

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2008

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the East Goshen Township building. Members in attendance were: Chairman Mike Steinberger, Jack Yahraes, Kevin Cummings and Fran Beck. Also in attendance were: Authority Engineer Evan Andrews (Pennoni), Authority Solicitor Bob Adams, George Martynick (Planning Commission), Ellen Carmody (Historical Commission), Walter Wujcik (Conservancy Board), Carmen Battavio (Board of Supervisors), Rick Smith (township Manager) and Mark Miller (Director of Public Works).

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Steinberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mike reported that information came from PLGIT for anyone interested in looking at it and a 2007 Survey of Sewer Rates came from CET Engineering Services.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed. Fran moved to approve the minutes of the 1/14/07 as corrected. Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ENGINEERING REPORT

Evan reported that the Lochwood Chase STP Act 537 Plan draft report is currently being reviewed by Rick; submission to the DEP is expected within the next two weeks. Township, public and county comments on the Hershey Mill Special Study are pending. The RCSTP expansion project is approximately two weeks behind, due to necessary notifications for PNDI hits for possible serpentine vegetation and/or bog turtles in the area. Time should be made up during the final design process. The DEP comments on the I&I Abatement program have been received and they requested a separate program be devised for "the investigation and elimination of defective house lateral connections which can be incorporated into the Consent Order and Agreement." Rick said sump pumps and clean-out caps are already checked during home inspections. Evan said developing the program would entail a scheduling outline, steps to correct the program, and homeowner education via the newsletter. An additional \$2,000 was authorized for Pennoni to develop the program.

Bob asked if the Ridley Creek plant was being designed to meet the "Total Maximum Daily Load" (TMDL). Although this is not the current standard, Evan said the plant will be built to comply with the new standards that are expected to be adopted.

5. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A. Pennoni, Inv. #367012, 1/30/08 - \$630.00

Kevin moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #367012 dated 1/30/08 in the amount of \$630 for the LCSTP Act 537 Plan. Fran seconded the motion.

No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Pennoni, Inv. #367013, 1/30/08 - \$1,575.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #367013 dated 1/30/08 in the amount of \$1,575 for the Pump Station Special Study. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Pennoni, Inv. #367014, 1/30/08 - \$16,181.00

Kevin moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #367014 dated 1/30/08 in the amount of \$16,181 for the RCSTP Expansion. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

Walter Wujcik, CB – a joint meeting with the Willistown Environmental Action Committee is planned. They will also be reviewing CTDI's landscape plan.

George Martynick, PC – they are awaiting the landscape review on CTDI. A tie vote was reached on the proposed pool amendment for single family open space developments (Sorrell Hill).

Ellen Carmody, HC – National History Day is scheduled for March 15th at Immaculata College. Last year, 33 schools participated and they expect even higher attendance this year.

Carmen Battavio, BOS – a final decision on the Township Hunting Program is expected this month. They will also vote on the Applebrook path, along Line Road, by 3/4/08.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS – none

8. GOALS

The BOS ranked all the ABC 2008 goals for priority levels. Fran submitted an article for the spring newsletter. He changed the subject from SBR to an overview of their projects, up to and including the RCSTP upgrade. Fran will email a copy of the article to MA members. Kevin is writing the May article, Joe is writing the August article and Mike will do the December article. Suggested topics include a Top Ten list, A Day in the Life and DEP requirements for the I&I program.

Jack will coordinate the annual facility tour in June. Members confirmed who will attend the quarterly West Goshen Meetings – Kevin in March, Jack in June, Mike in October and Joe in December.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Rick authorized Pennoni to prepare the Chapter 94 Report – the annual waste load management report that is due by all municipally-owned plant by the end of March. Lochwood and Ridley Creek are both covered in the report; information was sent to West Goshen for their report.

10. NEW BUSINESS

MA members reviewed drawings of the RCSTP. There are three issues to consider:

- a) Limit of the sewer treatment plant property as it relates to the overall township property. Currently, parts of the existing facility are outside the treatment plant lot. The Authority needs to take title to the land to bring the facility/expansion in alignment – a simple sub-division is needed. Bob recommended the preparation of a legal description of the new area and merging that with the existing property.
- b) A floodplain runs through the site. Although everything is designed to be two feet above the floodplain, they need to consider the floodplain map as plotted by FEMA vs. the flood zone as defined in the township ordinance. According to the DEP you are allowed to build in a flood zone so long as it is above the flood plain. Evan will get a survey description before moving forward.
- c) There is a potential cost savings opportunity if they choose dome covers for the existing round tanks instead of flat covers. The dome cover would be 12' high at the peak, have easier access to the tank, are made of fiberglass and easier to engineer, and cost \$110,000 less. Members agree that it would be safer than a flat roof, provide better access and be aesthetically pleasing. Evan will prepare a cross-section of the area, with sight-lines, for review.

11. SEWER REPORT

Mark said freezing of the water lines has been resolved and he ordered another portable flow meter for use in the field. Jack pointed out a few discrepancies in calculations on the precipitation and meter flow spreadsheets that will be corrected.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Three resolutions a regarding public recordings of township meetings, code of conduct and email communications were approved by the BOS. MA members agree to watch the PMA DVD (13 minutes) at their next meeting.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT - *none*

14. ADJOURNMENT

Jack made a motion to adjourn. Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was made. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Tracie Hill, Recording Secretary