

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING
December 19, 2017
7:00 PM

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

There were no meetings in the months of October and November 2017.

In attendance from the public was Robert Mazza.

Chairman Post asked for public comments of which there were none.

Chairman Post read a resignation letter from Julia Gorniak. Julia has served on the Water/Sewer Authority Board since 1991. Chairman Post thanked Julia for her years of service followed by a round of applause from other Board members.

At this time, Chairman Gordon Post asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2017 meeting. Bill Heald made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented, with the second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Engineer Clay Fails reported that Part II of the permit for the West Law Road sewer extension was submitted to DEP the first week of November. He expects that DEP will issue the permit in the first quarter of 2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Jeffery drafted Resolution No. 2017-003 revising Act 57 tapping fees. Greenman-Pederson, Inc. presented their final format, which had no changes from the original draft, to the Board of Supervisors at their December 4, 2017 meeting. This was accepted by the Board of Supervisors at that meeting. Bill Heald made the motion to accept Resolution No. 2017-003 with the second from Rick Hall. All in favor, motion passed.

Robert Mazza was present at the meeting regarding fees associated with EDUs (equivalent dwelling unit) for his winery located on East Lake Road.

Attorney Jeffery stated that Mr. Mazza entered into an agreement to pay for three initial EDU connections at \$7,200.00 each. This agreement also stipulated that actual usage would be re-evaluated,

and additional EDU fees would be charged based on that usage. After calculations, it was determined that EDUs were 5.79 instead of the initial three resulting in additional charges of \$20,088.00. Mr. Mazza objects to the bill.

Mr. Mazza obtained a ROW from the Chase Road property owners to put in a 1 ¼" sewer pressure line. This line then runs another 850' going under Route 5 to the winery. Attorney Jeffery stated that the line on Chase Road and ROW may be a benefit to the Township. At one time, the property owners wanted to sub-divide the property into three lots.

Attorney Jeffery wanted the Board to think about reaching an agreement to adjust the bill and take over the sewer line on Chase Road and purchase the ROW for one dollar (\$1) but not until development of the property.

Mr. Mazza stated that he has invested \$5,000 for the meter in addition to the cost of the 850' of line under Route 5, the initial \$21,600 for EDUs, and then to be hit with three more EDU charges would result in costs of over \$40,000 to tap into sewer. He feels that this is excessive. In addition, he has excessive maintenance fees on the pumps for the system.

Mr. Mazza asked if there was anticipated expansion of the sewer line. Engineer Fails replied that preliminary drawings included picking up the Marina; however, not by way of Route 5.

The question was raised if EDU charges for water worked similar to sewer. Engineer Fails explained that it is based on gallons per day (gpd) of consumption and the definition of EDU can change. DEP generally uses 400 gpd while the Municipal Authorities Act is a lot less, approximately 200 gpd.

After discussion, it was decided to have Engineer Fails look into this further. The general question is if the Chase Road property owners wanted to sub-divide into three lots, can the sewer line handle three more homes.

OTHER:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

With all business addressed, Chairman Gordy Post adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by
Deborah Miller