

PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
PERRY COUNTY
102 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020

October 13, 2014

The Penn Township Municipal Authority (Authority) met on Monday, October 13, 2014 in the Penn Township Municipal Building, immediately following the JOAC meeting. Chairman Henry Holman, III, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Authority members present:
Henry Holman, III, Chairman
Jim Kocher, Vice-Chairman
Sam Auxt, Asst. Secretary
CeCe Novinger, Asst. Treasurer

Authority staff present:
Susan Long, Treasurer, Recording Secretary

Visitors present:
None

Septic Tank Abandonment

After a recent report that sewage was running down State Road from the property at 1109 State Road, the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer, Lenny Sizer, was asked to investigate. Mr. Sizer sent a sample of the effluent from the roadside swale to Microbac Laboratories for analysis. The lab result stated that the sample was high in fecal coliforms, indicating the presence of sewage.

It appears that the property owner did not abandon his septic system when the property was connected to the sanitary sewer. As a result, during periods of heavy rain, the system overflows and the run-off flows onto State Road.

The property owner will be sent a certified letter informing him that the Authority's regulations require unused septic systems to be pumped out, then crushed or filled with stone. The letter will ask for written confirmation that his system has been properly abandoned.

A review of the Authority's records showed that sixty-four properties have questionable septic system abandonment. These property owners will be sent letters asking them to submit written confirmation that their systems have been properly abandoned.

Invoices

Upon a Kocher/Novinger motion, the Authority unanimously approved the payment of checks to Microbac Laboratories, Perry County Prothonotary, Magisterial District 41-3, and the PA Workers Insurance Fund in the amount of \$989.82.

Meetings

Chairman Holman, Elmer, and Operator Ed Chism will meet with Engineer Randy Bailey on Friday October 17th at 9:30 to discuss outstanding issues related to the construction of the water storage tank and water treatment facilities building on Sunshine Hill.

Chairman Holman stated that he would not be able to attend the November 5th Authority meeting.

Kerlin Sewer Extension, State Road

Chairman Holman will contact the Engineer to ask him to make sure the Kerlin sewer extension line is sized large enough to accommodate the empty storage building on the other side of the road crossing the railroad tracks. Also, the Authority will accept responsibility of the line from the point of connection at Norm's Tire and Auto to the railroad crossing.

2014, 2015 Budgets

Susan presented an update of the 2014 operating budget as of September 30, 2014. The income to that date was \$509,591 while the expenses were \$554,660.

Susan has started working on the 2015 budget and will present the members with draft copies as soon as possible.

Grinder Pump Ownership

Penn Township is one of a very few municipalities where the authority is responsible for maintenance of grinder pumps. The members have been discussing several ways of transferring ownership to the property owners. It has already adopted a resolution that ownership of a grinder pump will be turned over to the new owner when a property is sold. It was now suggested that transfer of responsibility shifts when a grinder pump needs repaired. A re-built grinder pump would be installed and the property owner would be informed that he/she has responsibility for maintenance from then on. Members were asked to consider this suggestion for discussion at a future meeting.

Adjournment

With all business completed, an Auxt/Kocher motion for adjournment was made at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Susan E. Long
Recording Secretary