

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners  
Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2023**

The Sewer Committee meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 and was opened by Chairman Richard Wielebinski at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Jerrod Belvin, present; Ellen Gndt, present; Gerald J. Lastowski, present; Keith Meeker, present; Rich Wielebinski, present via Zoom.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Leo DeVito, Twp. Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer; Patrick Briegel, Sewer Consultant; and Jennifer Gambino, Administrative Assistant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**HEARINGS** – None

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

J. Belvin made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 sewer committee meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Sewer Resolution Update – No update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS** – None

**APPEALS** – None

**REPORTS**

**SEWER CONSULTANT**

- General Sewer Update. Discussed the failure of the PLC at a pump station last week. The equipment has since been replaced.
- Discussion regarding a generators service contract with Engines Inc. for annual generator service for the Township's pump stations, which would result in a 35 percent savings over the Township's existing service contract.

J. Belvin made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve a generators service contract with Engines Inc. for annual generator service for the Township's pump stations. E. Gndt asked for clarification regarding cost. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Discussion regarding approval of a failover estimate provided by ARGGS Technology in the amount of \$3,874.00 for the purpose of providing a cable modem backup system in each sewer pump station. This is a backup for the existing communications systems, as the Township has been experiencing more intermittent communications losses and need to ensure backup.

R. Wielebinski asked if this is a yearly cost. P. Briegel stated this is a one-time installation cost for the backup system. E. Gnanadt asked about type of backup system. It was clarified it is a backup internet system.

JB, KM. All in favor.

J. Belvin made a motion, seconded by K. Meeker, to approve a failover estimate provided by ARGSTechnology in the amount of \$3,874.00 for the purpose of providing a cable modem backup system in each sewer pump station. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Update – Pump Station 5 Jockey Pump Project. Project is nearly complete and will be complete by next meeting. One outstanding item pertaining to a pH probe.
- Update – Deferred Lateral Connections Project. Project is complete.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

R. Wielebinski discussed the possibility of adding new residential properties to sewer service area. E. Gnanadt asked about whether properties hooked into public sewer would be required to connect to public water. J. Lastowski suggested analysis should be carried out to evaluate whether there are significant numbers of septic systems in jeopardy of failing prior to undergoing any expansion of sewer service.

J. Belvin asked for an update regarding the status of the axe throwing property sewer connection. P. Briegel estimated connection should occur by spring.

## **ADMINISTRATION – None**

## **SEWER ENGINEER**

- Sanofi Sanitary Sewer Easement – No update.
- Act 537 Plan – No update.

## **TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

- Tobyhanna Township Act 537 Capacity Request & Equalization (EQ) Tank. Cash collateral agreement should be in place within the next couple of weeks to allow installation to proceed. Court case proceedings are ongoing.
- Amendment to Intermunicipal Sewage Collection & Disposal Services Agreement. On hold pending litigation. No update.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matt Birkbeck (Resident) – Stated many of the septic mounds in his neighborhood (Tara Drive) are in a state of failure or potential failure.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

J. Belvin made a motion, seconded by E. Gnanadt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.