

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEWER MEETING MINUTES

JULY 18th, 2016 7:00 P.M.

The Sewer meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 07/18/2016 at the Pocono Township Municipal Building, Tannersville, PA, and was opened by President Harold Werkheiser at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ellen Gndt, present; Bob DeYoung, present; Harold Werkheiser, present; Jerry Lastowski, present; and Judi Coover, present.

Leo DeVito, Solicitor, Broughal & DeVito; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer, present; Jeffry Clapper, Public Works Director, present; and Pamela Finkbeiner, Interim Manager/Twp. Secretary, present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

J. Clapper reviewed the sewer release in Stroudsburg. Two properties sustained some damage. He contacted ServicePRO to clean the properties and additional cost will be incurred if sheetrock and flooring is required to be replaced. J. Lastowski questioned when the sewer fix will be done. J. Clapper noted the two valve stations will need to be replaced. The valve has been ordered and may take 10 months to deliver.

MINUTES: E. Gndt questioned the deferral of 23 Dory Place and the request the area of the aging's money be returned. J. Clapper noted the Office of the Aging did not make an official request for the returns of the funds.

B. DeYoung made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to approve the Sewer Meeting Minutes of 07/05/2016 with the amendment to remove "they are requesting the money be returned." Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; B. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, abstained. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Chohan, owner of the (Naseer) gas station/laundry mat at the corner of Rt. 611 and Rt. 715, spoke concerning is EDU assignment. His EDUs were reduced from 16 to 14 EDUs at the last meeting. Mr. Chohan requested the EDU assignment be reduced to 13 EDUs. J. Clapper noted the water usage showed the need for 14 EDUs. Discussion followed. H. Werkheiser noted he may be able to request a reduction if his water usage goes down. J. Clapper noted the Township will work with him, if his water usage changes. J. Clapper explained he is close to the 90 days mandatory connection, once past that date the higher rate will apply. No action taken.

H. Werkheiser explained the agenda items under Unfinished Business will be heard before Current Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sewer Hump Repair - Completed and will be removed from the agenda. The final pay request is on the agenda for tonight.

Pump Hydraulic Evaluation at Pump Station 2 - J. Clapper noted Sami Saarough has supplied the results and the suggested pump will work. The project is on track. The pumps are a co-star vendor, three pumps are estimated at \$25,000.00.

Overall Evaluation of Pump Stations 1 and 2 - J. Clapper noted the project is on hold.

Service Lateral North of Serfas Road - J. Clapper explained the lateral is on hold even though it was in this year's budget to complete. J. Lastowski noted the previous board had recommended the lateral and the homeowners will need to be notified of any changes. J. Coover questioned if there are more locations which will require a lateral to their property, should the Board wait to evaluate all issues. J. Clapper noted the Serfas Road lateral is to a future service area. Discussion followed. J. Lastowski suggest J. Clapper contact the property owners before any action is taken. No action taken.

Sanofi Feed Station - J. Clapper noted it should be in place within two weeks and will run for a month to determine the chemicals needed to treat the sewage. R. DeYoung noted a compliant was received for odors in the Scotrun Post Office area.

PACT Force Main Project - J. Clapper noted they are getting close to starting to move forward. L. DeVito, Solicitor, noted the Board should receive the revised change order shortly. E. Gndt noted a recent request for a punch list from T&M Associates resulted in a response that they may charge for the documents. Discussion followed on the records held by T&M and why the Township did not have the records.

Water measurement 103 Kenny Way John Prehart installed meter 6/10/16- J. Clapper explained his water meter reading shows only 1. EDUs. After speaking to Mike Tripus, the apartments are empty and work is being done to remodel the apartments. J. Coover questioned if the data is accurate with the apartments being empty. J. Clapper noted the Board has been requesting an annual average to determine water usage. M. Tripus, ZO officer, noted he spoke to the owner and requested the owner apply for permits for the remodeling. There has been conflicting information from the owner on the number of rooms and/or apartments in the building. Discussion followed on ways to determine an accurate water usage.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Install single lateral 2903 Rt. 611 Resort Beverage - Joel Rossi, owner of Resort Beverage, noted after meeting with Chuck Niclaus, Niclaus Engineering, and they have determined to install separate laterals for each property. J. Lastowski made a motion to support extending the \$2,500 discount for 30 days. Motion failed for lack of second. J. Coover questioned if the 90 days means they need to be connected or if the 90 days mean a property owner has made an effort to connect. Discussion followed on the policy to allow an extension of the discount. The Board will review the policy for extensions. B. DeYoung made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to table the extension of the \$2,500.00 discount rate until additional information is received. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; R. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

J. Clapper noted the sewer inquiries need to be addressed and requested the Board consider additional meeting time.

Modified Indemnification Agreement to allow 1% slope on service laterals - J. Clapper noted he spoke to J. Tresslar, Engineer; M. Tripus, Zoning Officer; and Russell Piccotti, BOC; and they agreed the 1% slope will be acceptable. Property owners will be required to sign a modified Indemnification Agreement. J. Coover made a motion, seconded by B. DeYoung, to approve the 1% slope as recommended. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; R. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING:

- a. Deferral to connect 2775, 2777, 2781, 2783 Rte. 611, Howell
- b. Deferral to connect 3013 Rte. 611, Pocono Farm Stand
- c. Deferral to connect 107 Rose Street, Daniel Schaffer
- d. Deferral/extension to connect 2990 Rte. 611, Piotr Panezak
- e. Extend sewer to property, 134 Learn Road, Daystar Holiness Church
- f. Deferral to Connect 212 Cruver Avenue, Joseph Blannard

J. Lastowski made a motion to start the next Sewer Meeting at 5:00 p.m., 08/01/2016 - J. Coover questioned if there were any deferrals which will need to be address before the 08/01/2016 mtg.

J. Lastowski restated the motion, seconded by B. DeYoung to authorize the Twp. Secretary to advertise a special meeting time of 5:00 p.m. on 08/01/2016 unless a special meeting is determined to be needed by 07/19/2016. - Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; R. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

- a. EDU reduction 111 Hilltop Loop, Czopoth - J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to approve the EDU reduction from 12 EDUs to 7 EDUs for 111 Hilltop Loop, Czopoth, PIN: 12636400851516. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; R. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: B. DeYoung made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., until 08/01/2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pocono Township Municipal Building. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; R. DeYoung, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Pamela Finkbeiner
Interim Manager/Twp. Secretary