

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING  
March 24, 2014 – Re-Org  
7:00 PM

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

There were no meetings in the months of January or February, 2014.

In attendance from the public were Ann Kreider, Don & Amy Bement, Paul Crowe, Shawn Pupura, and Trevor Heberlein.

Chairman Montgomery opened the floor for public comment of which there were none.

Chairman Montgomery asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting. Gordy Post made the motion with a second from Julia Gorniak. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Dave Montgomery turned the floor over to Secretary Bob Brown for nominations of Officers for the Water/Sewer Authority Board. A motion was made by Julia Gorniak to keep all officers the same with a second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed. Officers are, Dave Montgomery, Chairman, Julia Gorniak, Vice Chairman, Gordon Post, Treasurer, and Robert Brown, Secretary.

*CORRESPONDENCE:*

A thank you card will be sent to Ben Mosier for his years of service on the Board from 1998-2013.

The Board received a resignation letter from John Best.

It was announced that the “Notice to Connect” letter was sent out for the final phase of the sewer project.

*OLD BUSINESS:*

In his absence, Engineer Sceiford submitted an updated report on the sewer project and the extension of the sewer line on West Law Road.

Very little activity has occurred on the sewer project due to the weather. Balance of work remaining is restoration. Engineer Sceiford will contact construction companies, in April, to determine if a job meeting would be helpful to discuss balance of project.

There has been no communication from Greenland’s insurance carrier regarding Jim Moore’s claim.

On Contract 3 the bank along Route 89 has oozed past the erosion and soil protection onto the roadway shoulder. Chivers had addressed this issue twice. First time was clean up and the second time they worked with the Township to hopefully make a more permanent repair. This will reflect as a change order on the contract.

The planning module for the West Law Road sewer line extension was submitted to DEP on March 14, 2014. Engineer Sceiford reported that after initial verbal response from DEP, they are asking for more information. These requirements are outlined in the attached document.

Chairman Montgomery stated that these requirements could possibly shoot a hole in the whole plan. He suggested that it might be better to get together as a private system. It would probably be less costly.

Shawn Purpura stated that for those systems that are surveyed and found to be non-environmentally sound and being required to hook up would bring the cost down; however, if they were to survey their neighbors about hooking into a sewer line he is pretty sure that their response is going to be no.

Attorney Jeffery suggested waiting for Engineer Sceiford to determine additional costs that these requirements may incur. Once the sewer line is constructed it will belong to the Water/Sewer Authority. If the interested parties construct the extension, it may not cost as much.

At this time, Engineer Sceiford has only had verbal communication with DEP. It is a good idea to wait until it is in writing from DEP regarding their requirements.

Attorney Jeffery also explained that if an on lot system is not working properly DEP will require them to hook up and will lean on the Township to make them hook up.

Chairman Montgomery asked for a motion to approve all bills as outlined on the Agenda (attached). Bill Heald made the motion to approve all bills with a second from Gordy Post. All in favor, motion passed.

*OTHER:*

There are two vacancies on the Water/Sewer Authority Board. It was discussed to have interested parties submit a resume. Attorney Jeffery stated that a committee of 3 could be appointed to review these resumes and at that time may make recommendations to the Township.

Trevor Heberlein approached the Board regarding property that he recently purchased, on North Mill Street, which he would like to build a residence. He would like to be able to hook into the sewer located just south of said property. He is inquiring as to where he goes from here.

Chairman Montgomery stated that it will have to be reviewed as to how the sewer line was installed and all the facts will have to be looked at. He did inform Mr. Heberlein that it will be necessary to pump.

Chairman Montgomery informed Mr. Heberlein that standard procedure is to have a Developer's Agreement and an escrow would have to be set up. Mr. Heberlein asked if the engineering can be done on his own and submitted to the Township for approval.

Attorney Jeffery explained that typically the escrow is set up and Hill Engineering designs a plan and they are paid from the escrow account.

Engineer Sceiford will need to be contacted as to how the sewer line was constructed. It may be possible that approval will not be needed from DEP.

With all business addressed, a motion to adjourn was made by Gordy Post with a second from Bill Heald. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.