

PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
PERRY COUNTY

102 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020

November 10, 2014

The Penn Township Municipal Authority (Authority) met on Monday, November 10, 2014 in the Penn Township Municipal Building, immediately following the JOAC meeting. Chairman Henry Holman, III, called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Authority members present:

Henry Holman, III, Chairman
Jim Kocher, Vice-Chairman
Elmer Knaub, Secretary
Sam Auxt, Asst. Secretary
CeCe Novinger, Asst. Treasurer

Authority staff present:

Susan Long, Treasurer, Recording Secretary

Visitors present:

None

Ward Sewer Connection

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014, the Authority's Engineer, Randy Bailey, received the revised plans for the Ward connection to the sanitary sewer at the former DeCoven property. As requested, he reviewed the plan and forwarded his eighteen comments for discussion at this evening's meeting.

At the November 5th meeting Mr. Ward asked when he could have his contractor start working. He was told that he would have to pay a tapping fee for ten EDUs, at \$3,500.00 per EDU, get a connection permit, and any permits required by Penn Township before he could start construction. His response was that the Authority had said it would put a lien on his property in the amount of the tapping fee. A review of minutes for the past few meetings contained only one mention of tapping fees for that property. At the August 11, 2014 meeting, Mr. Ward asked about the possibility of placing a lien on his property in the amount of the tapping fee, or about setting him up with a payment installment plan. However, the Authority took no action on his request at that meeting. It was the consensus at tonight's meeting that the tapping fee would need to be paid up front, that no lien would be put on the property, nor would a payment installment plan be allowed.

Because Mr. Ward has not met any of the time extensions for connection, and because there are still eighteen engineering comments to be satisfied before the plan can be approved, the following action was taken.

Upon a Novinger/Kocher motion, Mr. Ward will be sent an invoice in the amount of \$600.00 for Ready to Serve charges for 10 EDUs for the month of November and each succeeding month that the property remains unconnected. Additionally, starting November 17th the Authority will ask Penn Township to file a non-traffic citation with the District Justice for violation of Ordinance 101, at a fine of \$100 per day for every day the property remains unconnected. Additionally, a letter will be sent to Shawn Arbaugh of DEP, informing him that the engineering comments have not been satisfied, that the tapping fee has not been paid, and that the above actions were taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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. On October 15th, the property owner was 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 asked for written confirmation by November 3rd that his system had been properly abandoned.

Mr. Smith refused to pick up the certified letter. As a result, and upon a Novinger/Auxt motion, a new letter will be hand delivered by the constable used by the District Justice. The new letter will have a deadline of December 3rd for the Authority to receive written confirmation that the septic system was abandoned. Motion passed unanimously. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to Pat Bowen of DEP. When the constable delivers the letter, the owner of an adjoining property will be notified.

Haldeman Landscaping

CeCe offered to deliver Mr. Haldeman's water meter if it had not been yet been delivered. Susan will contact Operator Ed Chism to see if he has delivered it.

PA Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Official notice has been received that the Authority has been awarded PA CDBG funding in the amount of \$500,000.00. Susan relayed that Amy Davis of SEDA-COG would be glad to meet with the members to answer any questions about the grant. Susan will contact Ms. Davis to see when she is available.

2015 Draft Budget

Susan noted that income for 2015 was projected to be lower than 2014 income due to the reduced water usage. This will affect the water income from the residential customers and the sewer income from the non-residential customers. Further discussion on the budget will be held at the December 3rd meeting.

Adjournment

With all business completed, a Kocher/Novinger motion for adjournment was made at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Susan E. Long
Recording Secretary