

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING  
March 27, 2017  
7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordon Post at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Julia Gorniak, Teresa Sculley, Bob Brown, Tom Lowes, Attorney Robert Jeffery, Engineer Jeff Kordes, and Deb Miller.

Supervisor Fredrick Shunk was also in attendance.

There was no meeting in the month of February 2017.

Chairman Post asked for any public comment for which there were none.

At this time, Chairman Gordon Post asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2017 meeting. Tom Lowes made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented, with the second from Julia Gorniak. All in favor, motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Engineer Kordes updated the Board on the Haines' sewer project. The Doghouse manhole has been installed, inspected and is acceptable. Supervisor Shunk made a request to make sure the manhole, east of the building, is sealed properly, inspected and signed off of by the engineer. Engineer Kordes noted that he will make Engineer Fails aware of the request.

Engineer Kordes also reported that on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Engineer Fails had received an email from Cindy Selby, from DEP, stating that she had a few questions about the West Law Road sewer project. As of the 24<sup>th</sup>, he is still awaiting those questions. The plan module has been approved and Greenman-Pedersen is now preparing to complete the water quality report.

The Board revisited mandatory connection into pressure sewers. Currently the Ordinance only addresses service for first floors. Chairman Post asked if the Supervisors had any opinions.

Supervisor Fredrick Shunk spoke to the Board about private installs of pressure sewer lines. Currently, West Law Road is out as far as it can go with a gravity system. They don't want to see privately funded projects shut down because of angry neighbors who are forced to hook in.

Engineer Kordes presented the Board with Engineer Fails' opinion that occupied buildings should be required to hook in with requirements for set-back to be 150 – 200 ft. A question of who should maintain grinder pumps, and the pressure sewer should be designed to accommodate future homes were also part of Engineer Fails' input. Attorney Jeffery voiced concerns about forced connections to private

funded projects. He feels that it could impede the development of the project. Everyone along the line would have to be notified, fearing that it would create screaming and yelling from residents who don't want to connect. If there are too many opposed, the project risks being turned down.

Chairman Post would like to recommend to the Supervisors to pass an Ordinance pertaining to pressure sewer lines that there is exemption from hook up along privately funded pressure lines until such time that there is septic system failure. In addition, new construction will be required to hook in. Attorney Jeffery added the condition that DEP requirement would have to hook in. Also, municipal sewer pressure projects would be required to hook in.

A question was raised about making new owners hook into pressure lines. Attorney Jeffery does not recommend this as transfers are not always known and transfers are not always indicative of a new owner.

After all discussion, Tom Lowes made the motion to approve Chairman Post's recommendation to the Supervisors, with the second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed.

Pressure sewer lines require the use of grinder pumps. Discussion on how to handle the grinder pump purchase and maintenance followed. Supervisor Shunk stated that he has seen the whole system for less than \$4,000.00.

Chairman Post proposed that the purchase and maintenance of grinder pumps should be the sole responsibility of the owner unless it is part of a municipal sewer project. In this event, the grinder pump will be part of the cost of the project and after installation all maintenance is the responsibility of homeowner. Julia Gorniak made the motion to accept Chairman Post's proposal with the second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed.

Teresa Sculley had a couple questions about the private lines. She asked that after they are installed do they become property of the Township. It was explained that the line up to the curb stop will become the Township's. The second question was does the line get run to the end of the property line. It was stated that it is commonly done that way.

The next issue revisited was the reduction of board members from nine to seven. Tom Lowes felt that since there is not too much going on at this time, a seven member board would be fine. Attorney Jeffery drafted Resolution 2017-001 in the event that the board members are reduced from nine to seven. The Board passed the Resolution and now will be presented to the Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Shunk informed the Board that the Fish & Boat Commission has approached the Township about extending the existing sewer from Chase Road to the North East Marina. The extension is approximately 3,000 ft. of a 4 in. line. The approximate cost is \$275,000. This will require a pump station which will be their responsibility. Their existing small flow system is good for about five more

years. Tom Lowes asked if the Township will install it. Supervisor Shunk stated that this will be the Fish & Boat Commission's project and there will be a Developer's Agreement.

Supervisor Shunk also notified the Board that Rizer Fireworks is working on running a 4 in. water line under Route 20 to the property that was once 84 Lumber. The run is approximately 355 ft. It will be approximately a \$65,000. tap. This will supply fire suppression for the proposed fireworks store.

Engineer Kordes filled the Board in on Ridg U Rak's plans for a warehouse facility on Loomis Street. The structure will be approximately 200,000 sq. ft. They have submitted their storm water management plans. Attorney Jeffery added that a Water Line, Sewer Line and Storm Water Management Agreement have all been drafted and are standard agreements. No action is required from the W/S Authority, and that this is informational purposes only.

Attorney Jeffery told the Board that Supervisor Fredrick Shunk was successful in getting the Crawford Road lot transferred to the Township from the Borough. This was a matter that had been broached before; however, never completed.

With all business addressed, Chairman Gordy Post adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by  
Deborah Miller