

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry held in the Authority office at 620 N. Chestnut Street, Derry, PA on Wednesday, November 21, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the Roll Call: Mr. Peter A. Checca, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Treasurer, Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman, Secretary and Mr. Daniel D. Chaney Sr., Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest and Engineer Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Inc. Mr. Kevin M. Quinlisk, Chairman was absent from tonight's meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Chaney the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2018 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Barbara Phillips of 241 W Owens Ave asked if there were any updates from Penn DOT in regards to the storm lines along Wineman Way. Mrs. Forsha stated that Penn DOT came out to investigate. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that she sent a letter to Penn DOT in which she stated that Penn DOT reduced the size of the storm line on Wineman Way from 18 inch to 15 inch where it crosses route 217. Mrs. Forsha stated that she has not heard back from Penn DOT yet but that she is expecting a response any day. Jeremy Stein of 401 Leo Street was also in attendance and was also curious as to the status of storm line investigation in the Owens Ave/Wineman Way area. Next, Mike Schall of 403 Leo Street asked how many homes were smoke tested within the 4th Ward area. Mrs. Forsha stated that the smoke testing hasn't been completed yet due to the high flows. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that she would have to look up the total count. Next, Mr. Schall asked how many homes passed and how many failed the smoke testing. Mrs. Forsha again said that she did not have the total number of deficiencies added up, but that she has a binder and letters were sent to notify each homeowner of any deficiency. Mrs. Forsha stated that she did not find many homes with their downspouts connected to the sanitary. Mr. Schall said that he is not talking about the downspouts and that he's talking about the terracotta sewer system. Mrs. Forsha informed Mr. Schall that letters were sent to homeowners that had smoke coming from their sanitary sewer lateral and the Authority offered to televise their lines for free. Mrs. Forsha stated that currently residents with terracotta sewer laterals are not being forced to replace them. Next, Mr. Schall asked Mrs. Forsha for a total number of homes that were smoke tested and a list of which ones passed and which ones failed because he does not believe that Mrs. Forsha knows how a terracotta sewer system works. Mrs. Forsha informed Mr. Schall that the only thing being enforced to remove is direct connections of stormwater, such as downspouts and sump pumps. Mrs. Forsha said that the Borough does not force residents with terracotta lines in poor condition to replace them. Mrs. Forsha stated that the Borough is in the process of passing an ordinance that would require a lateral inspection at the time of property sale and if the lateral is in poor condition it would need to be replaced at that time. Mrs. Schall again told Mrs. Forsha that she does not understand how a terracotta system works. Mrs. Forsha asked Mr. Schall to explain how a terracotta system works and Mr. Schall said that the terracotta pipe was put in with a wick system which permits groundwater into the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Gera said that system was used for a brief time but was abandoned after the 1920s. Mr. Gera said that the design of the old wick system was a faulty design and permits groundwater into the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Gera stated that the DEP is mandating many areas remove excess inflow/infiltration and to do so many towns are requiring their residents to replace their terracotta sanitary sewer line the entire way into the basement. Next, Mr. Goodman presented a letter written by Mr. Schall. In his letter Mr. Shall referenced Mrs.

Forsha's letter to him dated October 26, 2018 in which she stated to notify the Authority if his basement is flooding so that bypass pumping can be started. Mr. Schall asked if he must wait until his basement floods with raw sewage to call. Mrs. Forsha responded that he may call her anytime that he is concerned and that the Authority can check the flow level in the manhole. Next, Mr. Schall asked if the manhole at Church Way and Wineman way is going to be fixed. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is not aware of anything that can be done to fix the manhole that will prevent his basement from flooding. The Board said that no repairs are in the plans for that manhole. Mr. Schall also asked who performed the smoke testing and Mrs. Forsha informed him that her and her staff conducted the smoke testing. The Board also informed Mr. Schall that they will still be having a Board meeting on December 19th. Mr. Schall asked if there are any storm drains that are connected to the manhole at Church Way and Wineman Way. Mrs. Forsha informed Mr. Schall that the storm basins within the Borough are not connected and that they were verified through televising the sanitary sewer lines. Mr. Chris Ulicne, reporter with the Latrobe Bulletin was also present. Next, Mr. Kirk Shaffer of 259 West Owens Ave stated that he noticed the downspout notice on the bills and asked if Ted Shomo's ordinance was now in effect. Mrs. Forsha informed Mr. Shaffer that the ordinance went into effect once it was adopted by the Borough. Mr. Shaffer does not feel that enforcement has been done to remove downspouts from the sanitary sewer system. Mrs. Forsha stated homes are required to remove their downspouts when the Authority discovers that they are connected. Mr. Shaffer asked why no downspout enforcement has been done for 220 West Owens Ave since new people are moving in. Mrs. Checca stated that the Borough passed a motion to advertise the point of sale dye testing/lateral inspection ordinance at their last meeting.

Water Bills for October 2018 in the amount of \$86,268.64 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$51,922.73 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Chaney and seconded by Mr. Thomas, all members voted to pay the bills

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on September 30, 2018 of \$84,514.83 with deposits of \$122,634.99 and less expenses of \$86,268.84 leaving a reconciled balance of \$120,881.18 for October 31, 2018 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Goodman. All members voted to accept the treasurer's report, as presented.

Next Mrs. Forsha presented the Sewer Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on September 30, 2018 of \$88,398.25 with deposits of \$129,934.78 and less expenses of \$51,922.73 leaving a reconciled balance of \$166,410.30 for October 31, 2018. Mr. Thomas moved and seconded by Mr. Goodman to accept the treasurer's report and attach the same as an exhibit and that the same be incorporated by reference and be made part of these minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.

The Manager's Water & Sewer Reports were presented by Mrs. Forsha. Included in her detailed monthly reports, Manager Forsha commented on the condition of Ethel Lake and the total gallons of potable water pumped for last month. The costs associated with operating the pump house and the sewage plant were announced and also included was an equipment report on mileage and fuel consumption. The finished water turbidity reading of .024 NTU was also announced.

The Engineers Report

Mr. Gera informed the Board that all necessary permits were received for the water treatment plant electrical upgrade and that bids will be advertised with a bid opening date of December

13th. In addition, Mr. Gera stated that the annual dam safety inspections have been completed and final reports will be submitted to DEP by December 31, 2018. Mr. Gera also informed the Board that Gibson-Thomas has been reviewing the material submittals from Ligonier Construction for the upstream valves on the Lower Ridge dam. He stated that work will begin when the weather permits.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso stated that he had nothing to report on this evening.

Water Old Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Authority plans to wait until spring before they begin the water and sewer line replacements along East Owens Ave.

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she received the emergency repair permit for the Lower Ridge Dam and Insight Pipe installed the 20" liner on the drain line on November 1st. Mrs. Forsha stated that she will share photos and videos of the lining process at the next meeting. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is still waiting for the drillers to grout the hole/voids and Ligonier Construction to install the upstream valves before the dam is put back in service.

Mrs. Forsha stated that the annual paving project is to begin November 23, 2018.

Next, Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Developer's Agreement with Ligonier Construction for Ankney Road and Mr. Goodman seconded with all members voting in favor.

Next, Mr. Goodman made a motion to approve the Hunter Access Program Cooperative Agreement with the Pennsylvania State Game Commission, and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor.

Water Department New Business.

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Board members with the 2019 Draft Water Budget.

Sewer Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha presented the Board members with the 2019 Draft Sewer Budget. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she is not able to fund depreciation on the sewer budget.

In addition, Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she is looking into purchasing a used Envirodyne Sludge Press that is approximately 18 years old from CWM Environmental. Mrs. Forsha stated that the press is in good condition and was only used a couple times/year. After discussion, Mr. Thomas made a motion to purchase the sludge press for \$10,000 and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members in favor of purchasing the press.

On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Chaney all members voted to retire for the evening at 7:45 p.m. o'clock.

Mr. Fredrick Goodman,
Secretary