

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING
February 20, 2018 - Re-Org
7:00 PM

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

There was no meeting in the month of January 2018.

In attendance from the public was Cindy Cunningham.

Chairman Post welcomed new member, Guy Steg, who was appointed by the Supervisors at their February 19, 2018 meeting.

Chairman Post turned the floor over to Secretary Bill Heald for nominations of Chairman. Rick Hall made the motion to nominate Gordy Post for Chairman with the second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed. The floor was now turned over to Chairman Post for nominations of Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Teresa Sculley made the motion to nominate Bill Heald for Vice-Chairman with the second from Rick Hall. All in favor, motion passed. Bill Heald made the motion to nominate Rick Hall for Secretary with the second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed. Tom Lowes made the motion to nominate Teresa Sculley for Treasurer, with the second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

At this time, Chairman Post asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2017 meeting. Tom Lowes made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented, with the second from Bill Heald. 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 Teresa Sculley, All in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a letter of interest from Cindy Cunningham. Chairman Post notified Cindy that the Supervisors just appointed Guy Steg to the Water/Sewer Authority Board at their meeting the night before. Her letter will be kept on file for future openings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Engineer Fails updated the Board on the West Law Road sewer extension. DEP has issued the Water Quality Management permit. The sewer project can move ahead and be built at the Township's convenience. Tom Lowes asked who will be installing and where does it go to. Engineer Fails replied that he believes the Township will be installing and the line starts at the existing line by Meehl Road to the property of Lane Neff, which is about half way to Twelve Mile Creek. This is considered Phase 1.

Engineer Fails revisited the Mazza Winery issue and the Township potentially taking over the private, low pressure sewer system. He was asked to evaluate whether or not the low pressure line could accommodate the addition of three homes. Engineer Fails reached out to the company who sold the grinder pump that Mazza Winery is using.

The sewer line is a 1 ¼” line, pretty small for this type of system. The ultimate question that was proposed to Engineer Fails was if three houses connected, can the system work. Engineer Fails’ answer to that question was “yes” it can work. There are, however, some caveats. By Mr. Mazza’s own admission, there have been some problems with the system. Also, Mr. Mazza’s pump is the Cadillac of pumps, allowing the most pressure that you can buy. If the three new homes buy the same pump, they can co-exist with one another. If another type of pump is purchased, those pumps would not be able to compete with Mr. Mazza’s pump. The three homes could also be served by gravity.

Chairman Post recapped that Mr. Mazza is looking for relief on his connection charges. He initially paid for three hook ups and after review of his usage, per the agreement, was billed for 2.79 more EDUs for an additional \$20,088.00. Mr. Mazza is willing to make changes to the line for potential Township take over.

Attorney Jeffery stated the ROW, between Mr. Mazza and the Ways, can’t be located. He reached out to Attorney Mizner, who handled the transaction for Mr. Mazza, but there doesn’t seem to be any recording at the Court House.

Chairman Post stated that if the line were to be taken over by the Township, there would have to be certain conditions regarding the pumping systems used.

Attorney Jeffery also added that there is a vineyard on the other side of the three lots. This might have to be taken into consideration as one day someone might express interest in developing that land.

Board member, Theresa Sculley, asked if there were any situations similar to this one where residential and business were utilizing the same sewer line. McDonald’s is the closest to this scenario, but there is an actual pumping station for that sewer line.

The bottom line is the Township would have to take over the line in order to develop the lots. Since there are still unanswered questions about the low pressure sewer line, no decision could be made tonight. Chairman Post is asking the Board to think about the information that was presented.

Next tentative meeting will be March 26th at 7:00 p.m.

With all business addressed, Chairman Gordy Post asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Brown made the motion with the second from Bill Heald. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.