**Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee meeting was held by Webex Conference. Due to technical difficulties, this meeting was not broadcasted live on the Borough’s Facebook page.

The Water & Sewer Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Sean Steeg at 3:30 PM.

Committee members present were Chairman Sean Steeg (Home on Computer) and Councilman James Bair (Home on Computer).

Members present were President Johnathan Hyde (Council Room), Councilman David Quarry (Council Room), Engineer Ann Reynolds (Home on Computer), Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Roger Shaffer (Council Room), Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Steve Williams (Council Room), Borough Manager Chris Stevens (Council Room) and Borough Secretary Richard King (Council Room).

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to the 4th Street Sewer Separation project.

The 4th Street Sewer Separation project was placed on PennBid by Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG). These bids were opened electronically by HRG & PennBids and the bids were sent to Borough Manager Chris Stevens.

The following were bids received:

 HRI, Inc. $2,816,394.00

 Ankiewicz Enterprises Inc. $3,264,867.50

 Glenn Johnston, Inc. $4,086,423.00

 New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. $4,285,757.08

**After review of the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor, the Water & Sewer Committee would recommend a motion and second to accept the lowest bid of HRI, Inc. in the amount of $2,816,394.00.**

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that after the review of the Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor, and a motion and second is made, we can present the Notice to Proceed at the Borough Council Meeting on May 19, 2020.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to recognize the guest for public comments and there were no guest present.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to Old Business.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens spoke on the Water Line Replacement of 4th to 5th Street on Penn Street. Chris said that D&M was given the Notice to Proceed, but with the COVID-19, they have requested not to start until July or August. Chris said that they have some other jobs they wanted to get done first. Chris also mentioned that PennDOT has issued a memorandum stating that there will be virtual inspections, must wear face masks and keep the distance apart from each other. Chris said that he has told them he wanted them to start as soon as possible since there will not be that much traffic at this time.

Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds said she is waiting for a return call from Chris Gallick (D&M).

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that D&M has received their Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) and they have submitted an invoice for the PennDOT Highway Restoration & Maintenance Bond in the amount of $4,720.00. Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds said that this would be a change order.

Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds mentioned that we could pay this when we receive their 1st application for payment.

**The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion and second to pay the change order for the Highway Restoration & Maintenance Bond in the amount of $4,720.00 when we receive their 1st application for payment.**

Borough Manager Chris Stevens spoke on the 2013 Sewer Bond refinancing and said that PFM Financial Advisors are moving forward with the RFP’s. Chris said this will be a saving of $193,977.00 in which the first year will be $159,301.00.

**The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion and second to move ahead on the refinancing the 2013 Sewer Bond.**

Borough Manager Chris Stevens reported on the Water Line replacement of 6th to 7th Street on Penn Street. Chris said the Maintenance Department crew has found Huntingdon Electrics service line. Chris reported that for the pipe and material that the cost is $22,500.00 to replace the 600 block of Penn Street Water Line.

**The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion and second to proceed with the Water Line replacement of 6th to 7th Street on Penn Street.**

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to the Water Treatment Plant Supervisors report.

Steve Williams asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none.

Steve Williams said that everything is fine with the plant.

Steve Williams said the Chlorine is lower now since school is out and the temperature is going up.

There was a discussion on the Algae and Potassium Permanganate.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisors report.

Roger Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none.

Roger Shaffer said that he has a problem with the Algae and Potassium Permanganate problem. Roger said on March 27th, there was white stuff and the bugs were dying. He said it rained the next day and when they tested the bugs were coming back.

Roger Shaffer said that the sampling plan of GHD was being done. Roger said that the test results will not say what the problem is, but will provide baseline readings.

Roger Shaffer said that he is working with Rural Water and sampling and his crew came up with a plan and they are working on this.

Roger Shaffer said they have gone to all of the industries that are permitted and ones that are not permitted to do testing and they are all good.

Roger Shaffer reported that the new DEP inspector was into inspect the plant and she had given them a list of items that needed changed. Roger said that all of this has been corrected and has been submitted to her.

Roger Shaffer reported that they have received the EPA Pretreatment Report back and they were 100%.

Roger Shaffer reported that they have started cleaning sewer lines to get to their 25,000 feet.

Roger Shaffer said that with everything going on, that he would recommend moving the Final Clarifiers to next year.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to the Engineers report.

Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds reported that the Telemetry and SCADA System have been put on hold because of the COVID-19. Ann said she has not heard from them.

Chairman Sean Steeg asked if this was a life essential item and if it is we need to push forward.

Steve Williams said that everything is working fine right now.

The Water & Sewer Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary