## EAST GOSHEN TOWNHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES February 8, 2010

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Goshen Township building. Members in attendance were: Fran Beck, Jack Yahraes, Joseph McCawley and Michael Steinberger. Also in attendance were: Rick Smith, Township Manager; Dave Evans and Scott Towler from Brickhouse Environmental; Evan Andrews, Authority Engineer; Bob Adams, Authority Solicitor; Carmen Battavio, Township Supervisor; and Megan Hedgecock, Planning Commission.

## **COMMON ACRONYMS:**

MA- Municipal Authority

HC – Historical Commission

PC – Planning Commission

CB – Conservancy Board

PR – Park & Recreation Board

BOS – Board of Supervisors

I&I – Inflow & Infiltration

RCSTP – Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant

LCSTP – Lochwood Chase Sewer Treatment Plant

DEP – Department of Environmental Protection

EPA – Environmental protection Agency

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

SSO – Sanitary System Overflow WAS – Waste Activated Sludge

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jack Yahraes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence to remember our Armed Forces.

## 2. RCSTP REPORTS

a. Scott reported that the construction of the Ridley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant (RSCTP) continues to focus on the mechanical and electrical equipment and wiring located within the new treatment building, existing control building, screen building and influent pump station. During January the electrician commenced installation of the cable and wires between the buildings and individual equipment control panels. Electrical power to the Screen building was completed with wires and cable pulled to the influent lift station. Primer and finish coat painting of the Screening and Treatment building interiors was completed. The influent, treated effluent and blower piping within the interior and exterior of the treatment building have been painted and color coded. During January, PECO notified the electrical contractor, William H. Clinger Corp (Clinger), an additional utility pole with a gang operated disconnect switch and changes to the lightning arrestors and terminal fuses was required. Representatives from PECO provided details the week of February 1<sup>st</sup> and representatives from the Municipal Authority met with Clinger and their sub contractor to discuss the location of the pole, obtaining a proposal and installation schedule. A special meeting of the East Goshen Township Municipal Authority is scheduled fro Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposal.

The project schedule has not slipped during the month and electric power to MCC-3(New Treatment Building) remains for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The dry start up remains in schedule with Siemens for March 8<sup>th</sup>. Coordination among the contractors, facility operator and design engineers has been progressing in a cooperative spirit.

Administrative and contractual items on task for presentation to the Authority Board members include discussion of the proposed change order number one (1) for Worth & Co. and change order number one (1) for William H. Clinger Corp.

b. Scott commented there is plenty of work on the site for Clinger. A Pennoni inspector had to assist Worth with today's start-up.

## RCSTP CHANGE ORDERS

 A. Worth change order #1, \$42,000.00 credit. Joe moved to approve. Mike seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Clinger change order #1, included CO1 and CO2 totaling \$28,691.00. Joe moved to approve. Fran seconded the motion. Mike wanted the description in CO2 to read "PECO". There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously

## 3. RCSTP INVOICES

A. Worth application #14, 1/31/10, \$207,881.86. Mike moved to approve payment. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion

passed unanimously.

B. Clinger application #10, 1/31/10, \$139,092.94. Joe moved to approve payment. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Pennoni, #430452, 1/29/10, \$24,224.58. Joe moved to approve payment. Mike seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Brickhouse, #5196, 2/1/20, \$7,618.75. Mike moved to approve payment. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

E. L/B Water Service (for a hydrant) #3619912, 1/31/10, \$1,414.97. Joe moved to approve payment. Mike seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

## 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

 A. Jack reported that Rick gave a very good presentation at the West Goshen meeting.

# Joe moved to approve the minutes of the Special meeting on February 5, 2010. Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approval of the January regular meeting was tabled until the March meeting.

## 6. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Evan reported that construction phase services at RCSTP continue as planned. Special meetings with the contractors were held to coordinate electrical and controls issues and start-up of the SBRs. Equipment start-up will start unit-by-unit in February and continue into April. Current project schedule anticipates substantial completion in June 2010. It is suspected that this date may slip into July depending on start-up schedule. A breakdown of

effort expended in January by Pennoni is provided with the invoice detail. Additional effort was expended this month at the request of the Township to facilitate progress on the project. At present the current authorized schedule (11/2009 to 6/2010) is approximately 38% complete and budget is approximately 41% expended.

<u>I/I Metering Project</u> – Metering at the intersection of Saratoga Dr. and Paoli Pk.; Tallmadge Dr. and Paoli Pk.; and the Ridley Creek Interceptor immediately upstream of the 8-inch sewer from Achom Drive continues. Review of the data through January 18<sup>th</sup> indicates that the meters are working properly. A meeting was held with Rich and Mark to review I/I investigation and metering for the past 6 months and looking forward through 2010. Assistance from Pennoni's RCSTP inspector, Matt McAloon, was requested on an asneeded basis to assist in the investigation and evaluation of remedial alternatives. A budget not to exceed \$4,500.00 was approved by Rick, subject o final approval by the Board.

<u>Ridley Creek Consent Order</u> – Temporary flow meters have been installed by the Township at the locations noted above under "I/I Metering Project". The next deadline is the Semi-Annual Report due March 31, 2010.

<u>Chapter 94 Reporting</u> – Preparation of Chapter 94 Reports has started with the collection of data and breaking down the single township-wide report to individual reports for RSCTP, LCESP, West Goshen Service Area, and the southern portion of the Township that goes to Westtown. The reports are due to DEP on March 31, 2010.

<u>LCSTP</u> and <u>Pump Station Diversion Planning</u> – Survey of the sewer extension location is nearly completed. The effort was delayed into January due to the heavy snowfall at the end of December. A wetlands presence/absence evaluation was conducted and wetlands were identified adjacent to the proposed sewer extension but it should not impact the design/permitting of the extension.

 <u>Hershey Mill PS Diversion Planning</u> – Survey of the sewer extension location is nearly completed. The effort was delayed into January due to the heavy snowfall at the end of December. A wetland presence/absence evaluation was conducted and wetlands were identified from the woods adjacent to the Hershey Mill storage yard to the end of Cornwallis Dr. The route also crosses Ridley Creek. Use of Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) to cross under the wetlands and creek (a run of approximately 1,200 feet) is possible but a general permit for passing under the creek will be necessary.

Reserve (Sherman) PS Elimination Planning – Survey of the sewer extension location is nearly completed. The effort was delayed into January due to the heavy snowfall at the end of December. The route of the sewer extension has been shortened to avoid wet areas and will now include a crossing under Ridley Creek. A wetlands presence/absence evaluation was conducted and a small wetlands area was identified along the edge of the creek. This are will be avoided. A general permit for passing under the creek will be necessary.

<u>Marydell Pump Station Diversion Planning</u> – Survey of the sewer extension location is complete and the topographic plans are being prepared now. The effort was delayed into January due to the heavy snowfall at the end of December.

<u>West Goshen Diversion Planning</u> – A meeting will be held with West Goshen to review the particulars of this diversion as well as the diversion of the Hershey Mill and Marydell Pump Stations. It was noted that Rick Smith attended the West Goshen Authority meeting last Thursday.

A proposal was presented by Pennoni for Chester Creek Sewage Collection System Modeling. This was deferred to the June meeting.

## 7. APPROVAL OF INVOICES

 A. Gawthrop Greenwood, #76524, 12/31/09, \$950.00. Joe moved to approve payment. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously

B. Deckman Electric, Inc, #78854, 12/18/09 \$470.00. This is being recharged to Worth. Joe moved to approve payment. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously

C. Pennoni, #430454,1/12/10, \$4,412.00. Mike moved to approve payment. Joe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously

D. Pennoni, #430450, 1/29/10, \$2,092.50. Mike moved to approve payment. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously

E. Pennoni, #430451,1//29/10, \$3,449.75. Mike moved to approve payment. Joe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Pennoni, #430453, 1/29/10, \$4,496.50. Joe moved to approve payment. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

The other items on the Agenda are regular construction facilities costs that the Township staff should process.

## 8. LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission – Meghann Hedgecock reported that TMobile is requesting a 49 foot pole at New Kent Apartments. They received a request for an amendment to the United Church of Christ for a day care program to be run by an individual instead of the Church. They received a request from a resident to discuss Traditions.

## 9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mike had no comments on the reports.

## 10. GOALS

Fran will provide an article for the next newsletter.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

Budget for 2010 – Tabled until the March meeting. Mike wants to include contingencies. Also, should amounts not used in 2009 budget be carried over to the 2010 budget. Capital Expansions – Mike pointed out that this started at \$450,000 and only \$12,000 was used so the total remaining should be more than the \$225,000 shown. Rick will check this.

#### 12. NEW BUSINESS

A. A professor from Penn state, Michael H. Gerardi, will be here on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to give a 1 hour presentation about SBR's to all interested personnel. A tour of the plant will follow. He is developing a protocol for testing to be sure plants operate as expected. The cost is \$950.00. Municipal Authority members approved this meeting.

B. M.J. Mirarchi Builders Inc. is requesting permission to connect the proposed 5 lot subdivision to the East Goshen Township Sewerage system which is located on Line Road, in Willistown, directly opposite the Applebrook subdivision. Rick will calculate the tapping fees. A decision was tabled.

## 13. CAPACITY REQUESTS

None

#### 14. SEWER REPORTS

Mark Miller reported that meters were read on a daily basis as well as the portable meters. They have installed the portable meters at the locations that Evan request. The pump stations were visited on a daily basis and the collection baskets were cleaned. No problems to report. They have been clearing the right-of-way. They cleaned approximately 2500 feet of sewer line on the R.C. Collection. The aerators were brought to the landside and greased. The bar screen was pulled and washed down. The sewer cleaner was utilized to assist the plant operator with cleaning of the weirs. They are having a problem with the transfer line one Tank 2. They may have to partially drain the tank to clear the clog. As of 2/2/10 at 11:00 am the Public works Department cleared the clog. There were 100 PA One Call's for the month of January.

## 15. ANY OTHER MATTER

None

## 16. CORRESPONDENCE

Jack acknowledged receipt of the following letters:

- a. Gawthrop Greenwood reappointment letter.
- b. Francis Beck reappointment letter.

## 17. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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## 18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mike moved to adjourn the meeting. Fran seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or public comment. The motion passed unanimously. The public meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer, Recording Secretary

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