

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on March 4, 2009

Members Attending: Antonio Albano, Chairman
John T. Jim, Vice Chairman
Sheila Bass, Treasurer
John E. Long, Jr., Secretary
Gretel Bleich, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director
Barbara Kirk, Esquire, Solicitor
Christopher S. Walker, P.E., Consulting Engineer
Stuart L. Rosenthal, P.E., Gilmore & Associates
Carol A. Boston, Stenographer

Mr. Albano, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Albano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2009

A motion (Bass-Long) adopting a resolution to approve the Minutes from February 4, 2009. Mrs. Bleich requested that the Minutes reflect in paragraph 3 under Citizens Concerns that she would abide by Mr. Rudolph's direction. The Board agreed with that change and the motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Mr. Jim.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Zeuner stated that a public information session was held by the Authority on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Northampton Township Library Meeting Room. All property owners within the Western End Sewer Project (residential, industrial and institutional) were invited to the open forum. All of the design drawings were shared showing the proposed location of easements, gravity conveyance line, low pressure mains, pump stations, and force mains. The forum was well attended. Representatives from Pennoni Associates and Gilmore & Associates and the Executive Director were in attendance to respond to questions and concerns of the public. Mr. Zeuner added that the American Water Works Association announced yesterday that EPA Guidelines for the stimulus are due this week. The guidelines state that because the money must be contracted by February 12, 2010, utilities with the ability to launch their projects quickly have an edge in the race for funds. This Authority is in such a position. Mr. Zeuner added that the total cost of the American Recovery and Investment Act is about \$787 billion. Congress provided \$4 billion for wastewater utilities and \$1.4 billion for rural drinking water, wastewater, water and waste disposal projects, to be administered through the U. S. Department of Agriculture. On February 5, 2009, the Authority submitted a grant application to the Commonwealth's Finance Authority in excess of \$10 million to fund Phase I and Phase II of the Western End Sewer Project, the Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project, and the Mill Creek Rehabilitation Project. We also submitted, in February, a grant application to the EPA for \$500,000 to help fund our sewer projects. Mr. Zeuner advised that the agendas, engineering standards and rates, rules, and regulations are posted on the website. Also, the information packet mailed to the residents of Harvest Acres will be posted on the website later this week. Mr. Zeuner further stated that he received a letter from Representative Petri stating that the details of the Federal stimulus package are still being analyzed. It does appear that Pennsylvania will receive \$219 million for water and sewer projects.

3. Citizens Concerns

The residents who addressed the Board regarding the Western End Sanitary Sewer Project were: Mr. Robert McKelvey of 126 Barley Road; Mr. Bruce Hentschel of 47 S. Traymore Avenue; Mrs. Beverly Gold of 999 Almshouse Road; Mr. Frank Rothermel of 34 Chapel Drive; Mr. Marvin Gold of 999 Almshouse Road; and Mr. Rodger Bushnell of 91 Hunt Drive.

4. Check Requisitions

A motion (Bass-Bleich) adopting a resolution to approve Bond Redemption & Improvement Fund Requisition No. 458 dated February 26, 2009 in the amount of \$10,000.00; Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1897 dated February 26, 2009 in the amount of \$217,518.01; Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1898 dated March 4, 2009 in the amount of \$280,240.23; and Construction Fund Requisition No. 1040 dated March 4, 2009 in the amount of \$106,718.78 passed with 5 ayes.

Requisition No. 458 in the amount of \$10,000.00 was paid to Gilmore & Associates for the Western End Sewer Extension Project.

The major items paid under Requisition No. 1897 were as follows: Aetna - \$1,642.00; BCWSA (Water) - \$51,667.72; Brinker's Fuels - \$1,094.27; Grainger - \$2,079.84; Hartford - \$4,192.10; Maryland Biochemical Co. - \$1,040.95; PECO - \$28,528.16; Suburban Propane - \$2,481.71; Travelers (Gellert settlement) - \$15,000.00; United Laboratories - \$1,241.70; Univar USA Inc. - \$1,281.38; and a \$100,000.00 payroll transfer.

The major items paid under Requisition No. 1898 were as follows: BCCD (Ironworks Creek Rehabilitation Project) - \$1,500.00; Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin - \$10,439.26; Northampton Township - \$1,164.17; PECO - \$3,351.48 Pennoni Associates - \$51,204.79; Rudolph, Pizzo & Clarke LLC - \$15,662.86; Upper South Sewer Authority - \$54,627.00; and a \$100,000.00 payroll transfer.

The major items paid under Requisition No. 1040 were as follows: Pennoni Associates (I&I) - \$64,778.23; In Line Services (Contract No. 1-W-07) - \$40,811.05; and Private Utility Enterprises (Contract No. 1-W-07) - \$1,128.50.

5. MRM Property Liability & Trust – Authorization to Vote

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting a resolution to authorize the Chairman to cast a vote for this Authority for purposes of a quorum and on any and all matters which are addressed at the annual meeting of the MRM Property Liability & Trust to be held on or about Thursday, April 2, 2009 passed with 5 ayes.

6. Maintenance Report for January 2009

Mr. Zeuner stated that water production both produced and purchased was 68,331,045 as compared with 71,273,651 gallons for the same period last year. Ninety-three customers were posted and eighteen turned off for non-payment. 6,534 feet of sewer mains were televised and 2,325 feet were cleaned. There was one sewer blockage on Marmic Drive due to roots in the pipe. There was one water main break on Holyoke Road and the 8" main was excavated and repaired within several hours. Five curb boxes were excavated and repaired. Two fire hydrants were repaired after being damaged in auto accidents.

7. Giello/123 Fawn Drive Agreement

A motion (Bleich-Bass) approving the agreement with Michael F. Giello and Rosalie S. Giello of 123 Fawn Drive for the purpose of water service repair at that property passed with 5 ayes.

8. Comparative Analysis on Grinder Pumps – Standards Adoption

Mr. Christopher Walker of Pennoni Associates gave a powerpoint presentation concerning the requirements for grinder pump systems. A motion (Albano-Bass) to adopt the Barnes Model OGVH Centrifugal Submersible Grinder Pump which is manufactured by Crane Pump and Systems as the standard grinder pump when low pressure sanitary sewer systems are used in Northampton Township in accordance with the planning document for grinder pumps and low pressure force mains, Section 4, paragraph 2, as published by the PA DEP documents dated March 10, 2009 passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Mrs. Bleich at the advice of the Solicitor.

The following residents addressed Mr. Walker and/or the Board regarding this topic: Mr. Jerrold Bass; Mr. Marvin Gold – 999 Almshouse Road; Mr. Mark Brendlinger - 46 Neshaminy Drive; Mr. Rodger Bushnell – 91 Hunt Drive.

Supplemental Agenda Item “A” – Feasibility Review for Sanitary Sewers – Holland Elementary School

A motion (Bass-Bleich) adopting a resolution to declare sanitary sewers feasible for the Council Rock Holland Elementary School located at the corner of Crescent and Beverly Roads passed with 5 ayes.

MR. ALBANO, CHAIRMAN, ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:08 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 18, 2009.