

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING
April 27, 2015
7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Montgomery at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Engineer Clay Fails, Bill Heald, Teresa Sculley, Attorney Robert Jeffery, Bob Brown, Tom Lowes, Rick Hall, Julia Gorniak, Gordy Post, and Deb Miller.

There was no one in attendance from the public.

Chairman Montgomery asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015. Gordy Post made the motion to accept the minutes with a second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Montgomery asked Engineer Fails if he had a chance to check on the issue of any constraints with North East Borough regarding an interconnection with Erie Water Works. Engineer Fails replied that he has not checked on that yet. Attorney Jeffery does not believe that there is anything.

At this time, Chairman Montgomery asked for a motion to approve bills as presented (see attached). Bill Heald made the motion to approve all bills, with the second from Gordy Post. All in favor, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Montgomery addressed the Board regarding property, on Chase Road, owned by Mrs. Denise Way. This property runs north to south to Route 5. Mrs. Way would like to sub-divide the property into three lots and is requesting to tie the northern most lot into the existing manhole. Upon sale of each subsequent lot, sewer would then be run. Gordy Post feels that sewer should be run to the last lot.

There is also a concern about selling the lots one at a time and digging up the road each time to install sewer.

Mazza Winery currently has a ROW on the property in question for which he ran a 2" private plastic pressure line. Teresa Sculley asked if Mrs. Way could hook into that line. The line is too small and there is not enough capacity to allow that. Engineer Fails also stated that it is preferred that the sewer stay on the west side of Chase Road and water on the east side. Teresa Sculley asked if the property owner on the west side of the road would have any say in the matter. Chairman Montgomery said not really as the sewer would be in the road ROW.

Gordy Post stated that if an owner makes a subdivision on their property, although small it may be, it is expected that utilities be run. Tom Lowes asked if the lots will be big enough for on lot septic systems. Engineer Fails believes that DEP will not issue permits for on lot systems with public sewer being that close.

Attorney Jeffery stated that the building lot plans need to show where sewer is, and the Board needs to decide if it is a requirement for Mrs. Way to run the sewer to Route 5. Tom Lowes asked who is responsible to put it in. Mrs. Way would have pay all costs and all work would have to be inspected by the Township. A Developer's Agreement would be drafted.

The issue of the \$7,200 connection fee was brought up. It was stated that there is generally a reimbursement agreement between the property owner and the potential buyer and that sometimes those details are stipulated in the buying contract.

After discussion, Bob Brown made a motion to require Mrs. Way to run water and sewer the full length of the lots to Route 5. Rick Hall made the second. All in favor, motion passed.

OTHER:

Pennvest remitted their Modification of Debt Obligation and Other Funding Documents for signature by Chairman Montgomery. This document acknowledges and confirms the repayments of the Pennvest loan. Gordy Post made a motion to have Chairman Montgomery sign the Modification, with a second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Montgomery asked the Board if there is any interest in joining the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA). He received an invitation to join free until the end of 2015 and then yearly dues thereafter. He believes the dues are about \$700/yr. Chairman Montgomery stated that the Township is not an operating authority; therefore, is not sure it would be beneficial to join. There was no interest by the Board to join.

With all business addressed, a motion to adjourn was made by Gordy Post with a second from Bill Heald. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.