

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING  
April 22, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordy Post at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Bill Heald, Teresa Sculley, Rick Hall, Guy Steg, Engineer Jeff Kordes, Attorney Robert Jeffery, and Deb Miller.

There were no meetings in the months of February and March 2019.

In attendance were representatives from the Gay Road water line extension: Jonathan Munn, Bruce & Peggy Campbell, Gary & Darlene Snyder, Dianne & Fred Lucore, and Rob Celeski. Water/Sewer Authority vacancy applicant, Jim Konzel, was also in attendance.

At this time, Chairman Gordy Post asked if there were any public comments.

The Township has received a request from Gay Road residents about installing a water line on Gay Road. Attorney Jeffery drafted a Developer's Agreement for which there were some questions. Attorney Jeffery explained that the cost of the project will be divided by the number of people who connect. If the majority of residents are in favor, the Township will hold money in escrow to cover the costs of the project. Payment of escrow monies would need to be made in conjunction with signing of the agreement.

Once there is a firm idea of the costs of the project, this information will be entered into the agreement. If the project comes in under budget, a refund will be issued to the residents. If it goes over budget, the Township will absorb the additional costs.

Mrs. Lucore asked when the project would be started. Chairman Post responded that if there aren't a lot of other projects, expect it to be around the fall.

A few changes will have to be made to the draft agreement. Stephanie Murdock is now the owner of 102 Gay Road. Previously Nancy Lombardo. Also, with the recent passing of William Marchini, appropriate changes to the agreement will need to be made.

Mrs. Lucore asked about people who hook in at a later date. Attorney Jeffery stated that they won't save any money by waiting. Mr. Campbell asked about the ones who hook in later whether they have to pay them back. Attorney Jeffery stated that the agreement is not drafted that way.

There were no more questions at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The annual Engagement Letter from Felix & Gloekler, P.C. to provide the service of auditing the Water/Sewer Authority records was signed by Chairman Post.

At this time, Chairman Post asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2019 meeting. Guy Steg made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented, with the second from Rick Hall. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Post now asked for a motion to approve bills. Bill Heald made the motion to approve all bills, with the second from Rick Hall. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Post went over the Bill of Sale between North East Township Water/Sewer Authority and Ridg-U-Rak. This Bill of Sale turns the sewer line and boring under I90 over to the Authority.

Arundel Winery would like to hook up another facility to the pressure sewer line located on East Main Road. Attorney Jeffery has drafted a Sewer Line Agreement and a Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement. These agreements are similar to prior agreements. After review, Rick Hall made the motion to approve the agreements, with \$5,000.00 being held in escrow, with the second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

Attorney Jeffery summarized a Right of Way Agreement between North East Township and Lindsey Family Revocable Living Trust. Lindsey's are constructing a low-pressure sewer line that runs into the Township's gravity line on Windy Lane. In order to connect to the gravity line, Lindseys need to cross property belonging to North East Township. The Township has given them the Right of Way to do that. In addition, if municipal sanitary sewer is installed on Ackerman Lane, the Lindseys agree to participate in the cost of the sewer line.

Upon completion of Q & A for the Gay Road Water Line Developer's Agreement, Rick Hall made the motion to sign the agreement, once all numbers are known, with the second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

Attorney Jeffery also went over a Developer's Agreement with Mary Dohler and George Dohler, Jr. Their current water system that serves their cottages, along the lake, has not passed inspection. They will be hooking into public water. They will be billed off one master meter located by the road. Because there are several lots, that could potentially be sold, it is understood that no lot will be sold without disconnecting that property from public water.

There is a resident on Lola Lane inquiring about hooking up to public sewer. The only available hook up is from the sewer line that services the I90 Rest Stop; which is located in PennDOT's right of way. This line abuts the resident's back yard. Attorney Jeffery stated that a manhole could be installed

and used as a tie in. After discussion by the Board, they are of the opinion that a whole project be done and cover everyone.

Engineer Kordes reported that Penndot is planning on repaving Rt 89 by I90 in two years. There has been talk about Lakeview Development creating a sub-division on property that they own. PennDOT's repaving would present an opportunity to extend public sewer up Rt 89 for this sub-division. The installation of the sewer could be coordinated with PennDOT so that the road could be open cut. It is being proposed that this extension be funded by North East Township. Estimated cost would be \$400,000.00. Chairman Post asked if Lakeview Development is paying any of the costs. Engineer Kordes stated that they are willing to contribute \$25,000-\$50,000.

There were many concerns raised about the Township recouping their money. Board member Rick Hall feels that there needs to be a more concrete plan for a sub-division. Chairman Post and other Board members agree. There is a general consensus that Lakeview Development is not offering enough money.

The Board wants Lakeview Development to be the driving force for the proposed sewer line extension. Attorney Jeffery stated that a solution would be to have Lakeview Development pay for the extension with an agreement with the Township that they would get reimbursed when houses are built.

Next meeting will be tentatively be July 22, 2019

With all business addressed, Chairman Gordy Post asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Heald made the motion with the second from Guy Steg. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by  
Deborah Miller