

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING

July 13, 2016

7:00 PM

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

In attendance from the public were Ed Sveda, Sr. and Jeff Haines.

Chairman Montgomery asked for comments from the public of which there were none.

Chairman Montgomery asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting. Bill Heald made the motion to accept the minutes with a second from Julia Gorniak. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Montgomery then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on May 11, 2016. Bill Heald made the motion to accept the minutes with a second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Haines spoke to the Board about re-routing the existing sewer in order to put an addition on the back of his building located at 10575 West Main Rd. The building would be built over the existing sewer line. He had an excavator look at the existing sewer who determined that the slope is .75%. Based on calculations, re-routing should still be above the .5% calculation allowable.

Engineer Doug Sceiford stated that a Right of Way (ROW) would be needed. Mr. Haines was okay with that. The ROW will have to stipulate who would pay costs if changes needed to be made in the future.

Engineer Sceiford said that a manhole should be put in place to use when building the extension to pump out and around if anything were to happen. Initially there would be two manholes and three total when project complete.

Board member Bill Heald did not see a problem with re-routing the line and felt that the existing capacity (which is believed to be 12") and minimum slope should be contained. Engineer Sceiford stated that the slope is not an issue and that the capacity will change a bit but shouldn't be an issue either.

Mr. Haines also added that it would be okay to stipulate in the agreement that he would not build any further back.

Engineer Sceiford stated that he would have to speak with Engineer Fails to see if the sewer extension will be okay.

The ground is all shale but Engineer Sceiford believes that a bridge can be put over the shale while working. He also stated that the Township would have to give their okay to put a building over the sewer line. Township personnel would have to be on site for inspection. Engineer Fails will come up with a design and Attorney Jeffery will draw up a Right of Way agreement along with a Developer's agreement

Gordy Post made the motion to recommend to the Supervisor's to allow Mr. Haines to construct a building over the existing sewer line provided the following accommodations are made to protect existing sewer line:

1. Existing sewer line has to be spanned for protection
2. Install new manhole on the southwest corner of new building to provide alternate route if damage occurs to existing line
3. Hill Engineering to design all aspects of the extension including the span and manhole
4. All engineering and legal fees shall be paid for by Mr. Haines
5. Mr. Haines responsible for all inspections
6. If damage occurs to existing line, Mr. Haines shall be responsible for the replacement of the line according to contingency plans provided by Hill Engineering
7. If any future problems arise, they will be the responsibility of Mr. Haines

Bill Heald made the second to Gordy Post's motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Attorney Jeffery stated that the Board should make a motion to have Dave Montgomery authorize and sign any documents pertaining to this project. Gordy Post made the motion with a second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Haines asked about an escrow. Attorney Jeffery stated that a Right of Way agreement will be drawn up.

Ed Sveda also presented the Board with a Phase I sewer extension request. The request is to extend sewer from the terminus on West Law Road heading west in front of Bob Brown's property to the end of Mr. Lafferty's property.

Engineer Sceiford stated that Engineer Fails has spoken with the Township regarding this request and a proposal was written on May 13, 2016. Engineer Sceiford stated that this plan has been started before and submitted to DEP; however, later withdrawn by the Township. Most of the previous plan can be used. The line will be a pressure line with private connections requiring grinder pumps.

Mr. Sveda asked for the specs on the pipe. Engineer Sceiford stated that it is SDR-11.

Chairman Montgomery asked if boring will be done. Mr. Sveda said it would be two, 500' pushes.

Mr. Sveda is asking for the Board's blessing to move forward. Engineer Sceiford explained that this is a process and that this extension was looked at before. If DEP discovers malfunctions further out they may require extension of the sewer to include those homes. Hook up would be mandatory if the homes are within 150' of the sewer line.

There were no objections to Mr. Sveda's request. Engineer Sceiford suggested the Board let the Supervisors know they are in favor of the phase project, based on Engineer Fails' proposal, moving forward.

Bill Heald made the motion to send the proposal to the Supervisors for their approval. A Developer's agreement and making sure DEP legalities are all met are part of the approval. Gordy Post made the second. All in favor, motion passed. Board member Bob Brown presented a memo abstaining from the vote as the sewer extension would front property owned by him.

Mr. Sveda asked if he can hook into the sewer himself if DEP turns down the proposal. Engineer Sceiford stated that he may have to enter into an agreement that if sewer ever extends further, he would have to participate in his fair cost.

Resident Holly Ferrugia asked if it was feasible to see engineer's plans. Engineer Sceiford stated that a Developer's agreement and escrow have to be in place first. She then asked if her brother purchases Mr. Brown's property, can he hook into the water line. She was told that he would have to speak with the Township about that.

With all business addressed, a motion to adjourn was made by Bill Heald with a second from Julia Gorniak. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.