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**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

**ROLL CALL:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Peters Township Sanitary Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman. Board members present were G. Robert Jacobs, George A. Khalouf, Gerald C. Grubesky, and John P. Slagle. Also present were Terry Soster and Kevin Hoffman, KLH Engineers: Fred E. Baxter, Jr., Solicitor; James J. Miskis, Manager; Mark A. Chucuddy, Assistant Manager; Patricia Foote, Financial Controller, and Mildred Paff, Admin/Acct Clerk. Absent from this meeting was Board Member, Denver E. Yingling.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the August 10, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted by a motion made by Gerald Grubesky, seconded by John Slagle, and carried without a dissenting vote.

**VISITORS:**

**1. Daniel Wallach requesting variation of policy for extending sewers to property line**

Mr. Wallach owns several parcels of ground behind Eat N Park on Route 19. He is requesting permission to connect a home that he owns on 3510 Washington Road to the sanitary sewer. The home is experiencing septic problems which he would like to remedy as soon as possible. The property does not abut the sanitary sewer but Mr. Wallach also owns property to the sewer line on Route 19 that he could construct the service line to serve this home.

Mr. Jacobs asked Mr. Wallach how he proposes to connect the home. Mr. Wallach said he wants to install a 6-inch line to the sewer line on Route 19 which will result in two parallel 6-inch service lines through property he owns. Mr. Wallach said he will record a right of way through the adjoining property for future use. Mr. Miskis recommends that this property be considered for a variation since Mr. Wallach owns all the property although they are individual parcels, and there is no other unsewered property upstream that would benefit from extension of the public sewer.

George Khalouf moved to grant Mr. Wallach a variance for installing the sewer line to Route 19 subject to the recording of the right of way. The motion, seconded by Gerald Grubesky, carried without a dissenting vote.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Fred Baxter, Solicitor, reported that he and Mr. Miskis attended the hearing at the Magistrate's Office for the Authority's claim against Allegheny Power for damages to 140 Sherwood Drive. Allegheny Power was not represented at this hearing. The Magistrate placed the charge on Allegheny Power in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Patti Foote reported that there was an inquiry today by someone interested in purchasing the property as to on the monies owed on the Labrosse property on Justabout Road. Someone is interested in purchasing the property. This is the only property that has not connected to the sanitary sewer from the Ivy Lane Project. Ms. Foote said there are charges for the tap fee (which is liened), assessment, and possibly legal fees that should be collected when the home is sold.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Copy on file

Kevin Hoffman reported there had been little activity on the Ivy Lane Project the past month. At the August meeting, a payment of \$10,764.76 was approved subject to the contractor, Glenn Johnson, Inc. providing the closing documents and Change Order No. 7. There has been no response to KLH's notice to the contractor.

Mr. Slagle recommended another attempt, by letter, be made to get the final documentation from the contractor so that the project can be closed. This documentation is required by PennVest to close out the project also.

In regard to the Sugar Camp Road Stream Crossing Project, Mr. Hoffman reported that we are still awaiting the General Permit from DEP. The bid opening for the project was September 13<sup>th</sup>. Three bids were received and the apparent low bidder was Oakdale Construction in the amount of \$22,880.00. KLH recommends awarding bid to Oakdale Construction.

Gerald Grubesky moved to award the contract for the Sugar Camp Road Stream Crossing Project to Oakdale Construction with the stipulation that he will not be given the Notice to Proceed until all permits are received. The motion was seconded by John Slagle and carried without a dissenting vote.

Under the Pump Station Upgrades, Mr. Hoffman said that Oakdale Construction has not submitted a payment request for Contract 2003-2. Outstanding items on the mechanical construction are a change order and O&M manuals to close out the project.

The electrical contractor of the Pump Station Upgrades, PFB Electric Co., submitted a final payment request but no payment will be made until the corrected O&M Manuals are received. Mr. Hoffman prepared Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$2,467.03 as a credit to the Authority for some electrical problems that Authority personnel corrected and a credit for utility allowances. John Slagle moved to authorize Change Order No. 1 to Contract 2003-3, a credit to the Authority from PFB Electric Company, in the amount of \$2,467.03. George Khalouf seconded the motion that carried without a dissenting vote.

Oakdale Construction has not submitted the final request for payment for the Donaldson's Crossroads WWTP Dechlorination Facility and closing documents to date. The balance to close

out the project is \$5,480.00. George Khalouf moved to approve payment of the \$5,480.00 to Oakdale Construction contingent upon receiving the documents necessary to close out the project. The motion, seconded by Gerald Grubesky, carried without a dissenting vote.

State Pipe submitted a payment request for the Area B Rehabilitation Project (Contract 2003-4) and KLH recommends payment in the amount of \$1,985.60. Gerald Grubesky moved to approve Payment No. 6 to State Pipe in the amount of \$1,985.60 for Contract 2003-4. John Slagle seconded the motion that carried without a dissenting vote.

The bid opening for the Friar Lane Liner Rehabilitation Project has been postponed until September 23, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. The Board will meet on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 to award the contract.

Mr. Jacobs questioned the status of Contract 2003-4A with Allstate Power Vac for the lining project. Mr. Hoffman said we are holding \$2,475.00 retainage pending response from the contractor on the need to return to correct liner ends. Gerald Grubesky moved to approve payment of \$2,475.00 to Allstate Power Vac, contingent upon completion of the outstanding issues, to close out Contract 2003-4A. The motion was seconded by John Slagle and carried without a dissenting vote.

As the exposed Valleybrook Interceptor and Streambank Rehab Project has been considered an emergency repair, the Authority will purchase the materials and Joe Stewart Contracting will do the work under the Authority's supervision. Drawings and bill of materials should be provided by KLH prior to September 17<sup>th</sup>. The stream encroachment permit application has been submitted.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Copy on file

Mr. Miskis reported that the Authority is in the second of four option years for the sludge and screenings contract with Waste Management. The third option year is a 5% increase over the current charges. Gerald Grubesky moved to approve extending the sludge hauling contract with Waste Management for the third option year. The motion was seconded by John Slagle and carried with a vote of 3 in favor and one abstaining.

Mr. Miskis reported on 103 Canterbury Lane which is at the intersection of Waterdam Road and Canterbury Lane. The property has experienced sewage backups and the property owner installed a plug in the floor drain to eliminate the backups. He has also installed an outside backwater valve, in hopes to protect his basement. As this is an ongoing problem, Mr. Miskis recommends doing the necessary steps to provide the property owner with a grinder pump to permanently resolve this backup problem by next spring in the same manner as was done for the Stratford Drive property owners. The Board members concurred with the manager's recommendation.

There are eight laterals that are classified as either Wet or Very Wet that enters manholes in the East Highlands area that will be investigated further during the next rain event.

John Slagle moved to approve the Fair Acres Sewer Extension (Hays Road/Upper St. Clair) for ownership as all requirements have been satisfied. The motion, seconded by George Khalouf, carried without a dissenting vote.

John Slagle moved to accept the Meadow Ridge sewer extension for use so that tap permits can be issued. Gerald Grubesky seconded the motion that carried without a dissenting vote. Regarding the Ivy Lane Sewer Extension, Gerald Grubesky moved to approve payment of \$4,300.00 to Morgan Hoge, 599 Justabout Road, for restoration subject to proper execution of a release. The motion was seconded by John Slagle and carried without a dissenting vote.

**FINANCIAL CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Copy on file

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION:** Copy on file

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW:** Month ending August 31, 2004

**PAYMENT OF BILLS & REQUISITIONS:**

John Slagle moved to approve payment of Operating Fund checks 17178 through 12256 (voiding check #12243) totaling \$65,621.28; Developer Fund checks 306, 307, and 308 totaling \$12,344.20, and Capital Improvement & Redemption Fund Requisition No. 13-04 listing six vendors owed the total amount of \$26,826.40. The motion was seconded by George Khalouf and carried without a dissenting vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Peters Township Sanitary Authority was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by a motion made by George Khalouf, seconded by Gerald Grubesky, and carried without a dissenting vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Paff, Admin/Acct. Clerk