

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2018 – 3:30 PM

The Water & Sewer Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Sean Steeg.

Members present were Councilman David Quarry, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman James Bair Jr., Councilman Robert Jackson Jr., Engineer Ann Reynolds, Borough Manager Daniel Varner, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Roger Shaffer, and Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Steve Williams.

Richard King took the minutes of this meeting.

Guest present was Dean Harris.

Chairman Sean Steeg asked Dean Harris if he has any comments at this time. Dean had nothing at this time.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Report

Roger Shaffer asked if there was any questions on his report.

Chairman Sean Steeg said he has stuff on his agenda to go over.

- 1) Trickling Filter Update – Roger Shaffer mentioned that Dan Varner and he had a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and engineer and they came up with a start date of August 10, 2018. He said that the engineer is working on the revised minutes and has not received them. Roger said the major concern was the delivery of the media. Roger mentioned that they did a performance test and it was ISO Compliant. Once they start it will be 130 days to completion
- 2) Methanol Tank – Roger Shaffer mentioned that he still needs to do some leg work on this.
- 3) Chairman Sean Steeg asked about the Jet Vac Truck. Dan Varner said that the crew started Wednesday, August 1, 2018 and Darwin Itinger and Greg Shaver are out on it cleaning inlets. They will continue on the inlets to help with the Storm Water issues and Combined Sewer Overflow inlets.
- 4) Dan Varner mentioned that Roger Shaffer and Travis Gutshall went over the Arch pumps.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Report

Steve Williams asked if there was any questions on his report.

Steve Williams reported on the following:

- 1) Steve mentioned they had 9.57 inches of rain in July
- 2) Steve mentioned the floor is finished and they are moving things back.
- 3) Steve said that the railing has not been installed but is working on safer alternative. He said he is having John's Welding do some welding and staff will install this. He said this will save the borough money.

- 4) Chairman Sean Steeg asked if everyone is back and Steve mentioned that Kevin is back but is going on vacation in 2 weeks.
- 5) Chairman Sean Steeg asked about when we would want to do the Open House. It was mentioned to do this on a weekend or some Friday after hours from 6:00 to 7:00 PM anytime between now and the end of September. Steve is to come up with a date. Ann Reynolds said that GHD will provide the posters and refreshments.
- 6) Ann Reynolds spoke on the CL₂ levels and has been playing phone tag with Justin Blashaw and finally was able to reach him and he is willing to help.
- 7) Ann Reynolds spoke on the GDF Permit and it is under Technical Review.
- 8) There was a discussion on the CL₂ levels, blow offs or boosters. Steve Williams said they tested the tank and the CL₂ was low. The water comes into the tank and back out on the same line. Ann Reynolds stated about putting a memo out for next month. It was discussed about building a structure to put CL₂ tanks in.

Engineers report

- 1) Ann Reynolds said that she spoke with Dan Varner and he recommended just giving her report for Council and just announce at the meetings.
- 2) Ann Reynolds stated that the budget is done already for this year and this is due to Judy Musselman working on the Pretreatment Permits and is still working on K & L Plating. EPA wanted everyone on the same page and she had to rewrite all the permits. Her recommendation is to increase the budget by \$5,000.00.
- 3) Roger Shaffer mentioned that we are having some issues with K & L Plating not answering emails or phone calls. He said we need to be on our A game and with Judy Musselman's expertise we need to dot our I's and cross our T's. Dan asked about checking into see if we can make them pay the cost associated with the pretreatment permits. He said we need to keep track of our expenses and time.
- 4) **James Bair Jr. made a recommendation to increase the budget by \$5,000.00.**
- 5) Dan Varner reported on the Train Derailment and said that he spoke with NFS and they are going to waive the entrance fee. He told them if they want an inspector there then NFS pays them since they caused the problem. Dan stated that the bids will need advertised once a week for two weeks. Dan said this will be in this Saturday's August 4th newspaper and then on Saturday, August 11th newspaper. He said this way we will have the bids for Council Meeting on August 21, 2018 and will open then. He stated it is required to have railroad insurance and NFS is paying all the bills. Dan stated we need to look at the contracts.
- 6) Dan Varner reported that a conference call will be held at GHD office on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 10:30 AM with Tom Phillips of DEP to discuss the Water Allocation Permits and Steve Williams was asked to be there.

Mayor David Wessels arrived at 4:12 PM

- 7) Dan Varner spoke on the Muddy Run Sinkhole. He said he is working with Joe Thompson on possibly getting some FEMA funding to help. He mentioned the culvert is ordered and will cost \$27,400.00. He said the first bid from the contractor was \$160,000.00 and now it is around \$238,000.00. Ann Reynolds said she has talked with HRI and the culvert requires further requirements like concrete, rebar and to sign off to get the rebar will take 10 days to 2 weeks to get. The concrete under the footers was 2 feet and now it is 4 feet. This is all structure things that are required.
- 8) Dan Varner mentioned about the Or Lady Wall loan can be used but will not be enough. He said that Council needs to think about another loan. He stated that Solicitor Wilson and he had a conference call with the Bond Council. Dan asked the Bond Council if there were any bonds that are callable and there were none to our advantage. Dan also mentioned that we need to get the engineers to go in and see if there are more sections that we should fix. He stated that Council needs to decide soon. Dan also mentioned that there is a debris pile down from what needs repaired and with lines going through, we cannot get equipment in there to remove.
- 9) Dan Varner talked about the 4th Street CSO contract with HRG and they have increased their price on the bid. It was mentioned that we would give them all the information that they would need. There was not enough information available. He stated we should move along with the project, sign the contract and they can do the design. This way they can start this fall and funding for this could be part of a Bond Issue. Dan mentioned we can use money from the Sewer Account. Dan spoke on the bond by saying that we only pay the interest on what is drawn down. Dan mentioned we could go with a 15 or 18 month bond, that there is \$1,750,000.00 in the Sewer budget earmarked for the 4th Street CSO. The plan is to bid this fall with project to start in the spring.

Nicole Houck arrived at 4:32 PM

- 10) There was a discussion on the water loss and Dean Harris mentioned about the water loss 50 years ago and we had a company come in and they drilled holes, checked valves and fire hydrants and was here for a week and found no major leaks. Dean also mention we had a company with a truck come in and we didn't see any difference. Dean wanted to know where the water is going. Terry Green mentioned about Fiberglass Fire Protection line that there is not a meter on this line that goes down around the railroad tracks. Maybe we should put a meter on this.
- 11) Roger Shaffer mentioned about the 4th Street CSO and that the Engineer took the maps and sent copies of these and are the same set as Africa Engineers set from 1963.
- 12) Dan Varner reported that the PennVest paperwork is all done and we should see the money this week or next.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM