

MEETING MINUTES – April 14, 2010

WEST EARL SEWER AUTHORITY

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The regular monthly meeting of the West Earl Sewer Authority was held in room 102 at the West Earl Township Municipal Building, 157 West Metzler Road, Brownstown, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Chairman Dale Wissler called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Authority members present: Dale Wissler, Jim Houser, Rick Weik, Mike Reed, Dave Noyes. Also present: Yves Pollart and Manyi Yeung, Rettew; Patrick Barrett, Township Manager, Teresa Beever, Recording Secretary.

1. MINUTES

The ***motion*** by Jim Houser, seconded by Dave Noyes was approved unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2010 regular meeting of the West Earl Sewer Authority as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS

None

3. ENGINEER'S REPORT

See attachments

Lancaster General Hospital

DS Waters

Darl Yoder

Brownstown Commons

Talmage Extension Project – The date of substantial completion is on target for April 23, 2010. Mr. Barrett verified with the engineer that the Authority anticipates requesting the Board of Supervisors send out the notices to connect after the May 12, 2010 Sewer Authority meeting.

Millway Acres Commercial

Rose Hill Road Development

Chapter 94 Report

WWTP Re-rate – The engineer reported that the equipment for the fine bubble diffuser will be delayed until April 21st or 22nd.

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

2010-2011 Draft Budget – Mr. Barrett distributed copies of the draft budget and reviewed it with the Authority, line by line, for the benefit of the newest members of the board. Jim Houser noticed that a figure for paving the entrance road to the WWTP was not included. Jim said he would like to include this job with the Township Road work in order to get a good price for the paving. He suggested a figure of \$16,000.00 for the project.

Mr. Barrett informed the Authority that Bill Bennett from ENB will meet with him next week to review the Bond accounts.

5. **BILLS**

The **motion** by Dale Wissler, seconded by Jim Houser was approved unanimously to pay total monthly operating expenses of \$48,755.44.

The **motion** by Rick Weik, seconded by Mike Reed was approved unanimously to pay total monthly construction expenses of \$294,645.06.

6. **PAYMENT REQUISITIONS**

The **motion** by Jim Houser, seconded by Dave Noyes was approved unanimously to authorize payment requisition No. 86 for \$294,645.06 to pay construction expenses.

The **motion** by Jim Houser, seconded by Rick Weik was approved unanimously to authorize payment requisition No. 98 for \$48,755.44 to pay operating expenses.

The Authority and engineer signed the documents.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Because the Authority had discussed **partial EDU assessment** at previous meetings, they had requested copies of the rate schedule resolution. Copies of Resolution 5-10-06-2 were distributed to the board members, who then discussed the possibility of changing the rate structure.

Chairman Wissler and Yves Pollart discussed the possibility of changing the billing to be based on water usage. The engineer offered to look at metered bills vs. flat rate billing in conjunction with the Oregon Pike development.

Dave Noyes reported that he observed the **installation of a grinder tank** for one of the Talmage connections and said that he feels the contractor is doing a good job.

Dave Noyes asked the **engineer to provide an opinion** about a reasonable length of time to expect a grinder pump and tank to be in service before a homeowner might need a replacement. Although the Myers pump representative provided the manufacturer's information, Mr. Noyes feels the engineer's experience with various low pressure systems and models would serve to provide valuable information. Mr. Noyes also asked the engineer for a **sewer index map**. Rettew will provide both.

Jim Houser reported that a **sink hole on Locust Street** was unearthed during construction. Bulldog offered to open up the hole for repair. Mr. Houser recommended that the Township and Sewer Authority work with Bulldog to fix the sink hole when it is opened up. The Authority agreed with the recommendation.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The **motion** by Rick Weik, seconded by Jim Houser was approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M.

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Engineer's Report

April 14, 2010

1. LGH: no Change
2. DS Waters: no change
3. Darl Yoder: No update.
4. Brownstown Commons Lot No. 2: No Change.
5. Talmage:
 - A. Installation of forcemains, including cleanouts and terminal manholes, were completed.
 - B. 4 basins must be installed on the North side of the system. It is estimated that this will be completed by Monday (4/12/2010).
 - C. The hydrostatic pressure and leakage tests are completed for the south side system. Same tests will be performed for the North side system immediately following the installation.
 - D. Grinder Pump Start-up was completed on 4/7/2010 for the South side system. Same tests will be performed for the North side system immediately following the hydrostatic pressure and leakage tests.
 - E. Application and Certificate for Payment No.5 was received and recommended approved in an amount of \$280,658.50
6. 2009 Chapter 94 Report: Report was submitted to DEP on 3/22/2010.
7. Cloverbrook Lot 1 to Lot 4: No change.
8. Millway Acres Commercial Tract: No change.
9. Oregon Pike Developments/Rose Hill Road Subdivision: We are in the process of gathering information for the Component 3M. We are awaiting a decision from the Authority regarding the type of sewer system to be used, plus we are awaiting information from RGS for the Rosehill Subdivision.
10. Brownstown WWTP Rerate: Delivery date was confirmed to be the week of 4/9. Additional documents for the Operation and maintenance manual were received.
11. Eagleview Phase II: No change