

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 5, 2018
3:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Sean Steeg, Committee members Jim Bair and Terry Green: Councilmember Dave Quarry, Robert Jackson, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Roger Shaffer, Water Treatment Plant Operator Kevin Johnston, Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds, Borough Secretary Melody J Parsons, and Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Ken Fagan, Dean Harris, and Jennifer Clark

Chairperson Steeg called the meeting to order.

RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Fagan, 101 Penn Street, stated that on Feb 16 sewer water backed up into his basement. He has never had a backup before. He had 36” of water in his basement. He notified the borough of a clogged line. The borough came down and looked at it. The came back on February 20 to his house and drilled out over 100 ft. in the line. He would like help from the borough to pay for everything he lost. Manager Wheeler suggested that the Committee talks about this more. Councilperson Green asked Mr. Fagan to check into what his insurance company may have paid.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT-

Superintendent Shaffer asked if there were any questions on the Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s report.

Chairperson Steeg asked how the bid process is going with Josh. Manager Wheeler will respond later in the meeting.

- Chris Ludecker has passed his supervisor test. He is fully licensed.
- Darwin Itinger passed water distribution.
- Darwin Itinger is out for 12 weeks for surgery.
- The drain line was plugged on the one tank. We tried we could not get into it. We pumped it out into another tank.

- Our main line goes under the trussel where Norfolk derailment caused cars to fall down on our stormwater line. It damaged 11 sections. He wanted to thank Kevin for calling when this happened.
- The Industrial users permits. Judy Musselman felt we need to get moving on the permits.

Manager Wheeler report:

- The last communication I had with Josh is we are going to relocate from Juniata to Smithfield Township.
- Talked with Josh-bid opening will be April 23
- Recommending Josh go ahead and revise as needed.
- A special meeting will need scheduled

Supt. Shaffer is very concerned that there is not an inspector included in the bid for trickling filter. It is very important that the filters on stacked exact and proper. Josh came back and said to add Filter media installation. We need an inspector on site. This was not included in the bid package. Chris Ludecker is willing to do the inspection on the trickling filter project.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin asked if there were any questions on his report. Councilperson Bair asked if the filter washing is going well now. Kevin said everything is going well. One of the sludge valves was plugged up.

They do not have problems currently with meters freezing up with the warmer weather.

Chairperson Steeg asked if Colten Newbauer started. Kevin responded he started yesterday. He had a good report on Colton's first day.

Kevin reported the contact time for the clear wells needs to be a priority. We do not have anything in place to monitor clear wells. Manager Wheeler responded that he sent an email to Jim Balliet, Gwen, Dobson, and Foreman, letting him know that Council agreed to have him go ahead with his process analysis. Kevin stated

that the water line goes around to the back of the building. The chemical lines come right in on the top of where the water line comes into the wet well. He thinks it would be easier to tap into the area where the water and chemicals already come into the plant. This is one of the first things that came out of Andrea's mouth, DEP, when she came down for our inspection.

Kevin reported on filter effluent at the point where the chemicals are ejected and our sample point is needs to be changed. The filter effluent in the basement has a chlorine injection, sodium injection, followed by sample pump that goes right to the analyzers. We are not getting a true reading right now. We should have this changed by next week.

Kevin reported there is a new rule coming out for changing your chlorine residual distribution rate. It is changing this year. This will be a new regulation. Manager Wheeler stated that it would be a good step if when DEP comes back we can say we are in the process of bidding. Chairperson Steeg stated that there will be a recommendation to Council for GHD to write the RFP.

ENGINEER'S REPORT-ANN REYNOLDS-GHD ENGINEERING:

Eng. Reynolds reviewed her report with the Committee.

DCED Small Water and Sewer Projects Grant Applications – Submitted. Expect determination in May or June.

Wastewater Treatment Facility

Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program – Bryan Borger has arranged a meeting with Judy Musselman from GHD and the 7 Significant Industrial Users to discuss their draft Industrial Waste Pretreatment Permits on April 9, 2018, at 10 am.

2017 Chapter 94 Report – WWTP Loadings – This annual report was submitted to DEP on March 27th.

Water Treatment Facility

Water Allocation Permit Application – Response to DEP & SRBC

The meeting with Walker Township Municipal Authority (WTMA) to discuss a water system interconnection went well and the Authority is interested in moving forward with the evaluation of the idea. Next step is to discuss the interconnection with DEP to learn what will be required to explore water chemistry compatibility

Water Tank Telemetry Replacement –GHD is working on a SCADA Condition Assessment

WebGIS Development – Training was conducted on March 16th. Logins were assigned to staff and GHD.

Chairperson Steeg suspended the meeting until Tuesday afternoon.

Water and Sewer Committee April 5, 2018. was suspended. Water and Sewer Committee April 10, 2018, continued

The Open House at the Water Plant for Plant Opening has been tabled.

Manager Wheeler reported that a small group of us met with Walker Township. Councilperson Green stated that he feels the offer will benefit Walker Twp not us. We would be better off to drill wells. Manager Wheeler asked if we could drill wells at the Ice Plan. Councilperson Bair stated we need to get as close as we can to the plant. We could see if Walker Township wants to be part of our authority.

Chairperson Steeg asked if anyone had anything that they needed to be brought up to the Water & Sewer Authority. Manager Wheeler stated you may want to talk about the line of credit. For the 4th Street CSO, the sinkhole, and the Or Lady Wall.

The PAWSC offers a service that puts the customers in compliance with the cross-connects and backflows into the water system. It is of no cost to the Borough but imposes a fee on the customers.

Councilperson Green stated he thinks most people have a pressure reducing valves which does the same thing. Councilperson Bair stated to go after the Commercials first. Manager Wheeler will have Kylie print a list. He said that when the men are reading the meters that could check for pressure reducing valves.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Melody J. Parsons
Borough Secretary