

MEMBERS PRESENT

VERNON WALKER
JOHN BARR-ABSENT
JAMES DRAPCHAK
JOHN HEIDER
JAMES PETERS

OTHERS

ROBERT SHAHADE, SOLICITOR
KEN MESKO, ENGINEER
MARY KAY MAHER, RECORDING SECRETARY
TERRY REESEY, PUMP STATION MAINTENANCE

OTHERS: Brent Abrams, Lynn Crowley, Al Molinski

CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:59 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2019

John Heider moved, James Drapchak seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED: 4/0

PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE ON AGENDA: NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ARMORY SEWER LATERALS, GOUCHER STREET

Al Molinski of 295 Goucher Street addressed the Board concerning the sewer lateral camera work that is being done with the Armory Building on Goucher Street that was turned into Mesko and Associates. Ken informed Mr. Molinski that the camera work is incomplete and does not cover all the lines associated with the Armory. Mr. Molinski questioned why all lines have to be televised if there is no water running through them. Ken stated all lines must be televised to be a complete inspection according to the Authority's Rules and Regulations. For CCTV inspections all lines 3" in diameter or larger must be inspected. Mr. Molinski stated there are several "P" traps that they could not get the camera's around. Brent Abrams reported all outside lines are done along with the lines that go to the outbuildings. All the inside lines are done with the exception of the "P" traps in the kitchen area. These lines are four feet deep and the camera cannot make the turns. He tried several size cameras. Brent stated from the traps, there is approx. 3-6 feet of line and there are 7 sections yet to do. Solicitor informed them these regulations are a result of the passage of the Clean Streams Act and the Rules and Regulations were approved by DEP. Only three municipalities allow CCTV – City of Johnstown, Westmont and Upper Yoder Township. Any defect doesn't pass and the entire system has to be televised except for 3" or under. Ken suggested pressure testing those sections if they cannot camera them. Ken noted those are the only methods for testing approved by DEP. Solicitor stated there was an engineering group that opposed the televising method, so it never went to DEP for the other municipalities. Solicitor stated another method of testing is to water test those lines that cannot be televised. Mr. Molinski stated when they had previous discussions with DEP, they originally thought they would be exempt from the test, but due to environmental issues, they were not. Further discussion was held on the size of the cameras, the size of the lines and traps and methods that could be utilized. Brent stated there are seven (7) locations that they cannot televise due to the traps in the kitchen area. Ken will have someone from his office go with Brent and Al to inspect the areas that they cannot televise to see what options are available.

FLOW METER REPORTS

Ken reported all meters have been pulled except for three (3). The three remaining meters are the one on Wonder Street, Sell Street and the meter at Riverside. These are the worst areas that are still being monitored and represent the older project areas. There is a significant amount of Westmont flow's coming through these lines with their connections. There is a better flow meter report from the Benscreek area with Camoset completing their work and no more open ditches or trenches draining. There is still a significant amount of infiltration coming in from the houses on Franklin Street by inspecting viewports.

Camoset Village is completed and in compliance. There are 185 homes that were serviced by the Berkley Pump Station that are now coming through the lines through Camoset that are reflected in the flow meter reports. Once the pump station is completed they will be removed from those lines. The meters are recording in real time, per Ken, so that if there is a rain event and the meter spikes, it indicates there is still a problem with infiltration in that area. Ken also noted there are a lot of springs in the Benscreek hillside that are probably infiltrating the lines. Vernon noted the Township is 83% in compliant.

HGA SYSTEM UPGRADE

Ken reported the information he is receiving from a report from HGA consisted of raw data that is confusing. The meter HGA has installed is not the same as the other ones that were installed previously and reads the flow from the top of the manhole and down through the flow channel. Ken will send them a note to send the data in a format that is more comprehensive. Solicitor recommended sending a certified letter to the Administrator or Superintendent instead of an e-mail so that it is on record the data is being requested. Solicitor pointed out HGA was told that they had to install a meter that was to be approved by Mesko and Associates who was to have remote access to the meter data. Solicitor noted the Elementary School is non-compliant but there have been two offers on its purchase. They will be compliant upon the sale of the school.

Vernon moved, Jim Peters seconded to have Mesko and Associates submit a certified letter to HGA Administrator to get the flow meter issue resolved so that correct data could be obtained. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

CAP/TAP REQUEST/WASTELOAD MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ken reported he received a letter from DEP with several questions which he will be answering. Hopefully, with the requested information, the tap allocation will be approved for this year.

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN/CONSENT ORDER & AGREEMENT – Ken stated there was nothing to report.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Two reports were submitted. Those for April's Non-compliance and those for May Non-compliance fees.

John Heider moved, James Drapchak seconded to approve both reports as presented with the exception of 495 Edwards Street and 1560 Ferndale Avenue to be removed from the May report. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

GIRARD STREET PUMP STATION UPDATE

The Authority received a Proof of Loss from the Insurance Company concerning the Girard Street Pump Station for the amount of \$277,499.00. The deductible is \$250.00 for a net claim of \$277,249.00. Solicitor recommended to the Board to accept the insurance claim offer to get it settled as quickly as possible. He pointed out the flows from Upper Yoder have been inundating Stonycreek Township for almost two years. Ken pointed out the net amount does not cover any engineering fees or solicitor fees. Solicitor stated the insurance settlement will replace a 60 year old pump station and bring it up to code. He also pointed out they have violated the Intermunicipal agreement with Stonycreek Township due to the emergency situation that will be resolved with the new pump station. Also, the Authority now has a permanent easement granted to them from the City for the pump station. Ken stated there will be contingencies when the work progresses that the emergency fund of the Authority can be utilized. Ken also informed the Board some of the residents are not happy with a permanent roadway through the lower part of their properties and asked if it could be restored with bushes and grass. In order to accommodate them, Ken found a type of paving stone that could be installed that would allow the weight of a vehicle to pass but allow the grass to grow up through them for aesthetics. Prices will be obtained. Terry will still have to access the pump station on a weekly basis for servicing so some type of roadway will have to be maintained. Ken stated he may be able to work with the contractor with the installation of the roadway

for a more permanent type of road after the project is completed. Solicitor cautioned, by using the contractor, prevailing wages prevail which could raise the cost of any proposed work. Ken informed the Board the items that had to be ordered for the project have been done to allow a lead time for the actual work when started. Solicitor asked Ken to inform the residents that the Authority Board will work with them after the project is completed for a permanent easement usage that will be aesthetically pleasing to their satisfaction.

Vernon moved, Jim Peters seconded to accept the insurance claim offer and to execute the proof of Loss Claim to be submitted back to the insurance company for receipt of the insurance payment. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

PAST REHABILITATION PROJECTS/LATERAL CONNECTIONS

Ken reported he found a trenchless liner that can be used on the "T" connections that are leaking and used in the 80's and 90's projects. The price is \$15-25 per 3 foot from an Ohio company. They are looking at other companies and prices. Terry is working on the laterals, manholes and main lines that need to be done along with prices and hopes to have that data ready for the next Sewer meeting. They are working on the Southmont section first, then will concentrate on the Woodmont section next. Westmont customers are connected to Upper Yoder's lines in the Susquehanna, Haverford Street area.

TREES ON EASEMENTS

Terry presented pictures of fallen trees that are on the Authority's easements off of Bantell Street and Sandy Drive. Part of the trees are on private property and part have fallen across the easement. Even though the base of the tree is on private property, the Solicitor pointed out, the Authority is responsible for keeping the easement open. He recommended the portion of the tree on the easement be removed only enough to allow access to the sewer lines.

James Drapchak moved, John Heider seconded to authorize Terry to have the fallen trees removed to allow access to the sewer lines in the Authority's easements. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

LINE CLEANING INVOICE-WESTMONT WOODS

Solicitor questioned the invoice received from Roto Rooter concerning cleaning the sewer lateral from the manhole to Westmont Woods. The call was made by Terry to have this line cleaned as there was grease found to be in the line/manhole. Due to the grease, Westmont Woods will be billed for the cost of the cleaning. Solicitor recommended the facilities be checked to see if they have a grease trap installed and if it is properly maintained. Terry will contact them about the invoice and the grease trap.

GIANT EAGLE/HIGH PRESSURE TRUCKS

Lynn Crowley in attendance, questioned the Board concerning several high pressure trucks that were at Giant Eagle on Goucher Street for several days a few weeks ago. They were behind the building, not at the grease trap. Terry noted they are putting a new roof on and they may have been removing the old gravel on the flat roof. Terry noted they have been maintaining their grease trap more frequently since they had problems several years ago.

ACH PAYMENTS

Secretary noted the agreement was received from Somerset Trust concerning acceptance of the ACH payments from customers paying their sewer charges. Once the agreement is reviewed and completed, two Board members will be asked to sign it. Approval for the agreement was made at a prior meeting with all fees waived.

AXA FUNDS

Vernon will contact the agent to see about surrendering the invested funds to provide cash flow for the Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE

PHOENIX LOSS CONTROL

The Authority received a letter from Phoenix Loss Control concerning damage to telecommunication lines at 309 Millcreek Hollow /Carrol Drive on April 22, 2019 in the amount of \$8,157.06. The letter states the damage was due to construction work done on the sewer lines in this area. Discussion was held by the Board with the Solicitor stating that the public project engaged by the Authority in that area ended October of 2017 and the Authority is not responsible.

Vernon moved, Jim Peters seconded to issue a letter to Phoenix Loss Control to inform them that the Authority concluded their public project October of 2017 and that the owner of the property should be contacted. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BILLS – 93,446.11

James Drapchak moved, James Peters seconded to approve the submitted bills in the Amount of \$93,446.11. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

John Heider moved, James Drapchak seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

ADJOURNED 7:58 P.M.

James Peters, Assistant Secretary

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