

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING  
October 24, 2016  
7:00 PM

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

In attendance from the public were Ed Sveda, Sr. and Donald Lafferty.

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 July 13, 2016 meeting. Julia Gorniak 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). Bill Heald made the motion to approve all bills, with the second from Tom Lowes. All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Engineer Clay Fails gave an update on Jeff Haines' sewer extension. Mr. Haines' architect, Dale Roth, has submitted plans for the by-pass sewer around the existing building. Engineer Fails stated that he has some questions for the structural engineer. The plan illustrates that the foundation for one pier is placed over the existing sewer. Engineer Fails needs more details before he can make a determination regarding the plan.

Chairman Montgomery expressed concerns about the new by-pass and its longer length resulting in the loss of capacity. Engineer Fails increased the size of the pipe from 12" to 15" which will remedy that potential problem.

There was discussion about making Mr. Haines install the new manhole now to help with the bypass pumping. Chairman Montgomery suggested that that could be a condition of the Sewer Line Agreement. Chairman Montgomery asked Engineer Fails the estimated cost of the bypass. Engineer Fails was not sure on costs.

Engineer Fails updated the Board regarding the West Law Road sewer extension request. The planning module is being prepared with the DEP permit request all the way to Twelve Mile Creek. The planning module consists of a Phase 1, to be constructed now, and a Future Phase. Engineer Fails contacted Donna Smith, of DEP, regarding submittal of the planning module and which phases should be included. Ms. Smith informed Engineer Fails that both phases should be included with the planning module.

Because the Phase 1 and Future plans consists of more than five connections, an additional permit is required. Initial construction would include two homes and a vacant parcel for future building. Discussion also included extending Phase 1 to include the Neff property and Rickrode property.

Ed Sveda, of West Law Road, stated that Mr. Neff expressed interest, through a third party, that he was interested in public sewer as long as he was not required to hook in immediately. It is believed that Mr. Neff would be willing to split the costs for availability down the road.

Board member, Gordy Post, stated that DEP may require a study on every septic passed up through the area. Attorney Jeffery added that the Supervisors were also worried that DEP would require an expanded study if the sewer is extended too far.

Engineer Fails asked if the policy was to run sewer to the property line of the last served. In gravity situations it is; however, there is no policy in effect for pressure systems.

Engineer Fails stated that he wants to be very clear in what is remitted to DEP. Upon further discussion, it was left that if Mr. Neff is interested in the sewer, then sewer would be run to Mr. Neff's property. Otherwise, sewer will stop at the Lafferty property.

Board member, Rick Hall, inquired about the possibility of more connections if property were subdivided, and what DEP's position on this is. Engineer Fails replied that the design could be drafted to allow future growth.

The proposed sewer extension is a low pressure system, so the question was raised as to whether it is or is not mandatory to hook into a pressure system.

Attorney Jeffery stated that the Township has not forced connection to pressure lines. The Ordinance, as written, relates to gravity service lines in homes. He believes that when the Ordinance was drafted, it was not intended to make people hook into pressure lines.

Chairman Montgomery stated that there should be some clarification of the Ordinance regarding sewer pressure lines.

Gordy Post made the motion to recommend to the Township Supervisors that Attorney Jeffery write a letter of clarification of the Ordinance so that the Water/Sewer Administrative Assistant can clearly state the policy regarding pressure sewer lines. Bill Heald made the second. All in favor, motion carried.

With all business addressed, a motion to adjourn was made by Gordy Post with a second from Bill Heald. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.