

POCONO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SEWER MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 15th, 2016 6:00 P.M.

The Sewer meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on 08/15/2016 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 Gnandt, present; Bob DeYoung, absent; 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, Township Secretary, were present.

MINUTES:

E. Gnandt made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to approve the Sewer meeting minutes of 08/01/2016. Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Counterman, Twp. resident, noted he did not have the funds to connect to the sewer system or pay the monthly charges. He noted he is unable to obtain a loan at his age. Discussion followed.

John Strubert, Twp. resident, questioned what would happen if someone does not pay.

Richard Heindricks, Twp. resident, questioned the requirement of permits for hooking up to the sewer system. Mike Tripus, Zoning Officer, noted the permits are required by State law for plumbing and tank abandonment.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

Video Pipe Services, Inc. Contract - J. Clapper explained the original contract included areas which did not have laterals. Discussion followed to cost associated with cancelling the contract. J. Clapper noted the cost to videotape an individual property is estimated to cost \$300.00. J. Lastowski recommended canceling the contract and utilizing the funds on an as-needed basis. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by H. Werkheiser, to cancel the Video Pipe Services, Inc. Contract - J. Coover questioned the cost to cancel the contract. E. Gnandt questioned bidding process and change order. Discussion followed. L. DeVito will review for the cost to cancel the contract.

Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

Testing requirements existing lines - J. Clapper explained testing of the old lines should be required. J. Tresslar noted the manual only includes testing of new lines but not existing lines. The Board directed J. Tresslar to will draft the wordage to include testing of existing lines in the manual.

2174A - Rt. 611 - DCNR - J. Clapper explained DCNR is ready to connect while the Township is working to develop a contract. J. Lastowski made a motion, seconded by J. Coover, to approve the DCNR connection - PIN: 12636404723184. Roll call vote: E. Gnandt, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

3492 Rt. 611, Mountain Creek Grill - J. Clapper explained it has been determined the EDUs were assigned at 15 but water usage indicates the EDUs are 5. L. DeVito noted the tapping fees should be refunded. Jim Ertle, owner noted he is requesting his EDUs fees paid. J. Coover made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to reduce the EDUs from 15 to 5 and return the Tapping fees of \$25,000.00 to 3492 Rt. 611, Mountain Creek Grill **PIN: 07638103242706**. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

116 Turtle Walk Lane, Baymont Inn and suites - J. Clapper explained the water usage indicates a reduction from 57 to 23 EDUs. J. Ertle requested the discounted tapping fee apply. J. Coover noted he was notified in 2014 and the discount rate no longer applies. J. Ertle explained he was working with Mark Ambrose, T&M Associates to install the lines and required EDUs determination. J. Lastowski requested J. Clapper reach out to M. Ambrose to discuss. J. Coover made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to approve the reduction from 57 EDUs to 23 EDUs for 116 Turtle Walk Lane, Baymont Inn and Suites **PIN: 07638103241468**. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.

2756 Rt. 611 - Naseer and Sons, Inc. - J. Clapper noted his water usage shows the reduced water usage to 12 EDUs based on the last quarter. He noted the board previously reduced the EDUs from 16 to 14. Discussion followed. J. Coover noted the policy determines the rates. No action taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sanofi Feed Station - J. Clapper explained they have started the feed station and should have an estimate by the next meeting. J. Coover questioned when it will need to go to bid.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Frantz, Twp. Resident, questioned the policy of hooking up by the end of August. J. Coover noted the residents were given an additional 60 days. P. Frantz noted he has multiple properties to connect and cannot schedule the connections by the date.
Conrad Serfas, Twp. resident, requested extending the reduced rate as a good faith effort.

ADJOURNMENT:

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by E. Gndt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Roll call vote: E. Gndt, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; J. Lastowski, yes; and J. Coover, yes. Motion carried.