

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2020

The East Goshen Township Municipal Authority held their regular meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Due to restrictions caused by the COVID-19 virus, the meeting was held via electronic conferencing Zoom. Members in attendance were: Chairman Phil Mayer, Jack Yahraes, Dana Pizarro and Walter Wujcik. Also in attendance were: Jon Altshul (Township Asst. Manager), Mark Miller (Director of Public Works), Mike Ellis (Pennoni), Patrick McKenna (Gawthrop), and Michael Lynch (Township Supervisor).

COMMON ACRONYMS:

BFES – Big Fish Environmental Services

BOS – Board of Supervisors

CB – Conservancy Board

DEP – Department of Environmental Protection

EPA – Environmental protection Agency

HC – Historical Commission

I&I – Inflow & Infiltration

LCSTP – Lockwood Chase Sewer Treatment Plant

MA- Municipal Authority

NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

PC – Planning Commission

PM – Prevention Maintenance

PR – Park & Recreation Board

RCSTP – Ridley Creek Sewer Treatment Plant

SBR – Sequencing Batch Reactor

SSO – Sanitary System Overflow

WAS – Waste Activated Sludge

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Phil called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence to remember our medical and healthcare staffs, troops, veterans and first responders.

Phil asked if anyone would be recording the meeting. There was no response.

Chairman’s Report

None

Sewer Reports

1. Director of Public Works, Mark Miller’s report for May 2020:

Monthly Flows: The average daily flow to West Goshen was 768,000 gal/day.

Meters: The meters were read on a daily basis. The temporary meters have been removed and sent back to HACH to be calibrated and repaired.

C.C. Collection: The pump stations were checked on a daily basis. We had a problem at Hershey Mill Pump Station when the VFD’s tripped out. We were able to get the station up and running by bypassing the VFD’s. The problem was caused when we lost power and the VFD tripped out. We had Lenni Electric replace the electric service from the pole to the station. We found 8 splices in the service wires; this has been causing the power problems at the station. We will be removing the old generator this week. Once removed, we will begin to install the new generator.

R.C. Collection: The stations were visited each day. We had to pump and clean the wet well due to significant grease build up and a rag at the Hunt Country Station.

Ridley Creek Plant: Routine maintenance was performed at the plant. We cleaned the grit chamber and muffin monster. We installed the temporary meter that was discussed last month.

We did have one lateral repair at the Blacksmith Shop. The lateral backed up due to mischief and the tee was broken.

Alarms: We responded to 49 alarms in May.

PA One Calls: We responded to over 90 PA One Calls for the month of May.

Rainfall: 2.60 inches for the month of May

Lateral Caps: We replaced 5 lateral caps.

Note: Because of the storm, they were on emergency power until Sunday. Barkway was the last one on power.

Also, they ordered the filter media that were damaged by the oil spill. Jon mentioned that insurance paid the full claim.

2. Pennoni Engineer's Report for May dated June 6, 2020

Invoices – Invoices with summaries were provided under separate cover.

Ridley Creek Sewage Treatment Plant (RCSTP)

Generator Replacement – No activity by Pennoni since our last report. We will provide construction phase assistance as needed.

Tallmadge Drive Sewer Main Replacement

The 2-year maintenance bond period ends March 21, 2021.

I&I Support and Reporting

No activity by Pennoni since our last report.

Hershey's Mill Pump Station Generator Replacement

No activity by Pennoni since our last report.

New Connections

No activity by Pennoni since our last report.

Act 537 Planning – Grant Opportunity

As discussed at the May meeting, the need for an Act 537 Plan Update will be revisited in early 2021.

3. Big Fish Environmental Services –

The Ridley Creek sewage treatment plant outfall 001 achieved compliance with the permit discharge limitations for the month of April 2020. Discharge to the Applebrook irrigation lagoon was placed online. Chemical usage utilized for pH and total alkalinity remained consistent with previous months. No significant mechanical or operational issues were observed during operation of sludge dewatering equipment or SBR treatment process. Damage was readily identified and repaired. On April 10th the treatment plant had an oil spill.

Walter pointed out that some dates on the tables in the report are wrong.

Approval of Minutes

Jack moved to approve the May 11, 2020 minutes. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices

1. Pennoni - Dana moved to approve payment of the following Pennoni invoices:

Pennoni Invoice #1025721	\$	627.00
Pennoni Invoice #1025723	\$	90.25

Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Walter moved to approve payment of the Gawthrop Invoice #223910 in the amount of \$960.00. Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. West Goshen Sewer Authority – Township costs. Jon explained that an unexpected invoice for \$7,794.05 was received from West Goshen. This was for miscellaneous expenses for 2019. He wanted the Municipal Authority to review it before it went to the BOS.

Liaison Reports

1. Board of Supervisors – Mike Lynch reported that they will hold a Planning Session Wednesday at 10 am. They will discuss the Westtown Pump Station upgrade. He mentioned that they want to meet with West Goshen supervisors to discuss the costs of this project and the major overage above the estimate.

Discussion: Jon, Rick Smith and Mark met with West Goshen representatives (Casey, Mike Moffa and Dave Woodward) at the Westtown Pump Station to take a tour. Jon mentioned that Rick made a suggestion which would reduce the costs. Jon feels West Goshen is hoping to get some Federal stimulus money. Mark commented that PECO is going to have a lot of requirements because the pump station is in a wet land. He spoke about the flood plain and possible additional costs. Inside the building, nothing has been upgraded. It was built in the 1970's and there has been no maintenance or upgrades!

Mike Lynch is concerned that there may be more unknown items that will add more costs.

Dana spoke from experience about what is needed to reconstruct this facility in a flood plain. He offered to be included in the conversations with West Goshen on engineering for this project. He also suggested having an independent engineer evaluate this project.

Patrick did look at the contract for this kind of work. Lack of maintenance leads to replacement now. Mike Lynch wants to have some protocols going forward for regular maintenance. Jon assured him that this is being done.

Phil suggested doing the Reservoir Road Pump Station to take some flow away from West Goshen. Jon commented that we would still be responsible for the Westtown Way project.

2. Conservancy Board – Walter reported that Andy Tyler has resigned from the Board. The fall planting has been cancelled. They hope to have Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day in the fall.

Financial Reports

Jon Altshul provided the following written report:

In May, the Municipal Authority recorded \$3,041 in revenues (via transfers) and \$3,056 in expenses for a negative variance of \$15. As of May 31st, the fund balance was \$4,185.

Goals

Goals for 2020 were reviewed. Phil thanked Jon and Susan for the new format for the goals.

New Business

None

Any Other Matter

1. Future Meetings – Jon feels that we will go into the green phase soon. They will still require social distancing. They are looking to start meetings in the Township Building in July. He feels the meetings will be hybrid – meaning they will be available remotely for those that aren't comfortable with being at a live meeting yet. Patrick believes remote will continue to be an option for meetings.

2. Mark mentioned that on June 25th from 8 am to 4 pm he will have a Trench Rescue course in Applebrook Park. Technicians will be coming from Virginia and DC to teach about safety in a confined space.

Adjournment

There being no further business Jack moved to adjourn the meeting. Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kiefer
Recording Secretary