

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on January 18, 2012

Members Attending: Antonio Albano, Chairman
John T. Jim, Vice Chairman
Edward W. Farling, III, Treasurer
Donald S. George, Secretary
Charles Rehm, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Others Attending: Edward Rudolph, Esquire, Solicitor
Christopher S. Walker, P.E., Pennoni Associates Inc., Consulting Engineer
Carol A. Fishman, Stenographer
Debra E. Wirtz, 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 in harm's way.

Mr. Albano stated for the record this Authority did not engage the services of the videographer in attendance this evening and the Authority will not be paying for it since the videographer was engaged by others.

Mr. Albano stated that it is the desire of the Authority to provide a reasonable opportunity at each regular public meeting and advertised special public meeting for residents to comment on any and all matters of concern. The Board will accept all public comment at the beginning of the public meeting. Your comments are important to this Authority. There is a sign-in sheet for members of the public who wish to address the Board. If you have not signed up and wish to address the Board, please do so at this time. This is the only time during this public meeting for residents to provide their public comments to the Authority. All public comments will be accepted at this time on all matters of concern, official action or deliberation which may be before the Board prior to taking official action. Once the "Citizens Concerns" agenda item has been closed by the Authority Chairman, no further public comments will be accepted during the Authority meeting. If the Board determines that there is not reasonable and sufficient time at a meeting for members of the public to provide public comment, the Board may defer further comments to the next regular meeting or to a special meeting occurring in advance of the next regular meeting.

Mr. Albano announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the public meeting to discuss matters of personnel.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2012

Mr. Albano stated that he would like some changes in the January 4, 2012 minutes as follows: After the Pledge of Allegiance add "that the Authority did not engage the services of a videographer and the Authority will not be paying for it. A motion (Albano-George) approving the Minutes from January 4, 2012 with the recommended changes passed with 5 ayes.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Zeuner stated that the 2012 meeting schedule has been advertised in the Courier Times on January 9, 2012. Mr. Zeuner suggested the next agenda includes for the Board's consideration: adopting the Drought Emergency Plan; adopting the Annual Report; and adopting Resolution No. 2012-1123 revising of the Fee Schedule concerning Service Calls.

Mr. Zeuner stated that he is delighted to report that in the most recent edition, Volume 15, of the Pennoni Associates "Perspective" Newsletter, this Authority was featured in an article on page 10 titled "Northampton Completes the Ironworks Creek Interceptor Rehabilitation. The Ironworks Creek Interceptor Rehabilitation Project was a major piece in the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority's ongoing inflow and infiltration reduction program. Designed by Pennoni's Municipal Engineers in Doylestown. Mr. Zeuner stated that the sewer line rehabilitation was based on a study that was done by Pennoni recommending improvements to address trunk sewer capacity issues and flows from future connections. Various construction techniques were involved, including standard pipe replacement, cured-in-place pipe lining, streambank stabilization, wetland crossing, stream crossings, and access road construction. The total project included the replacement of approximately 3,500 feet of trunk sewer ranging in size from 8 to 30 inches in diameter. Pennoni's ability to draw upon its many resources and disciplines served as a major benefit to Northampton in completing this project. Christopher Walker, P.E., the Authority's Engineer, and the Municipal Division Manager were recognized by Pennoni Associates for his contribution in this project.

Mr. Zeuner provided comment on the Pine Run Creek Streambank Stabilization Project. The Authority has provided a response to the inquiry to Mr. Frame of Stevens Lane and Mr. Al Sutter of Senator Tomlinson's office before the holidays. The Authority's response has been communicated to Mr. Don Simons of Environmental Alternative Solutions, Inc. of Bensalem, PA. Mr. Simons is the design professional engaged by the private property owners of Stevens Lane with respect to the proposed project. A copy of the Executive Director's letter dated January 13, 2012, design review letters by Pennoni Associates (2) both dated January 13, 2012 and a blank copy of the agreement dated July 21, 2010 was included in the Board packets. The review by Pennoni Associates was limited in scope to the "protection of Authority infrastructure in the area of disturbance" and "general comments the design professional will need to address prior to bidding the project." Due to the specific and limited scope of our review, the Authority or its professionals did not and will not provide comment or opinion on the overall project or viability of the recommended solution.

Mr. Zeuner introduced Mr. Christopher Walker, P.E., of Pennoni Associates who will be giving a presentation regarding the Woods Sanitary Sewer Basin/Historic Inflow and Infiltration Abatement Program.

Mr. Christopher Walker, P.E., of Pennoni Associates, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Authority Board Members. This presentation was requested by the Board in response to inquiries from the public related to the existing and future capacities of the Woods Sanitary Sewer Basin. The presentation highlighted the Authority's efforts to abate the inflow and infiltration issue in Northampton. Due to the relatively short tenure of many Board Members, a presentation of the Authority's historic efforts in the Woods basin area as well as system-wide investigations and remediation activities was deemed beneficial. The presentation noted the tools used in the investigation process included visual inspection, video inspection, flow metering, and smoke testing. Remediation of the system included CIPP lining, manhole rehabilitation, lateral replacement, grouting, sump pump removal and compliance activities to Township Ordinance No. 492. The presentation also provided a summary of monetary investments made in the Woods basin area and throughout system-wide sanitary sewer system. The Authority also provided its calculation on value/savings derived from the abatement program. Mr. Walker and Mr. Zeuner fielded numerous questions from the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Walker for a comprehensive and informative presentation.

4. Citizens Concerns

Mr. Bill O'Neill of 452 Rocksville Road commented on the Authority Engineer's report and First Amendment Rights.

Mr. George requested a five minute recess. Mr. Albano announced a recess at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Albano re-opened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Citizens Concerns continued with Mr. Bill O'Neill addressing the Board by providing questions, opinions, and comments about the Authority value, age and condition of pipes, personal property aspects of the inflow and infiltration abatement program, education of the public, the Pine Run Streambank Stabilization Project and manholes.

Mr. Frank Rothermel of Chapel Drive, Northampton Township Supervisor Liaison to the Municipal Authority, addressed the Board by providing questions, opinions and comments about the Toll Brothers land development, inflow and infiltration abatement by the Authority, the Powerpoint presentation by Pennoni Associates, details and contents of the Chapter 94 Reports from 2005 to present, SSO reports of the Authority dating back to 2002, date of initial operation of the Woods Pumping Station in 2005, date of dedication of the Woods Pump Station in 2008, capacity of the Woods Pump Station during the original design, regulatory and permitting of the Woods Pump Station, capacity certification process by Toll Brothers land development, inflow and infiltration of the sanitary sewer system, Pine Run Creek Streambank Stabilization Project, ownership of project funding requirements of the Pine Run Streambank Stabilization Project, emergency declaration requirements for the stabilization project, downstream SSO's from the Pine Run Streambank Stabilization Project, Neshaminy Interceptor sanitary sewer capacity issues, and the 2012 Capital Budget.

Ms. Julie Mueller of Beth Drive, Richboro provided questions, comments, and opinions on the recording of the Authority meetings, Toll Brothers land development, the Board's knowledge of the Authority activities, capital improvements, and certification requirements of adequate capacity to Toll Brothers for their land development.

Mr. Jerry Bass of 66 Keenan Lane provided comments and opinions on the Pine Run Creek and historical perspective of the creek dating back to 1972.

Mr. Frank Rothermel, Northampton Township Supervisor and liaison to the Municipal Authority, called an end to the videotaping of the public meeting at approximately two hours and ten minutes into the meeting; after Agenda Item No. 4, Citizens Concerns, and prior to the Board's consideration, discussion and deliberation of Agenda Items No. 5 through 12 scheduled before the Board.

5. Check Requisitions / Accounts Payable

A motion (Farling-Jim) adopting a resolution to approve Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1968 dated January 18, 2012 in the amount of \$108,467.82 passed with 5 ayes.

The major items paid under Requisition No. 1968 were as follows: Bee Bergvall & Co. - \$4,000.00; ESZ Environmental Systems - \$1,221.85; Graphic Controls LLC - \$1,098.45; Hach Co. - \$1,314.36; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,252.29; Kraft Power Corp. - \$1,020.93; PECO - \$3,303.54; J. H. Shanahan Inc. - \$5,623.00; Warminster Municipal Authority (Sewer) - \$15,174.00; and a \$70,000.00 payroll transfer.

6. Maintenance Report for November 2011

Mr. Zeuner stated that water production was relatively close to that of last year; 48 customers were posted and eight turned off for non-payment; 1,280 feet of sewer mains were cleaned; 16,296 feet of sewer mains were televised; there were no sewer blockages; there was a 12" main break at 546 Lower Holland Road; curb boxes were dug up and repaired on Delft Drive and Woodenbridge Road and the water service was replaced for a property on Gatehouse Drive; the Woods Sewer Pump Station ran for 219 hours and pumped 3,942,000 gallons; the Highspire Sewer Pump Station ran for 172 and pumped 2,580,000 gallons; the Manchester Sewer Pump Station ran for 77 hours and pumped 254,100 gallons; the Tanner Sewer Pump Station ran for 64 hours and pumped 1,236,480 gallons; and the Richard Road Sewer Pump Station ran for 95 hours and pumped 746,700 gallons.

7. Extension Agreement – Willow Estates

A motion (Albano-Jim) to approve and execute the one year extension agreement with 569 Bustleton Pike, LP for the Willow Estates development passed with 5 ayes.

8. Resolution No. 2012-1124 – Destruction of Records

A motion (Albano-Jim) to adopt Resolution No. 2012-1124 for the destruction of certain Authority records in accordance with the Municipal Records Act passed with 5 ayes.

9. Rescind Contract No. 1-S-11 – CIPP Lining with Co-Stars No. 016-017

A motion (Jim-Rehm) to authorize the rescinding of Contract No. 1-S-11 for the CIPP Lining under Co-Stars Contract No. 016-017 with Insituform passed with 5 ayes.

10. Contract No. 1-S-12 – CIPP Lining

A motion (Jim-Farling) to authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare the bid documents under Contract No. 1-S-12 for the CIPP Lining and advertise through PennBID passed with 5 ayes.

11. Contract No. 2-S-A-12 – Manhole Rehabilitation

A motion (Farling-Rehm) to authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare the bid documents under Contract No. 2-S-A-12 for the manhole rehabilitation project and advertise through PennBID passed with 5 ayes.

12. Contract No. 1-A-A-12 – Paving Restoration

A motion (George-Jim) to authorize Pennoni Associates to prepare the bid documents under Contract No. 1-A-A-12 for the paving restoration project and advertise through PennBID passed with 5 ayes.

Miscellaneous

- (A) Mr. Albano stated that PMAA is holding a Board Member Training Program for which literature has been distributed. All Board Members and the Executive Director stated that they would attend.
- (B) A motion (George-Farling) rescinding the authorization for the Pine Run Creek Streambank Stabilization under Contract No. 1-A-10 of March 17, 2010. Mr. Rothermel asked for permission to provide public comment. Chairman Albano granted Mr. Rothermel the courtesy to address the Board. Mr. Rothermel provided comment on the plans and scope of the project. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention by Mr. Rehm.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:17 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2012.