

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
AUTHORITY MEETING

Minutes of Township Authority Meeting held August 26, 2008

An administrative meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Authority was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Authority members present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William L. Hornung (Conference Call), Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain. Also in attendance were: George Wolfe, Township Manager; William Weaver, Sewer Authority Director, Jim Wetzal, Sewer Authority Operations Supervisor; Kevin Shannon, CET, Engineering, Inc., and Michael and Jean Pinci.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Hawk led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hawk noted that Mr. Hornung was on a conference telephone call and requested to move to new business in order to take actions on four agenda items. Mr. Stine questioned Mr. Hornung if he could hear everyone and he replied that he could.

New Business

Action on Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement with Susquehanna Riverside, Inc.

Mr. Weaver explained that an agreement was prepared by Mr. Stine for an easement for Mr. Eric Kessler who owns a parcel of land under the name of Susquehanna Riverside, Inc. along Linglestown Road. He noted that it was necessary to acquire the easement in order to replace the force main. He explained that Mr. Kessler previously signed the Deed of Dedication, and as part of the sanitary sewer easement, Mr. Kessler requested three EDU's for future connections to be provided for his family in lieu of any payment. He noted that Mr. Kessler does not intend to develop the property at this time. Mr. Wolfe noted that it is staff's recommendation that the Authority take affirmative action on the easement agreement with Susquehanna Riverside Inc.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement with Susquehanna Riverside Inc. as presented by Mr. Weaver. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Authorization to proceed with purchase of mini-excavator for the I/I Rehab Crew

Mr. Weaver explained that Mr. Wetzel, the Operations Supervisor provided quotes from Cleveland Brothers and Highway Equipment as part of the COSTAR Pennsylvania Department of General Services contract that provides for excavation equipment. He noted that the contractor's bids are good until September 2009, and the Authority's budget for the PC4B mini-basin includes the rental price for each year listed. He noted that since this would be an ongoing project, and the rental prices continue to increase for the mini-excavator, he would like to purchase the equipment this year to use for the work in the Village Knoll Apartment complex. He explained that the mini-excavator has replaced the backhoe for work necessary in tight locations, and the price to rent the mini-excavator to complete this work was over \$4,000. He requested the Board to purchase a mini-excavator now as the price for the machine would increase to \$84,857, noting that the contract price is a 23% discount off the seller's price. Mr. Crissman questioned if the purchase price of the machine would be \$77,360. Mr. Weaver answered yes, the price for the mini-excavator is \$77,360. Mr. Hawk questioned Mr. Weaver if he was recommending the purchase of the Caterpillar. Mr. Weaver answered yes, and noted that the vendors demonstrated their equipment, but staff preferred the Caterpillar over the other equipment. Mr. Crissman noted that the price to purchase the Volvo was \$76,000. Mr. Weaver noted that the Caterpillar was a few hundred dollars more, but preferred by staff. Mr. Stine noted that it is a state contract; therefore the Board does not have to take the lowest bid.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to purchase a new 2008 Caterpillar Excavator from Cleveland Brothers in the amount of \$77,360.00 as part of the COSTAR's State Contract. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 08-09 decreasing the Authority members from seven to five

Mr. Hawk noted that Resolution 08-09 would decrease the number of members of the Sewer Authority from seven to five.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 08-09 decreasing the Authority membership from seven to five members. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Motion to approve Lower Paxton Township Authority share of
Modeling of the Spring Creek Interceptor

Mr. Weaver noted that this is a proposal from the Swatara Township Authority from their engineer, The Arro Group Inc. for modeling the Spring Creek Interceptor. He noted that in order for the Township Authority to remove the interceptor receptor, which has been in the Spring Creek basin for some time, Mr. Hornung wanted to be assured that the Township would not provide any excessive flows downstream that would cause any problems. He explained that the only way to determine this is to have modeling completed, and the price to do this would be \$33,800.00. He noted that he spoke with Mr. Wendle, and was told that the price was fair and reasonable and recommended approval.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to pay the Township Authority's share of the modeling of the Spring Creek Interceptor study with a not to exceed of \$33,800.00. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for voice vote, and unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Hawk thanked Mr. Hornung for joining the Authority Board members by conference call.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stine noted that the Board could not approve the minutes since it no longer has a quorum. Mr. Weaver noted that the minutes could be approved at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Jean Pinci, 6267 Linglestown Road, noted that there was some repair work being done to the infrastructure on Linglestown Road. She noted that she recently contacted a plumber and was told that she could not connect to another sewer line since there would be no work done in the near future near her home, but that has since changed. She wanted to know what the Township's plans were for the area near her home. She suggested that Mr. Kessler was getting a good deal since he would be permitted to hook up his house or many houses that could be located across the street from their home.

Ms. Pinci noted that she has two State culverts that are very inadequate. She noted that after the Linglestown Square project is completed, she feels that it will have a greater impact on the two culverts.

Mr. Stine explained that this meeting is for the Sewer Authority and it has nothing to do with the Linglestown Project. Ms. Pinci noted that the Township is kicking everyone out of the sewer line for I/I which would call for more surface water. She noted that storm water ends up in the sewer pipes, and that the street explodes in front of her home when it rains. She noted that there is some type of sludge in the culvert, but she has not tested it yet to determine what it is. She noted that everything is happening around her, but it does not include her home.

Mr. Wolfe suggested that Mr. Weaver and CET Engineers should meet with the Pinci's to go over the plans for the project. Mr. Weaver noted that this item is on the agenda for discussion.

Ms. Pinci explained that she had lived in her home for over 21 years and there was a sewer problem when she moved in. She noted that Mr. Wolfe is aware of the problem. Mr. Weaver noted that a plumber contacted him about that property. Ms. Pinci noted that she wants to hook into the line at the same time the project is being completed, and her plumber told her that the project was moved up.

Linglestown Road Pump Station Force Main Replacement/Square Improvements
BC1 Sewer Replacement

Mr. Hawk noted that since the Pinci's are in attendance he would move this item forward in the agenda.

Mr. Weaver explained that he had included in the packet the BC1 memorandum from CET Engineering, dated August 13, 2008, and the original memorandum from Jody Reece, dated June 12, 2008, when she provided a cost estimate on the total replacement.

Mr. Weaver noted that the BC-1A Linglestown Road Pumping Station is currently in an overload condition, and a construction project has been awarded to Womex to replace the force main which would alleviate the pumping capacity issue. He noted that once this is completed, there is still an issue of the station's capacity. He noted that CET Engineers completed an analysis of the EDU's and the current I/I and based on the data, the Township needs to reduce the I/I to an acceptable level.

Mr. Weaver explained that at the last meeting, the Board directed staff to look at partial replacement rather than spending the \$1.8 million to redo the entire mini-basin.

Mr. Shannon questioned Mrs. Pinci if she was connected to sewer service. Ms. Pinci answered that she was. She noted that the backup from the sewer pumping station backs up into her basement.

Mr. Weaver noted that the BC-1A partial replacement plan that is recommended is the area in white on the map outlined in red. He noted that the items lined in orange are the areas to be replaced in the center of concentration of EDU's to reduce the level to prevent overloads, and noted that Ms. Pinci's home is outside of that area. Mr. Shannon explained that the manhole near their home is 835 and the current project is only replacing to manhole 836. Mr. Shannon noted that the project is only replacing the sewer lines coming from the Village of Linglestown within the corridor improvement project up to manhole 836.

Mr. Weaver explained that there are two different projects, one to replace the force main, laterals, and the main lines as part of the Linglestown Road project, and the pump station force main. He noted that the project that Mr. Shannon is referring to now is to occur after the force main is replaced, as there are still issues to reduce the flow to a certain level. He noted that repairs to the area in orange should satisfy the overload conditions.

Mr. Hawk questioned Ms. Pinci if she is getting sewer water in her basement. Ms. Pinci answered yes, and when it rains it is even worse. She noted that she has lived with this problem for over 20 years. She noted that when it rains the water pours out from the manhole covers. Mr. Weaver questioned Ms. Pinci if she has called in to the Township to report this. Ms. Pinci answered that it is not a backup issue; it does not come in through her sewer line, it comes through the wall. Mr. Weaver asked if it was water or sewage. Ms. Pinci answered that it is not sewage; rather it is the entire infiltration system. Mr. Stine suggested that Ms. Pinci is getting water in her basement, not sewage. Mr. Weaver noted that the Sewer Authority does not deal with ground water problems.

Ms. Pinci noted that when she had her water tested, and had high levels of e-coli. Mr. Weaver explained that e-coli is found in the water throughout the state. Mr. Weaver noted that the Authority does not have anything to do with the water table, it manages the sewer system. Mr. Stine suggested that this is a storm water issue and not a sewer issue. Ms. Pinci noted that the water comes out of the cracked roadway from the sewer manholes. Mr. Stine questioned Mr. Wetzel if there were cracks in the sanitary sewer line. Mr. Wetzel answered that the storm sewer is what collects the water from the ground, and the sewer pipe is buried under the ground. He noted that storm water run off is completely separate from the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Hawk questioned what has been resolved. Mr. Weaver noted that he would meet with the Pinci's and their plumber to discuss what they want. Mr. Hawk thanked the Pinci's for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Weaver noted that staff provided a partial replacement budget as recommended by the Board members noting that the cost would be \$1,150,000. He noted that staff and CET Engineers agreed to the partial replacement, but Mr. Hornung requested they look into a new mini-basin. He noted that this has reduced the costs significantly, noting that it was decreased from \$1.8 million to \$1.1 million. He explained that he thinks that he can achieve the same objectives by doing the mini-basin project.

Mr. Weaver noted that he would be preparing the budget soon, and if the Board wishes this project could be included in the budget.

Mr. Weaver noted that once the detours are approved by PENNDOT, then the work would begin. He noted that, at this time, a decision has not been made if the project would be a day or night project.

Mr. Wetzal noted that the contract actually started the force main work this week. Mr. Wolfe questioned what the detour route would be. Mr. Shannon answered that it was Picketown Road to Route 22 to Mountain Road. Mr. Crissman noted that the project would have an impact on school traffic. Mr. Weaver noted that he was told that only two school buses travel Linglestown Road in the afternoon. Mr. Shannon explained that the road would be open to traffic for the morning commute. Mr. Weaver noted that it would be a moot point if the contractor works at night. Mr. Crissman questioned if the School District was aware of the project. Mr. Shannon answered that they were. Mr. Crissman noted that it would be best if the contractor worked the project at night.

Board Members Comments

No comment was provided by Board members.

Old Business

None was presented

Township Reports

Second Consent Decree DEP Annual Meeting

Mr. Weaver noted that he attended the annual meeting, and provided the Board with the sign-in sheet. He noted that the meeting was held on August 7, 2008, and he reviewed each basin and its status.

Beaver Creek Wet Weather Treatment Facility Permits

Mr. Weaver noted that the Beaver Creek Wet Weather Treatment Encroachment and Discharge permits need to be issued from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in order to proceed with the construction of the facility. He noted that he focused on the 85% removal requirement, noting that Mr. Ferry was in a bicycle accident, and was the individual working with CET and Mr. Hurst on the acceptable language for the permit. He explained that he is waiting for DEP to get back to him to continue the discussions. He noted that he wants to get a permit that is acceptable and one that South Hanover would not win or appeal.

Mr. Hawk questioned if there was any new information regarding the South Hanover Township Zoning appeal. Mr. Wolfe answered that the court date is set for Monday, September 15, 2008.

Paxton Creek Interceptor Hydraulic Peak Capacity

Mr. Weaver noted that Mr. Wendle discussed raising the manholes with DEP and the discussion went very well. He noted that DEP is checking to see if any permits are required. He noted that Mr. Wendle has been meeting with Susquehanna Township officials and HRG, Inc. to finalize their plans as part of the Act 537 Plan that they are working on.

Second Paxton Creek Corrective Action Plan

Mr. Weaver explained that he provided DEP with an update on the Second Paxton Creek Corrective Action Plan and discussions are going well.

First Amendment to the Second Consent Decree

Mr. Weaver explained that he brought it to DEP's attention that the Township only received a verbal okay for the First Amendment to the Second Consent Decree and is waiting for a signed copy. He noted that Mr. Hepford has agreed to circulate the Consent Decree again and then, he will meet with Mr. Stine and counsel, to finalize the First Amendment to the Second Consent Decree.

Spring Creek Hydraulic Model in Swatara and Paxtang

Mr. Weaver noted that the Board has already approved the modeling share of expenses for this. He noted that once ARRO receives the approval from Susquehanna and Lower Paxton Townships, ARRO would begin the modeling. He noted that Swatara Township Authority is in agreement with this. He noted that once the modeling is completed, he is confident that the Township would be able to send its flows to the Swatara Authority without any risks, and then

the restrictor could be removed. He noted that it would provide the opportunity to clean up some issues that are over 25 years old. He noted that DEP was very happy with this. He noted that Lee McDonald asked the Lower Paxton representatives, due to the delay in the replacement of the Wet Weather Treatment Plant, would the Township replace the sewer system. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township stated that it would not as it would not make sense due to the costs. Mr. Weaver noted that Mr. Bill Jones supported this response since there are many benefits to him for the Wet Weather Treatment facility. He noted that Swatara Township is building a biological nitrate removal process that is a very sensitive operation and he is very disappointed that his plant would be built before the Township's plant. He noted that he would like to see the Township's plan move ahead very quickly.

Update on Current Construction Projects in each drainage basin

Mr. Weaver explained that PC4B is scheduled to be bid at the end of the year, but the I/I Rehab Crew has been working on the areas that have PVC, noting that there are 490 homes in PC4B and PC6C mini-basins and PC4B has 280 homes. He noted that staff has completed the rehab to all but 36 properties, not including the apartments. He noted that since the Board has approved the purchase of the mini-excavator, the Rehab Crew can complete the mini-basin in the area of the Village Knoll apartments as soon as it is delivered.

Earl Drive Interceptor Replacement

Mr. Weaver noted that the contractor for the Earl Drive Interceptor project is doing a good job; however, they found rats in the area. Mr. Wolfe explained that the Township disturbed the rats while cleaning the right-of-way and digging a sewer line. He noted that they were located in the area of Top View Road and Harman Drive. Mr. Wetzel noted that the rats were rather large, and that the Authority hired an exterminator and resolved the problem.

Mr. Weaver noted that the stream had been drying up, but the residents complained that the stream has never been dry in 30 years. He noted that Mr. Wolfe authorized the contractor to install clay dams as a precaution to ensure that the sewer trenches are not draining the stream. He noted that sometimes, a sewer trench can act like a French Drain and drain the ground water. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township may be draining the stream into the sewer trenches and may have increased the problem. He noted if DEP approves of this solution, the Township would move ahead to correct the problem.

Mr. Weaver explained that it is a large project, over \$1 million in costs, and for the most part, it is going along well. He noted that a community environmental wall must be installed along the culvert near Earl Drive as part of the overflow money recommended by CET. He noted that this would be done in place of the Asylum Run project, and DEP has approved this work. He noted that once this is done, the restoration work would be completed and it is hoped the work will be completed within the next two months.

Mr. Blain questioned what happened with the repaving project for Locust Lane by PENNDOT and the covered manhole covers. Mr. Weaver noted that staff and CET investigated the project further and CET was able to get PENNDOT to agree to a 50% reimbursement for the labor and materials to raise the manholes. Mr. Hawk noted that PENNDOT only put a base surface down and was planning to finish the project next year. Mr. Wolfe explained that that was the initial story to the Township, but it turns out that the come back time is three to five years; therefore the Township must open up the manhole covers. Mr. Blain noted that there was a recent article in The Patriot News stating that PENNDOT has put many road projects on hold due to the high cost of asphalt. He noted that PENNDOT was supposed to repave Rutherford Road but did not do that project. Mr. Weaver noted that he tried to get PENNDOT to put the project on hold to raise the manhole covers, but they wouldn't do that. Mr. Blain noted that Susquehanna Township was able to raise their manhole covers on Locust Lane. Mr. Wetzel explained that they had their risers in stock and only had a few to install, but the Township has 48 manholes to fix.

Mr. Blain questioned why PENNDOT did not provide more of a notification to the Township. Mr. Wolfe answered that it was a County maintenance project, and they don't follow the same procedures as the District office does. He suggested that they had a deadline to spend funds before the paving year came to an end. He noted that he only heard about the project when Mr. Seeds mentioned it during a meeting. He explained that he started asking questions, and found that Mr. Wetzel had heard about it a week earlier. He stated that normally PENNDOT sends a letter to the Township to receive feedback from the different entities and are provided time to coordinate the project. He noted that the Township had less than two weeks, with no traffic routing plan. He noted if the Township would have made a big fuss about the project, the project would have gone away.

Trunk A Replacement

Mr. Weaver noted that the Trunk A Replacement is scheduled to start on September 29th. He noted that it is located on the DiSanto, Stray Winds Farm property. He explained that the project starts at the main Paxton Creek Interceptor north through the Stray Winds Farm area.

Beaver Creek Pump Station

Mr. Weaver noted that the Beaver Creek Pump Station has been awarded and Ronca and Sons will be starting that project in the near future.

Devon Manor Clearwater System

Mr. Weaver noted that he sent a letter to the four property owners and no one wants the Clearwater System. He noted that they do not want it is because the water is not on their property, but more toward Tarryton Road, south of their properties. He noted that their properties sit higher. He noted that two property owners responded and the other two did not, and Mr. Boratko and his neighbor are not interested in the Clearwater System. Mr. Blain questioned if Mr. Boratko wanted the pipe installed. Mr. Weaver noted that Mr. Boratko told him that the reason that his sewer leaks is because of the ground water problems to the rear of his home. Mr. Weaver then was told by Mr. Boratko that was not what he meant, and he only wanted to know where his underground pipe needs to be fixed. Mr. Weaver noted that the entire pipe needs to be replaced. He noted that Mr. Boratko wants the problem fixed, and has a lot of questions about how it would be fixed. Mr. Weaver noted that he never requested a meeting to discuss the replacement of his underslab sewer, but staff is happy to meet with him.

Mr. Hawk noted that this goes back to when Mr. Boratko had sewage in his basement and it damaged his hot tub. Mr. Weaver noted that his neighbor actually had this occur twice, and the insurance paid the claim. Mr. Boratko noted that he was upset that his neighbor has his claim paid, and he did not. He stated the Mr. Boratko claimed improprieties on behalf of Board members.

Mr. Weaver noted that a change in the plan would require more analysis and a new design, and the residents on Tarryton Road would have to agree to the new design, He noted that it would result in the spending of much more money, to the tune of \$180,000. He noted that Mr. Boratko would still need to fix his sewer problem.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the offer for the property located on Commerce Drive did not come in, and there was no offer of a bid.

Mr. Weaver reported that he conducted the public meeting at the Linglestown Middle School on Monday, August 18th, and roughly 200 persons attended. He noted that many people who came to the meeting were not involved in the project. He explained that he had one man object to the work, but after it was explained he was more receptive to the work being completed.

Solicitor's Report

No report was presented.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Shannon has nothing more to report, and noted that his report contained the information of the text of the report that was submitted to DEP in June 2008.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Authority Secretary
Gary A. Crissman