

**PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
PERRY COUNTY**

102 Municipal Building Road  
Duncannon, PA 17020

October 2, 2013

The Penn Township Municipal Authority (Authority) held a public hearing Wednesday, October 2, 2013 in the Penn Township Municipal Building. Chairman Elmer Knaub called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. He led the group in the recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance* and a moment of silence, and announced that the hearing was being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

Authority members present:

Elmer Knaub, Chairman  
Sam Auxt, Vice Chairman  
Henry Holman, Secretary/Asst. Treasurer  
Jim Kocher

Professional staff present:

Randy Bailey, P.E., Wm. F. Hill Associates

Authority staff present:

Edward Chism, Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Water Systems Operator  
Susan Long, Treasurer, Recording Secretary

Visitors present:

Amy Davis, SEDA-COG  
Julie Shrawder, SEDA-COG

A complete list of visitors is included with the official minutes.

Chairman Knaub stated that the purpose of the hearing is to inform the residents of Sunshine Hill about proposed improvements to their water system. He introduced Amy Davis and Julie Shrawder of SEDA-COG, who conducted the hearing.

Ms. Davis stated that the Authority is looking to make improvements to the Sunshine Hill water system. She estimated construction costs at \$690,500.00, professional costs at \$70,000.00, and environmental review costs at \$4,650.00.

The following funding sources will be used – 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$143,000.00, 2013 CDBG funding in the amount of \$56,000.00, and Authority funding in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Ms. Davis reported that the Perry County Commissioners have agreed to apply for competitive DCED funding on behalf of the Authority in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Included in the improvements is a 150,000-gallon storage tank to be constructed on the Authority's lot at the top of Sunshine Hill. Also to be constructed there is a water treatment building to remove iron and manganese from the water. The project also includes a generator, 2,200 feet of transmission lines, a new line down to Butchershop Road with a fire hydrant at its terminus, and fire hydrants located on Sunshine Hill as per fire code recommendations.

Ms. Davis stated that a public hearing is necessary because federal funding is involved. The federal government gives money to the states, which in turn give it to their counties, which distribute it as CDBG grants. Pennsylvania does not distribute all of the federal funding to the counties. It keeps some for competitive funding, which is what the Commissioners are requesting for the Authority for this project. She said that the competitive funding is based on urgency of need, and asked for letters of support she can forward to the Commissioners. She noted that the letters can be short and simply state that there is a need for larger storage capacity and a need for replacement of lines. She said the Authority should know by spring 2014 if funding is awarded. It would then take 12-15 months for completion of the project, during which water service will be maintained.

Lines will be replaced to the curb stop. If the line from the curb stop to the house needs to be replaced, it will be the responsibility of the homeowner to make the replacement. If competitive funding is received, there should not be an increase in water rates. If funding is not received, the Authority will have to borrow the money for the improvements, and rates would increase.

Ms. Davis emphasized that the competitive funding is based on need. One factor taken into consideration by DCED is the income of the Residents in the project area. Based on HUD guidelines, the income of a sufficient number of residents in the project area is classified as low to moderate.

Ed Chism, water plant operator, informed the residents that water is currently stored in 1,500-gallon 1950's era surplus tanks. He noted that the piping into the tanks is very fragile and he hesitates to touch it. He emphasized the need for the residents to write letters of support to the Commissioners, citing that the residents need a reliable water source, capability for several days of water storage, a generator to keep the pumps running during power outages, and water that has the iron and manganese remediated.

Ms. Davis stated that the next public hearing will be held in New Bloomfield on December 9, 2013 at the 10:00 a.m. meeting of the Perry County Commissioners. A third public hearing will be held for residents at a future date to be announced.

After all comments and questions were heard, the hearing ended at 7:00 p.m.