

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2008

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 14, 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 reported that the Westtown Way Pump Station had a major break and leaked 80-100,000 gallons of sewage water into a local creek. Fran's article was in the EGT spring newsletter; next article is due 5/9.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the March 10th minutes were deferred until May.

4. ENGINEERING REPORT

Evan reported that the Lochwood Chase STP document was sent out for public comment; an ad appeared in 4/14 paper. Lochwood Chase STP has been recommended for shut down. There is a greater than 50% chance that the DEP will initially deny this recommendation and will likely advocate for an alternate discharge site. The Hershey Mill/Reserve Special Study is also out for public comment. The PHMC responded with a "high probability" that archeological resources may lie within the proposed project area and are requiring an archeological survey be done.

Evan is meeting with the PA Fish & Wildlife Commission on 4/15 at RCSTP; the Bog Turtle Survey has been completed. The easement description is in, the additional survey is complete and adjustments have been incorporated into the design plans. The project is on track and bidding is anticipated in June. Bidders may bid more aggressively if permits are in place. Evan could validate bids for 90 days vs. 30 days but this could cause problems with the bid bonds – Evan will follow up with the DEP reviewer. The bid period is one month. The design phase is the next major step for the project. Kevin asked for a record of days lost with reasons why for critical path items and members agreed.

The Chapter 94 Report was hand delivered. The Draft Chester Creek TMDL's public comment period was extended until 4/18. Members briefly discussed the content of the "Keystone Water Quality Manager" article.

5. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A. Gawthrop Greenwood, Inv. #61323 & #61324, 3/31/08 - \$927.50

Fran moved to approve payment of the combined Gawthrop Greenwood Invoice #61323 & #61324 dated 3/31/08 in the amount of \$927.50 for general services. Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Pennoni, Inv. #370985, 3/21/08 - \$1,583.00

Joe moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #370985 dated 3/21/08 in the amount of \$1,583.00 for LCSTP Decommissioning Planning. Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Pennoni, Inv. #370986, 3/21/08 - \$1,986.25

Kevin moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #370986 dated 3/21/08 in the amount of \$1,986.25 for the Pump Station Special Study. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Pennoni, Inv. #370987, 3/21/08 - \$33,981.00

Joe moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #370987 dated 3/21/08 in the amount of \$33,981.00 for the RCSTP Expansion. Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Pennoni, Inv. #370988, 3/21/08 - \$323.25

Kevin moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #370988 dated 3/21/08 in the amount of \$323.25 for the I/I Abatement Program. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Pennoni, Inv. #370989, 3/21/08 - \$322.50

Joe moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #370989 dated 3/21/08 in the amount of \$322.50 for the 2007 Chapter 94 Report. Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Pennoni, Inv. #372658, 4/8/08 - \$630.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372658 dated 4/8/08 in the amount of \$630.00 for the LCSTP Decommissioning Planning. Mike seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Pennoni, Inv. #372660, 4/8/08 - \$525.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372660 dated 4/8/08 in the amount of \$525.00 for the I/I Abatement Program. Mike seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Pennoni, Inv. #372661, 4/8/08 - \$986.25

Kevin moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372661 dated 4/8/08 in the amount of \$986.25 for the RCSTP Property Description. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Pennoni, Inv. #372662, 4/8/08 - \$1,050.00

Joe moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372662 dated 4/8/08 in the amount of \$1,050.00 for the 2007 Chapter 94 Report. Mike seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Pennoni, Inv. #372663, 4/8/08 - \$315.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372663 dated 4/8/08 in the amount of \$315.00 for the Bog Turtle Survey. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Pennoni, Inv. #372664, 4/8/08 - \$4,122.25

Mike moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372664 dated 4/8/08 in the amount of \$4,122.25 for the RSCTP additional survey. Kevin seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Pennoni, Inv. #372665, 4/8/08 - \$210.00

Jack moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372665 dated 4/8/08 in the amount of \$210.00 for the review of the Chester Creek TMDL. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

N. Pennoni, Inv. #372731, 4/9/08 - \$21,781.75

Kevin moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #372731 dated 4/9/08 in the amount of \$21,781.75 for the RSCTP expansion. Joe seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

Ellen Carmody, HC – They are volunteering at the Historic Sugartown Days on 4/26. PHMC is honoring Ben Rohrbeck as Volunteer of the Year on 5/10. Living History Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th and volunteers are needed. The HC will be helping Malvern's Historical Society during Town Tours & Village Walks on 7/24.

Jack reported that there was a great turn out for the EGT Clean-up Day on 4/12. The CB walked the township creeks and will be sending a letter to the MA listing the invasive species that they would like to see replaced at the RCSTP.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Members reviewed the 2007/2008 budget. Mike said other than exceeding engineering services, it looked good. Rick said these expenses need to be re-categorized.

8. GOALS

Jack will attend the West Goshen meeting in June. Kevin will write the newsletter article, due 5/9/08. The 1st Quarter Goals report was turned in to the BOS. The RCSTP bid will be advertised on 6/18/08.

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. Bog Turtle Survey – the report concludes that while investigating the wetlands nearest the existing limits of the RSCTP (100-150 ft), no evidence of bog turtle presence was discovered.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sewer Lateral on East Boot Road & Authorization

Rick said planning approval is needed for the 3 houses on E. Boot Rd. to connect to the sewer lines; the main is in but 3 laterals will need to be run across the street.

Members debated if approval was previously granted. Rick will look into cost and planning and report back in May; residents pay half the cost. Evan will confirm weather or not the Act 537 plan needs to be amended for properties that were not already approved for sewer.

B. EGMA Draft Statements & Authorization

Members briefly discussed income and expenses. Joe moved that the Municipal Authority authorize the chairman to sign the disclosures. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review of TMDL's

Rick send a letter to the EPA via USPS and e-mail.

11. CAPACITY REQUESTS – none

12. SEWER REPORTS

Mark said three bids were received for the manholes, ranging from \$5,000 to \$16,000. Evan will qualify the bidders and compare the proposals.

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 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Tracie Hill, Recording Secretary