

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2008

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the East Goshen Township building. Members in attendance were: Chairman Mike Steinberger, Jack Yahraes, Kevin Cummings, Joe McCawley and Fran Beck. Also in attendance were: Rick Smith (Township Manager), Authority Engineer Evan Andrews (Pennoni), Authority Solicitor Bob Adams, George Martynick (Planning Commission), Ellen Carmody (Historical Commission), Carmen Battavio (Board of Supervisors) 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

Jack attended the West Goshen public meeting regarding the Draft TMDL's for Chester Creek Nutrient Reduction, during which EPA gave a presentation. It was well attended and John Hall rebutted the report. Members briefly discussed trace levels of medications reportedly found in area drinking water.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed. Jack moved to approve the minutes of the 2/11/07 as written. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ENGINEERING REPORT

Evan reported that the draft of the Lochwood Chase STP document and Hershey Mill/Reserve Special Study have been sent out for public comment. The draft lateral program was completed on 2/29/08. After speaking with Jesse Goldberg, Evan said the lateral and I&I Abatement Program would be incorporated into the consent agreement; it is moving on for legal review. Evan has a draft of the update revision to the Township Act 537 Plan addressing the future of Lochwood Chase and the pump diversions. The township has a copy of the TMDL draft; public comments are due by April 6th.

5. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A. Gawthrop Greenwood, Inv. #60161, 1/31/08 - \$798.36

Kevin moved to approve payment of the Gawthrop Greenwood Invoice #60161 dated 1/31/08 in the amount of \$798.36. Joe seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

George Martynick, PC – The revised Sorrell Hill plan is going to the BOS for approval. This 10 home development off Line Rd. has begun construction. Harlan is the builder.

Ellen Carmody, HC – National History Day is scheduled for March 15th at Immaculata College; ten other historical sites will be participating in the "History Fair" that day. Living History Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th and volunteers are needed.

Carmen Battavio, BOS – reported that Marty Shane’s surgery was successful. The East Goshen Republican Committee Beef & Beer is scheduled for March 28th.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Members reviewed the 2007/2008 budget. The 2007 estimated budget had a surplus of \$292,381 while the actuals came in with a \$79,427 deficit due to the Ashbridge capital replacement. The 2008 budget is under review.

8. GOALS

Jack will attend the West Goshen meeting in March while Kevin will attend in June. Kevin will write the newsletter article, due 5/11/08.

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant (RCSTP) Expansion Project

- 1) Evan stated the permit application was sent to the DEP on 2/26 with revised locations for the screening facility and influent pump station. During the review process a change to the datum was discovered. The elevation datum change, which is lower by 1.01 feet, is not expected to change the overall design; a new survey is recommended to make sure floor and pipe elevations align, which are critical to gravity flow. Members questioned the \$4500 cost of a new survey. Evan said the “as built” survey is unreliable and basically anything from capacity loss to a total tear down/rebuild could result from assumptions made based on the current survey. Kevin said it is important to anticipate problems before they pop up like this. The “as built” survey was used at the direction of the MA, unfortunately the information was not accurate. Kevin said they should seek reimbursement from Yerkes if survey documents were not received.
- 2) The Phase I Bog Turtle survey is scheduled for March 12th when they will evaluate the effluent disposal field for a suitable bog turtle habitat. If found suitable, a Phase II survey will need to be scheduled for sometime in April-May and could potentially drive up costs. Because they are within 300 ft. of the wetlands, this survey is required and essentially they created the environment, therefore they are liable for the protection of this endangered population.
- 3) Although not as simple as a deed of correction, the easement description will be completed this week and when complete, the entire STP will fall within the footprint.
- 4) The project schedule has been delayed by approximately 1 month due to PNDI “hits.”

2. Brigadoon Sewering

Jack attended the Greenhill Sewer Association meeting and discussed PUC concerns with Ed McFalls. Without a clear commitment from the Greenhill board, the MA members agree they cannot move forward. Rick will re-send a copy of the 1/11/06 letter to Ed. McFalls.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. TMDL Proposal and Impact

Rick said public comment on the proposed TMDL is due to the EPA by April 6th. The TMDL calls for reduced phosphorus and nitrogen from our storm sewer. It will result in stricter limits on the West Goshen Sewer Plant effluent. As part of the their

agreement, they will need to pay 1/6th of the cost for West Goshen upgrades as well as \$2500 for legal fees. Rick commented on the billions of dollars spent on the TMDL for the Chesapeake Bay. Evan estimates it will cost \$2-4 million per million gallons to reduce phosphorous levels; EGT sends 1 million gallons to West Goshen. Because of capacity commitments, this level will not change.

Evan said Ridley Creek is not on the 303D list and does not warrant a TMDL at this time. Although the RCSTP is being designed to a higher level, it would still not meet the proposed TMDL. The MBR design would do a better job but physically does not fit on the land and would require a lot more tanks.

For \$3000 Evan can review and comment on the TMDL. Rick said they are piggy-backing the Yerkes review of the MS4 with Edgemont & Thornbury Townships for a cost around \$600. Members discussed the need for both reports and agree that having two sets of comments from different perspectives is positive.

11. CAPACITY REQUESTS

Kevin moved that the Municipal Authority approve the following sewer connection agreements for Pine Rock and Stofflet:

- Harv Martens, 612 Reservoir Road
- Robert and Cheryl Jacobs 1409 Pine Rock Road
- Joseph Pappano 1407 Pine Rock Road
- George and Christine Smith 1405 Pine Rock Road
- Mike Stofflet 611 Reservoir Road

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

12. SEWER REPORTS

Mark said a \$10,000 pump was purchased for the RCSTP.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT - *none*

14. ADJOURNMENT

Jack made a motion to adjourn. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was made. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Tracie Hill, Recording Secretary