

**Minutes of the Public Meeting held on November 17, 2010**

Members Attending: Antonio Albano, Chairman  
John T. Jim, Vice Chairman  
Sheila Bass, Treasurer  
Gretel Bleich, Secretary

Others Attending: Thomas A. Zeuner, Executive Director  
Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor  
Christopher S. Walker, P.E., Consulting Engineer  
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 and requested a moment of silence for our service men and women.

**2. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2010**

A motion (Bleich-Bass) was made adopting a resolution to approve the Minutes from October 6, 2010 and passed with 4 ayes.

**3. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Zeuner stated that the Western End Sanitary Sewer Extension project is essentially complete. We do not have certification from the project engineer due to minor punch list items that require corrective action prior to certification. Several manholes require repair and vacuum testing prior to flow release. The Engineering Certification is anticipated to be on the next agenda for approval and flow release.

Mr. Zeuner stated that on October 27, 2010, the Authority had a small sanitary sewer overflow from Manhole C-6 on Green Drive for approximately 1.5 hours at an estimated flow rate of one-half gallons per minute. The cause of the back-up is suspect to be root intrusion downstream from the manhole. A resident in close proximity to the overflow was concerned about the impact on their private well. The Authority engaged Pennoni Associated to investigate the conditions of the wells in the area. Several wells have been found to fail regulatory requirements. Our continued investigations include testing and chlorinating wells in a regionalized area surrounding the overflow site. Pennoni Associates and the Executive Director will report to the Board at the next meeting with our findings and conclusions of the study.

Mr. Zeuner stated that a small residential land development plan is under consideration in Upper Southampton on its border on Bristol Road with Northampton Township near Scott Drive. The Upper Southampton Water Authority has asked this Authority to consider providing public water from our system. The parties have concluded that one option to consider would be the extension of a public water line from Scott Drive on Bristol Road through North Hilltop Drive creating a looped system. With the Board's endorsement, we would like to conduct a non-binding survey of interest to properties on Bristol Road and North Hilltop Drive. A total of 29 properties in Northampton Township would be surveyed. The Board approved to move forward with the survey.

Mr. Zeuner stated that recent changes to the International Residential Code, reflected through the Uniform Construction Code that deal with household sprinkler systems have raised concerns with water authorities. We have supported PMAA's position of delaying the implementation of this requirement until these issues could be fully addressed and resolved: pressure and flow needs; inspection of sprinkler systems; liability; and cost. Unfortunately, HB 1196 that supports delaying implementation for one year until these issues have been resolved has not moved forward; thus, the implementation date mandating sprinkler systems for single-family homes is January 2011. The Authority will be working with our association and consulting engineer to meet the new expectations.

Mr. Zeuner stated that the PMAA Regional Fall Dinner Meeting is Thursday, November 18, 2010. The guest speaker is Steven Hann, Special Council for this Authority, and the topic will be the "Pending Residential Sprinkler System Mandates."

**4. Citizens Concerns**

Mr. Medlar of 39 Overlook Drive stated his concerns over aesthetic appearance of the Tanner Pump Station related to the chemical holding tank and hoist. The Executive Director stated that the Authority agreed and a corrective action would be developed by the Authority's management.

Mrs. Kathy Wiegner of 32 Overlook Drive expressed the same concerns as Mr. Medlar.

Mr. Mark Brendlinger of 46 Neshaminy Drive expressed his displeasure with the quality of work performed by our contractor for the Western End Sanitary Sewer Extension Project and objected to the Authority's grinder pump supplemental reimbursement program due to the limited timeline available to connect to receive the reimbursement.

Mr. Rodger Bushnell of 91 Hunt Drive asked about calculations for final assessments for the sewer project. Explanation was provided on the status and method of calculations.

Mr. Harry Gimour of 32 Driscoll Drive expressed concerns of road restoration in his development.

Mr. Jack Grace of 23 Driscoll Drive inquired as to when connection to the sanitary sewer system could begin. Timelines were provided by the Executive Director.

Mr. Steve Stunder of 9 Black Rock Drive expressed concerns of paying for sanitary sewer service for lawn irrigation systems. Mr. Zeuner explained that the 2011 budget includes a program to cap residential sewer usage at 45,000 per quarter assuring that the water meter did not have a leak detection during the preceding billing quarter. The amendment to the Authority's Rates, Rules, and Regulations will be presented to the Board at the December 1, 2010 public meeting.

Mr. James Carney of Traymore Manor discussed public water and water quality with private wells in the region of the western end sewer extension.

**5. Check Requisitions/Accounts Payable**

A motion (Bass-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1938 dated October 31, 2010 in the amount of \$645,685.05; Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund Requisition No. 497 dated October 31, 2010 in the amount of \$14,450.25; 2009 Loan Proceeds Requisition No. 5 dated October 31, 2010 in the amount of \$236,850.20; Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1939 dated November 17, 2010 in the amount of \$160,244.94; Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund Requisition No. 498 dated November 17, 2010 in the amount of \$89,601.31; and 2009 Loan Proceeds Requisition No. 6 dated November 17, 2010 in the amount of \$379,456.60 passed with 4 ayes.

The major items paid under Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1938 were as follows: BCWSA (Tapping Fees) - \$7,600.00; BCWSA (Sewer) - \$241,676.50; BCWSA (Water) - \$134,712.88; Independence Blue Cross - \$17,369.87; J&J Auto & Truck Repair - \$2,001.99; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,212.12; McKee Risk Management - \$124,557.00; PA Dept of Transportation - \$4,455.88; PECO - \$6,758.33; Pennoni Associates - \$15,071.00; Principal Financial Group - \$1,100.00; Private Utility Enterprises - \$8,937.88; Rudolph Clarke & Kirk LLC - \$3,000.00; and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

The major items paid under Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund Requisition No. 497 were as follows: Pennoni Associates - \$14,450.25.

Loan Proceeds Requisition No. 5 in the amount of \$236,850.20 was paid to Joao & Bradley Construction under Contract No. 7-S-08.

The major items paid under Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1939 were as follows: Courier Times - \$1,005.00; Golden Equipment - \$4,748.63; Grainger - \$1,243.50; Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, et al. - \$5,028.38; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,540.06; PECO - \$15,539.98; Pennoni Associates - \$14,843.01; Rudolph Clarke & Kirk LLC - \$21,148.00; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$16,000.26; and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

The major items paid under Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund Requisition No. 498 were as follows: LB Industries, Inc. under Contract No. 4-S-09 - \$46,615.44; GS Developers Inc. under Contract No. 5-S-09 - \$9,774.00; Gilmore and Associates - \$15,000.00; and Pennoni Associates - \$18,211.87.

Loan Proceeds Requisition No. 6 in the amount of \$379,456.60 was paid to Joao & Bradley Construction under Contract No. 7-S-08.

**6. Maintenance Report for October 2010**

Mr. Zeuner reported that water production for the month of October was at 83,505,042 gallons, as compared with 69,266,184 gallons for the same period last year. Seventy-three customers were posted and seven turned off for non-payment. 21,171 feet of sewer mains were televised (135,492 feet to date). 12,254 feet of sewer mains were cleaned (54,144 feet to date). There was one sewer blockage on Green Drive in late October. An 8" water main break occurred at Pine Run Drive and Buck Road. The Woods Sewer Pump Station ran for a total of 86 hours and pumped 1,553,400 gallons. The Manchester Farms Sewer Pump Station ran for a total of 61 hours. The Highspire Sewer Pump Station ran for a total of 74 hours. All easements were walked and mowed. Two meters were installed for new customers and two meters were changed. A ¾" tap was installed at 510 Buck Road and a ¾" tap was installed at 36 Banbury Court.

**7. Adoption of Operating and Capital Budgets for 2011 Fiscal Year**

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting a resolution to approve the operating and capital budgets for 2011 fiscal year including amendments for all administrative employees' salaries and benefit revisions as presented passed with 4 ayes.

**8. Approval & Execution of Extension Agreement – Hidden Creek**

A motion (Jim-Bleich) approving and executing the one year Extension Agreement with Thomas L. McGrath, developer, for the Hidden Creek development passed with 4 ayes.

**9. Approval & Execution of Extension Agreement – Holland Estates**

A motion (Jim-Bass) approving and executing the one year Extension Agreement with Holland Estates, LP, developer, for the Holland Estates development passed with 4 ayes.

**10. Approval & Execution of Extension Agreement – Willow Estates**

A motion (Jim-Bleich) approving and executing the one year Extension Agreement with 569 Bustleton Pike, LP, by MNOP, Inc., general partner, developer, for the Holland Estates development passed with 4 ayes.

**11. Approval & Execution of Sanitary Sewer and Public Water Improvement Agreement – Wachovia Bank**

A motion (Albano-Bass) approving and executing the Sanitary Sewer and Public Water Improvement Agreement with Kimco Corporation, developer, for the construction of a Wachovia Bank in the Crossroads Plaza Shopping Center on the old Pizza Hut Site, Plot No. 12 passed with 4 ayes.

**12. Resolution No. 2010-1084 – Adding “Whistleblower Policy” to Personnel Policy**

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1084 to add a “Whistleblower Policy” to the Authority’s Personnel Policy, Section 3, Item No. 3 passed with 4 ayes.

**13. Resolution No. 2010-1085 – Amendment to Pension Plan (Administration)**

A motion (Albano-Jim) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1085 amending the Principal Financial Group Pension Plan for administration employees by adding the “Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008” (“HEART ACT”) passed with 4 ayes.

**14. Resolution No. 2010-1086 – Amendment Rates, Rules, and Regulations, Exhibit “I” to District No. 3 map**

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1086 amending the Sewer District No. 3 plan, Revision No. 2, dated November 1, 2010, attached to the Rates, Rules, and Regulations as Exhibit “I”, correcting minor errors on the previously adopted plan passed with 4 ayes.

**15. Resolution No. 2010-1087 – Adding new Plan to Sanitary Sewer Standards**

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1087 adding Plan No. A-200-002-01 entitled “Typical Non-Residential Sewer Connection and Sampling Manhole” to the Sanitary Sewer Standards passed with 4 ayes.

**16. Approval of Change Order No. 3 – Contract No. 9-S-08 – Ironworks Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project**

A motion (Bass-Jim) approving Change Order No. 3 under Contract No. 9-S-08 for the Ironworks Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$3,250.00 for extra work during the removal of the silt fence to protect the topsoil roads passed with 4 ayes.

**17. Approval of Change Order No. 2 – Contract No. 7-S-08 – Western End Sanitary Sewer Extension Project**

A motion (Jim-Bleich) approving Change Order No. 2 under Contract No. 8-S-08 for additional road work added for the Western End Sanitary Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$276,000.00 passed with 4 ayes.

**Supplemental “A” – 2011 Holiday Schedule**

A motion (Bleich-Bass) approving the 2011 Holiday Schedule as presented passed with 3 ayes and one nay by Mr. Jim.

**Supplemental “B” – Resolution No. 2010-1090 – Revoking Drought Warning**

A motion (Bass-Bleich) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1090 requesting the Board of Supervisors to revoke the drought warning in accordance with DEP recommendations passed with 4 ayes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.  
THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1, 2010.