

Minutes of the Public Meeting held on October 20, 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 6, 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 paving of the PennDOT roads involved in the Western End Sewer Project on Almshouse and Jacksonville Roads is substantially complete. Paving of the industrial and residential sections within the sewer project area should begin this week. It is anticipated that the paving work being contracted by the Authority through its prime contractor, Joao & Bradley Construction Inc., will be completed by Thanksgiving. Mr. Zeuner expressed concern over the extended amount of time the paving contractor, JDM, Inc., is taking to complete the paving tasks to date. They have not been successful in meeting their own self-imposed schedule. The Authority has advised the contractor through its consulting engineer, Gilmore & Associates, Inc., that the paving work in the industrial and residential areas should be completed during daylight hours due to the Authority's concern over quality of workmanship.

Mr. Zeuner stated that the Tanner and Humphreys Drive Sewer Pump Stations trial runs were completed in the last week. The operation trials were successful with some minor corrective actions required. The Authority is anticipating flow release notification by its consulting engineer, Gilmore & Associates, Inc., during November.

Mr. Zeuner, board members and attending public had open dialog concerning existing road conditions on Traymore Avenues and Hunt Drive. Mr. Zeuner advised that North Traymore and Hunt Drive road restoration is being completed by the Township and not the Municipal Authority. The Authority's participation of those road restorations is limited to a financial contribution to the Township for the project by the Authority.

4. Citizens Concerns

No residents appeared before the Board.

5. Check Requisitions/Accounts Payable

A motion (Bass-Bleich) adopting a resolution to approve Bond Redemption & Improvement Fund Requisition No. 496 dated October 20, 2010 in the amount of \$191,201.12 and Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1937 dated October 20, 2010 in the amount of \$98,414.53 passed with 4 ayes.

The major items paid under Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund Requisition No. 496 were as follows: LB Industries Inc. (Contract No. 4-S-09) - \$36,575.00; Gilmore & Associates - \$40,000.00; PennDOT - \$5,191.54; Insituform Technologies (Contract No. 1-S-A-10) - \$94,434.58; and Northampton Township - \$15,000.00.

The major items paid under Revenue Fund Requisition No. 1937 were as follows: Corpro Companies - \$2,640.00; Flow Assessment - \$4,540.00; Hartford - \$3,187.71; Karl Hops Inc. - \$1,329.18; Northampton Township -- \$1,349.45; PECO - \$16,322.42; Teamsters Health & Welfare - \$16,000.26; Warminster Municipal Authority - \$18,340.30; and a \$30,000.00 payroll transfer.

6. Resolution No. 2010-1080 – Revision to Rates, Rules, & Regulations – Sewer Districts

A motion (Albano-Bleich) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1080 revising the Authority’s Rates, Rules, and Regulations to establish a new sewer district, amend tapping fees, modify collection procedures and provided various other modifications per Exhibit “A” attached thereto passed with 4 ayes. The Board instructed the Executive Director to make the appropriate communications to the effected property owners.

7. Resolution No. 2010- 1081 – Revision to Fee Schedule

A motion (Bass-Bleich) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1081 revising the Authority Fee Schedule attached to the Rates, Rules, and Regulations as Exhibit “A” in accordance with “Sewer District No. 3 Initial Tapping Fee Calculation dated October 15, 2010” as prepared by Pennoni Associates by adding the following:

“SEWER

Installment Payment Agreement – District No. 3	
Preparation, Recordation & Administration	\$375.00
Recording & Discharge of Agreement	\$234.00
Administration Fee for Monthly Billing & Collection	\$100.00
 Manhole/Sampling Chamber Vacuum Testing Fee	 \$100.00
 Tapping Fee for Districts No. 1 and No. 2 (per EDU)	 \$2,869.00
 Tapping Fee for District No. 3 (per EDU)	 \$10,000.00”

passed with 4 ayes.

Supplemental “A” – Resolution No. 2010-1082 – Drought Warning

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1082 authorizing and empowering the Board Chairman to establish a state of drought warning and requesting the Township Board of Supervisors to invoke a state of drought warning passed with 4 ayes.

Miscellaneous – Resolution No. 2010-1083 – Grinder Pump Payment Assistance for District No. 3

A motion (Bleich-Bass) adopting Resolution No. 2010-1083 authorizing grinder pump payment assistance for Sewer District No. 3 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for those property owners who connect to the Authority’s sewer system prior to June 30, 2011 passed with 4 ayes.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Zeuner reported that the Authority has received the grant monies from the “Safe Water Grant” in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the H2O Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 administered by the Commonwealth Finance Authority. On November 12, 2009, Congressman Patrick Murphy issued a press release that the Northampton, Bucks County, Municipal Authority will receive a \$500,000.00 in funding assistance. Unfortunately, the \$500,000.00 grant award announced by Congressman Murphy in the press release has NOT been received by the Authority.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MR. ALBANO ADJOURNED AT 8:02 P.M.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2010.