

Water & Sewer Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 6, 2018

The meeting of the Water and Sewer Committee was called to Order by Chairman Sean Steeg at 3:30 PM.

Committee members present were Jim Bair, Jr and Terry Green.

The following members were present: President Nicole Houck, Councilman Johnathan Hyde, Councilman Robert Jackson, Jr., Engineer Ann Reynolds, Borough Manager Daniel Varner, Wastewater Treatment Supervisor Roger Shaffer, and Water Treatment Supervisor Steve Williams.

Richard King took the minutes of the meeting.

**Recognize guest for public comments.** There were no guest present for this meeting.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Report:**

Supervisor Roger Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his report.

Dan Varner reported that he had received a call from the Penn Township Secretary about an agreement they had with Huntingdon Borough on a Sewage Overpayment. Dan told her that there was a meeting today and to email him the paper work but she had brought it into the office. There was a letter from the Law Offices of Rea, Rea & Lashinsky that was sent to the Borough Manager on September 9, 2014. This letter stated about the overpayment of \$37,777.33 that was paid to Huntingdon Borough for Penn Township's Capital contribution to the Borough's sewage plant upgrade. To repay this amount, Huntingdon Borough offered to repay Penn Township by providing up to 20 hours of camera testing for Penn's sewage lines and storm sewers per year for a total of 15 years. There has never been anything done with the agreement. The request from Penn Township was to comply with the agreement or to be repaid the \$37,777.33.

There was a discussion on this and Dan Varner said he would reach out to them and tell them that we will honor Huntingdon Boroughs commitment.

One of the suggestions was made by their secretary was to deduct their Sewer Bill each month till paid.

Roger Shaffer mentioned that someone is pumping out their tanks and doesn't know who, but if they brought their sewage to the Wastewater Treatment Plant that could be deducted off also.

Dan Varner mentioned that Roger is still working on the Methanol Tank estimate cost.

Jim Bair asked about the 24 by-passes for last month and asked if this was a big number for by-passes and Roger said that it was not unusual but it was higher than usual because of the number of rain events.

Roger Shaffer mentioned about the manhole outside the plant and this was to be sealed during the construction but never was and this needs done.

Roger Shaffer reported the Fred Clark from DEP came in and did a CSO Inspection of the system and Roger stated that everything went well and will be receiving a report soon.

Roger Shaffer reported that Oneida Township flowmeter had bit the dust and they now have a new one in place and was paid for by Oneida Township.

Roger Shaffer reported that we have received a revision of the minutes on the Trickling Filters and was ok'd by Dan Varner and himself. Roger mentioned that there was a discussion on the beams and Brentwood would be eating the cost of upgrading to Plastic Beams. Roger mentioned that the submittal on the media should be 22' but was changed to 22.6' somehow. Heisey came back in and resurveyed and measured and it should be 22'. He mentioned that they wanted to know if they could store some of the media at the plant so they would not loose time. Roger mentioned that there is some areas where they could store the media. He mentioned that there will be about 30 Tractor Trailer loads total coming.

### **Water Treatment Plant Report:**

Supervisor Steve Williams asked if there were any questions on his report.

Jim Bair asked about the roof that needs repaired. Steve said that the roof above the lab was leaking and it is a rubber roof and this needs replaced. He said he had Terry Green look at it last fall and he believed the quote was around \$3,000.00.

**Jim Bair recommended that we have Terry Green come in and check the roof and to come back with a price.**

Steve Williams reported that he has ordered Media for the filters and the cost will be \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. He mentioned that the media break apart and they are now below where they should be.

Sean Steeg asked about the CL2 situation and Steve mentioned that out in the system you can't do much. You could increase it at the plant but then you will have trouble at the properties close to the plant. Ann Reynolds mentioned that Justin Blashaw was to contact Andria to work on this and they have been playing phone tag. Dan Varner stated that we need to be in compliance by April 2019. Steve stated that we had 7 violations last month. Ann Reynolds is to check with other clients to see what they are doing. Steve mentioned that DEP tells them what sites to test and it is in their permit. There was a discussion on the YBC dead end and maybe putting a fire hydrant there for blow off.

Jim Bair mentioned that Steve is on call all year and to maybe getting him a laptop where he can go on and adjust things and this will save money from callouts. Ann Reynolds is to check into the program to be placed on the laptop and what all is required. There was a discussion about getting a second laptop for the guys to have when Steve is on Vacation or weekends doing something and this would free him up from being on call. It was mentioned that the program be secured so there can be no unauthorized access.

Sean Steeg asked about the open house at the Water Plant and if this was set. The date will be Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Food and Beverages will be provided by GHD. This is to be put on Facebook and the Borough's website.

Steve Williams mentioned that the safety issues with the valve was taken care of with their plan and it works and saved money.

Ann Reynolds updated everyone on the DCED Small Water Grant to cover 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Street on Washington Street and the CFA Board will meet on September 18, 2018.

Ann Reynolds updated everyone on the Wastewater Pretreatment report and it is still being reviewed by EPA.

Ann Reynolds spoke on the HRI Bond issue for the 60” Storm Sewer replacement and this will take 10 days to 2 weeks.

Ann Reynolds talked about a memo on the conditions of the telemetry replacements and should budget in the future around \$140,000.00. She also talked about replacing the batteries in the UPS. She mentioned that we need an active control figure for replacing equipment parts that you can't get anymore.

Ann Reynolds stated that the Water Allocation Permit has been submitted to DEP and talked about the pass by going over the dam and gave report on the conference call they had. She also spoke on the drought contingency plan.

Dan Varner reported that the Rotary Club has contacted him and wants to clear the brush along the old railroad bridge on East Penn Street and to place 2 signs by the Historical Society. Dan Varner said that he has contacted Regional Vice President Rudy Husband of Norfolk Southern and he stated that this was given to the Sewer Authority back in 1962.

Brief adjournment was held at 4:35 PM.

President Nicole Houck came at 4:36 PM.

There was a discussion on the Rotary Club and about the insurance in case someone would get hurt. Sean Steeg mentioned that he would like to see proof of insurance and would want to see what plans they had after they cleared it off. Terry Green mentioned that we should turn it over to the Historical Society and let them take care of it.

The Rotary Club will be participating in the United Way Day of Caring by volunteering at Portstown Park on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 and Dan Varner will have a list of things for them to do. The Rotary Club is doing this to give something back to Huntingdon Borough.

Dan Varner mentioned about Dewberry doing a study for PADot on Muddy Run that crosses Moore Street and requested that information should be shared with Huntingdon Borough. Ann Reynolds said that she does have copies of the surveys that was done.

Dan Varner stated that PEMA Damage Assessment Team was in and did their own assessment on the amount of damage done on Muddy Run. They said there was no problem with meeting the threshold and going to the Federal Government for a declaration and that we might get some Federal Disaster money. We have the pictures and documents for this also.

Dan Varner stated that Penn State Engineer students will be in next Friday to walk Muddy Run from 14<sup>th</sup> Street up and do the study. April Feagley and a group of volunteers would like to help clean out Muddy Run.

Dan Varner mentioned that we have checked out the hole in the back yard between 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> on Moore Street, it is washed out under Muddy Run footers this should be addressed. PEMA has volunteered to coordinate a meeting later this month or early October with various agencies to investigate the possibilities of grant funding to mitigate the potential structure weakness in the covered portion of Muddy Run.

Ann Reynolds mentioned that PADot will give us money to relocate our utilities (Water & Sewer Lines) when they do their Muddy Run projects on Moore Street and will partner with DEP and this will help. PADot will be doing Penn Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street in 2020 and 9<sup>th</sup> Street in 2021.

Roger Shaffer wanted to thank Borough Council for the Picnic at the lake and everyone had a real good time.

Dan Varner mentioned that he would like to commend the staff at the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant for doing an excellent job under trying conditions with all the rain events.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.