for the economic stimulus grant funding. After further discussion, the board member directed the Authority office to send a letter to the five property owners that were interested in the Route 522 water main extension. The aforementioned letter shall thank them for taking the time to complete and return the Route 522 water main extension survey. It shall also state that their input has been very helpful in evaluating the cost effectiveness of the proposed water main extension. It shall note that currently, the connection of existing properties to the public water system is not mandatory and is completely on a voluntary basis. It shall further state that upon review of the survey, the Authority finds that there is currently not enough property owners interested in connecting to the PTMA water system to make this project cost effective.

### ***VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT By Neal Smith:***

#### ***Water Protection Steering Committee Meeting:***

Vice-Chairman Neal Smith reported on the Source Water Protection Steering Committee Meeting that was held on February 4, 2009. Vice-Chairman Smith further reported that the committee is currently coming up with ideas on how to educate the public on source water protection. One suggestion was to have Susquehanna University students create a source water protection program to present to Selinsgrove Area School District students in grades K-12.

### ***INSPECTOR'S REPORTS By Pete DeWine:***

#### ***Alley "A":***

Inspector Pete DeWine reported that he recently met with Nelson Poe of Fairchild Brothers, Inc. to determine how to fix the land erosion in Alley "A". Upon inspection of the alley, Mr. Poe suggested that it be landscaped in the spring in a way that fixes the swale.

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### ***Well House Telemetry:***

Inspector Pete DeWire reported that he visited the PTMA stand pipe to visually determine if there is anything obstructing the signal from the telemetry antenna to the well house. Inspector DeWire further reported that the only thing he noticed that may be causing some interference could be a row of trees west of the antenna. After further discussion, Inspector DeWire was directed to contact his sources to determine if the trees could cause the interference or if his source knows of something else that could cause the telemetry not to work.

### ***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.)

Vice-Chairman Neal Smith motioned to approve the Payments and Time Cards as presented. Secretary Gregory Aungst seconded the motion and unanimously approved

### ***ADJOURNMENT:***

With no further business to discuss Secretary Gregory Aungst motioned to adjourn the February 5, 2009 PTMA meeting at 8:45 p.m. Chairman Thomas Ferry seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

***Respectfully Submitted,***

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