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REGULAR MEETING

June 14, 2005

ROLL CALL:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Peters Township Sanitary Authority was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chairman. Board members present were G. Robert Jacobs, John P. Slagle, and Denver E. Yingling. 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 L. Foote, Financial Controller. Absent from the meeting were George A. Khalouf, Gerald C. Grubesky, and Mildred Paff, Admin/Acct. Clerk

REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

John Slagle moved to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2005 meeting with minor changes. The motion was seconded by Denver Yingling and carried without a dissenting vote.

VISITORS:

1. Marty Gillespie, Heartland Homes requesting an additional variance on building sewer installation procedure. Also present were future Hidden Brook residents Mr. & Mrs. Walter Henricks and Lori Plecenik.

Mr. Gillespie explained that he was before the board last month and was granted a variance to install a portion of the building sewers for 12 dwellings prior to the sanitary sewers being approved for use. He thought that the sewers would be approved for use at this evening's meeting, however due to some unforeseen issues with some of the sewer line segments that is not possible. Mr. Gillespie is here to request an additional variance which would permit him to install the remaining portion of the building sewers for the 12 dwellings and connect them to the sanitary sewer that has not been approved for use. He stated that due to logistics, by granting this request it would advance their schedule by seven days.

Mr. Miskis pointed out that the Authority had televised several of the sewer segments, and there is a problem with a few of them in as much as they have appeared to have settled and now have a sag in them. Mr. Hoffman stated that he was aware that there was a geo-technical person on site today to make a recommendation on how best to correct the problem, as this particular segment is in the area where fill was placed. He also stated that he was aware that the Developers contractor was working in various locations to address the issues. Mr. Hoffman stated that he has concerns as this area will be served by the new pump station that has not been started up and tested yet. The pumps have been sitting in the wet well for approximately a year and a half without being rotated, and during startup there is potential for things to go wrong.

After a lengthy discussion John Slagle moved to grant the request for the additional variance which would permit the connection of the building sewers for the 12 dwellings to the sanitary sewer which has not been approved for use. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Board indicated to Mr. Gillespie that they would convene the second scheduled meeting in order to approve for use the sanitary sewers provided that everything is in order prior to then.

2. Carrilee Hemington, developer of the Overlook Plan of Lots and Joe Young of Windridge Engineering regarding the acceptance of flows for sewage facilities planning

Mr. Miskis pointed out that the committee met with the developer and engineers just week. Based on recent flow monitoring results, the Timbercrest Pump Station flows are greater than originally thought. The new sewer layout does not require grinder pumps for any lots in the Overlook Plan, however PTSA would require extra capacity for the use of grinder pumps to serve other downstream lots in the future. This requirement would add substantial cost for the authority if we were to proceed under the previous cost sharing based on peak flows. Mr. Young suggested that perhaps the Authority undertake an I/I study to determine where the additional flow is originating and eliminate same before proceeding with design.

A discussion followed concerning an I/I study relative to the time frame and the success of such projects. Reduction of peak flows such as experienced in January 2005, is unlikely due to the majority of water originating from private laterals. An I/I study is not an option at this time.

Mr. Miskis stated that several options were presented to the committee regarding the project such as a cost sharing on an EDU basis as opposed to capacity basis, and that we will need to re-evaluate those alternatives, and after doing so will respond to the developer. As to keep the project moving forward and not to hold the developer up, Mr. Miskis recommended that the Board accept the sewage flows, 28 EDUs or 11,200 GPD, from the proposed development into its system.

John Slagle moved to accept the 28 EDUs or 11,200 GPD sewage flows from the Overlook Plan of Lots into the Brush Run system. The motion seconded by Denver Yingling carried without a dissenting vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No written copy provided

Mr. Baxter reported that he has been in touch with the Ritter's attorney regarding the required right of way for the Crossgates project and was advised that after a few negotiated changes in the agreement that the Ritters would be signing. Mr. Miskis reported that there are two additional right of ways for the project that have not been received, one from Mr. Mincin who had indicated that he would sign, and one from Mr. Friem who travels frequently for business.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Copy on file

John Slagle moved to enter into executive session at 8:20 PM to discuss negotiated settlement of the Ivy Lane Sewer project construction contract and also property acquisition. Motion was seconded by Denver Yingling and carried without a dissenting vote.

The Board exited executive session at 8:40 PM. John Slagle moved to accept the negotiated settlement of the Ivy Lane Sewer Contract as outline by KLH Engineers in executive session. Motion seconded by Denver Yingling and carried without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Soster reported that there has been no official response from Bethel Park regarding the Piney Fork Municipal Act 537 Plan. He is suggesting that we request a meeting with DEP to discuss this matter, as well as DEP's comments on the task activity report for the DCWWTP Expansion Planning. Mr. Soster thought that it would be beneficial to try to include some of the upper management staff from the DEP planning sector as well as our local DEP Planning Specialist.

Mr. Hoffman indicated that KLH is in the process of finalizing the bid documents for the Crossgates Sewer Project, and should have them ready in time to advertise to take bids on July 6, 2005 if this date was acceptable. The Board concurred and authorized the project to be advertised.

Mr. Hoffman reported that Oakdale Construction is 70% complete on change order #3 to the Brush Stream Bank Emergency Repair Project, and that presented tonight is a pay request in the amount of \$64,145.00 which KLH recommends payment. John Slagle moved to make payment on pay request #5 in the amount of \$64,145.00 to Oakdale Construction. Denver Yingling seconded the motion which carried without a dissenting vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Copy on file

Mr. Miskis reported that the month of May was somewhat dry with only 2.4" of rain recorded, resulting in a monthly average flow of only 0.89 MGD at the BRWPCP. The last time that we had a May monthly average flow less than 1 MGD was May 1998.

We have received several odor complaints from some residents along Hemlock Drive in the Stratford manor plan adjacent to the DCWPCP. The odors appear to be from the package plant digester. We have been running an additional blower to combat the problem. Due to the logistics and the large capacity of the package plant aeration C cell, the tank has not been cleaned for some time, therefore, we are taking advantage of the low flows and taking the tanks down for cleaning and maintenance. Unfortunately, this may result in additional odors for the residents. We have sent letters to the adjoining property owners advising them of our plans.

Mr. Miskis indicated that we have another problem regarding odors, this is at our Stratford Manor pump station. The recent upgrade added odor control facilities, however when the fan is turned on the neighbors complain that the noise is very distracting. We have constructed an enclosure with sound absorbing material, but this has not completely solved the problem. If the fan speed was slowed down to minimum speed, this should reduce the whining noise of the fan motor. We have a proposal from Technical Electric Service to install a variable frequency drive and timer mechanism on the fan for a total of \$1,100.00. While this is more than we would like to spend on this issue, Mr. Miskis is requesting permission to proceed with installation. John Slagle moved to install a VFD on the Stratford Manor odor control system at a cost of \$1,100.00. Denver Yingling seconded the motion which carried without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Miskis reported that the tapping fee update in accordance with Act 57 of 2003 is required to be in place by June 30, 2005. Included in your docket was a report entitled Summary Report of Tapping Fee

Calculation and Connection Charges that was generated by management that describes the detailed itemization of the tapping fee charge. The report includes appendices, one of which is the report on the same subject as prepared by KLH Engineers. A resolution has been prepared for adoption which states: The Peters Township Sanitary Authority Summary Report of Tapping Fee Calculation and Connection Charges, including its appendices establish the basis for the Tapping Fee is hereby approved; and pursuant to same, the Tapping Fee for residential single family and multi family dwellings where a “wye” is available shall be \$2,700 and where a “tap and saddle” is installed by the Authority the fee shall be \$2,880. The Tapping Fee for Non-Residential connections where a “wye” is available shall be \$105 plus \$10.06 per gallon of capacity needed and where a “tap and saddle” is installed by the Authority the fee shall be \$285 plus \$10.06 per gallon of capacity needed. The gallons are based upon an estimation of the maximum monthly average day water consumption of the proposed applicant; with a minimum of 253 per gallons for each separate plumbed building, said estimation shall be calculated in accordance with Schedule A, Section E.5. The Tapping Fee as adopted shall include the following components; connection fee, customer facilities fee, and tapping fee, including capacity and collection part. The value for each respective component is identified in the Summary Report. The effective date shall be July 1, 2005. John Slagle moved to adopt Resolution No. 03-06-05, setting the tapping and connection charges. The motion was seconded by Denver Yingling and carried without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Miskis asked Mr. Hoffman to give the Board an update on the Hidden Brook development. Mr. Hoffman stated that there is some testing and visual observations to made on some of the installations yet. As previously discussed, there is a problem with a couple line segments that are located within the surcharged area. A geotechnical engineer was on site to provide recommendations to the contractor as to the best method to correct the settlement. A meeting has been scheduled for Friday with the PTSA, KLH, and the developer to discuss the start up of the new pump station.

Mr. Miskis reported that the remaining sanitary sewers in the Spring Meadows Plan have been installed and have passed all the required testing. He is requesting that the Board approve those sewers for use so that sewer permits may be released for the remaining lots. Denver Yingling moved to accept the remaining sanitary sewer segments for use. The motion seconded by John Slagle carried without a dissenting vote.

As for the Overlook Plan as it relates to cost sharing, Mr. Miskis reported that the Authority will need to re-evaluate its position, and once it does, it will respond to the developer in writing.

Mr. Miskis provided the Board members, for their information, a copy of the letter that Mr. Simmons had written to the Township Manager regarding the development of the Justabout Road area.

Mr. Miskis reported that the 16” valve in the Brush Run mixed liquor line has been removed and that KLH is progressing on the design of the relief line.

Mr. Miskis reported that the Authority has received two signed rights-of-way for the East McMurray Road Sewer Extension from Hays Road. There are two more outstanding from Mr. McCloskey and Ms. Brunko, both have indicated that they are willing to sign.

Mr. Miskis advised the Board that he has spoken to the Clairton Municipal Authority regarding the legal advertisement in which they misidentified and named this Authority when Peters Creek was intended. They are planning to have a correction printed.

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Copy on file

Enclosed with the controllers report is spread sheet showing how the Township determined to distribute the grant received to reduce the cost to the residents served by the Ivy Lane Sewer project. Those residents who are currently in a payment plan with the Authority will have their share applied directly to the outstanding amount, and a new amortization schedule will be generated.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE BOARD'S INFORMATION: Copy on file

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW: Month ending May 21, 2005

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Slagle inquired as to when the lease on our office space expires. Mr. Miskis indicated that we are in our last year of the fixed lease, with two more option years remaining. Mr. Slagle thought that perhaps now is the time for the Authority to consult with a realtor so that they may be looking for a potential site to locate a future office of our own. The Board concurred, and Mr. Miskis will check the references of a few local realtors and retain one.

PAYMENT OF BILLS & REQUISITION:

John Slagle moved to approve payment of Operating Fund checks 12911 through 12999 (voiding check numbers 12979 & 12982-12987) totaling \$68,354.89; Operating Fund reimbursement of \$10,523.44 from Developers Fund and Capital Improvement & Redemption Fund Requisition No. 22-04 listing 7 vendors totaling \$96,986.87. The motion was seconded by Denver Yingling and carried without a dissenting vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

Denver Yingling moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Peters Township Sanitary Authority at 9:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Slagle and carried without a dissenting vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Chucuddy, Assistant Manager