

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2008

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the East Goshen Township building. Members in attendance were: Chairman Mike Steinberger, Jack Yahraes, and Fran Beck. Also in attendance were: Township Manager Rick Smith, Authority Engineer Evan Andrews (Pennoni), Authority Solicitor Bob Adams, Director of Public Works Mark Miller, Ellen Carmody (Historical Commission), George Martynick (Planning Commission) and Carmen Battavio (Board of Supervisors).

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Fran moved that the minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting be approved as corrected. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ENGINEERING REPORT

Evan reported that the Archeological Survey at Lochwood Chase and Hershey Mill/Reserve PS Diversion Special study are done; nothing was found. DEP's support of the abandonment of LC is uncertain. The discharge permit for RCSTP are pending, following receipt of the DRBC's letter by the DEP. Bidding has begun and the project remains on schedule.

The EPA issued their final TMDL for the Goose Creek section of the Chester Creek Watershed. The nitrogen limit has been removed for now but the extreme phosphorous limits (.04 mg/L) remain in effect for West Goshen and West Chester-Goose Creek plants; they are fighting the requirement. EPA estimated upgrade costs of \$1.75 million per million gallons discharged. Evan said effluent is high during droughts because this section of the creek is the smallest. The application of the TMDL's is not warranted "at this time" on the RCSTP because the waterway has not been identified as "nutrient impaired" by the DEP or EPA. The new RSCTP system is designed to have levels less than 10mg/L; they can get down to 0.3mg/L for phosphorous and 8mg/L for nitrogen. The requirement will effect West Goshen during their next permit stage, approximately 5-10 years from now. Evan noted that DEP has been instructed to set nutrient limits by 2011 and incorporate them into permits by 2013. TMDL's will substantially impact the maintenance of sewer treatment plants via additional chemicals, energy, space, etc.

5. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A. Pennoni, Inv. #377898, 6/4/08 - \$105.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #377898 dated 6/4/08 in the amount of \$105.00 for LCSTP Decommissioning Planning. Mike seconded

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

B. Pennoni, Inv. #377899, 6/4/08 - \$210.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #377899 dated 6/4/08 in the amount of \$210.00 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. #377900, 6/4/08 - \$85,349.75

Mike moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #377900 dated 6/4/08 in the amount of \$85,349.75 for the RCSTP Expansion; 3 of 5 phases are complete. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Pennoni, Inv. #377901, 6/4/08 - \$268.00

Mike moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #377901 dated 6/4/08 in the amount of \$268.00 for the I&I Abatement Program. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Pennoni, Inv. #377902, 6/4/08 - \$262.50

Jack moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #377902 dated 6/4/08 in the amount of \$262.50 for Consent Order & Agreement Consulting. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Gawthrop Greenwood, Inv. #62019, 4/30/08 - \$227.50

Mike moved to approve payment of the Gawthrop Greenwood Invoice #62019 dated 4/30/08 in the amount of \$227.50 for the RCSTP Expansion. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Gawthrop Greenwood, Inv. #62018, 4/30/08 - \$525.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Gawthrop Greenwood Invoice #62018 dated 4/30/08 in the amount of \$525.00 for general services. Jack seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Pennoni, Inv. #381092, 7/3/08 - \$54,028.00

Fran moved to approve payment of the Pennoni Invoice #381092 dated 7/3/08 in the amount of \$54,028.00 for the RCSTP Expansion. Mike seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Gawthrop Greenwood, Inv. #62784, 5/31/08 - \$1,732.50

Jack moved to approve payment of the Gawthrop Greenwood Invoice #62784 dated 5/31/08 in the amount of \$1,732.50 for the RCSTP Expansion. Fran seconded the motion. No further discussion or public comment was heard. The motion passed unanimously.

6. LIAISON REPORTS

HC –Ellen Carmody reported that they will assist the Malvern Historical Society on July 24th during Town Tours & Village Walks; their theme is “Women in Malvern.” The next Living History Day is scheduled for September 20th. During National History Day in March, 3 students qualified for States. One Fugett Middle School student qualified for Nationals and was honored by the HC for the accomplishment.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mike said they look behind on the budget’s interest and tapping fees. Rick said RCSTP bids are due in August and should be awarded in September. Members discussed the need for an extra meeting to review the bids. Evan anticipates breaking ground this year.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. East Boot Road Sewer Laterals – Rick said connections would cost less then \$10,000/each with the MA paying half (same situation as on Pine Rock). Including fees, the total cost is almost \$29,000. Members agreed to send a letter to the 3 residents on East Boot Road to see if they are interested.

B. Resolution 08-50, Grant Applications – members briefly discussed the procedures.

C. TMDL’s – Jack noted that PMAA is helping West Goshen fight the phosphorous requirements. PMAA is opposed to the extreme restriction.

D. Marydell Pump Station – Rick showed members a piece of the 1975 pipe that was rusted through. They need to rehab and evaluate the gravity connection.

9. CAPACITY REQUESTS

A letter was received from Mrs. Manser (Willistown Township) requesting a connection to the public sewer. Rick suggested approving the connection with conditions. Members discussed who the lines should be assigned to: East Goshen, Willistown or private and agreed that it was a planning issue for Willistown. Rick will draft a response letter.

10. SEWER REPORTS

Mark reported that they continue to work on the bridge on Reservoir Road.

11. CORRESPONDENCES

Mike reported the receipt of Kevin Cummings’ resignation letter, due to work relocation. The RSCTP bid notice was published.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

13. ADJOURNMENT

Jack moved that the MA adjourn. Fran 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