

**Minutes
North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority
July 12, 2007**

The meeting of the North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon, PA with the following Board members present:

Wynanne Demler	Chairperson
Richard Miller	Vice Chairman
Tod Dissinger	Treasurer
Susan Switzer Pierce	Assistant Secretary
Frederick Wolf	Solicitor
Scott Rights	Steckbeck Engineering
Sheila Wartluft	Assistant Manager

Also in attendance were four North Lebanon Township residents and Mike Kneasel, Wastewater Foreman.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A property owner who lives at 863 Kimmerlings Road stated he would like to know if and when the sewer might be extended to his property. Solicitor Wolf stated it would be dependent on the development of the Arnold farm. Sheila stated there were no definite plans at the moment.

A property owner who lives at 993 Miller Street stated he has been having problems with his water since they put in the public water. He stated he had talked to the city and also had them test his water. He showed a sample of his water. Discussion followed regarding this problem. Solicitor Wolf stated Scott Rights, engineer, would check into this problem. A reminder that the water system is maintained by the City.

Chairperson Demler asked for a motion to approve the June minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to approve the June minutes. Motion approved.

Chairperson Demler asked for a motion to approve the invoices and requisitions for payment all subject to audit.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to approve invoices and requisitions for payment all subject to audit. Motion approved.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Penn Laurel Girl Scouts

Solicitor Wolf stated regarding the issue of the merger of the Penn Laurel Girl Scouts with another Girl Scout organization, we did authorize the Resolution 04-2007 at the last meeting for them to proceed. However, we have yet to receive the agreement from them.

LVEDC

Solicitor Wolf stated he and Sheila had attended a meeting with various parties regarding the industrial park and reviewed our outstanding issues. One of the issues discussed was the chain that blocks the area where the wastewater department needs to get into the right of way. The second issue discussed was the \$56,000 bonding for the fill area. He stated they indicated they would like to get a letter of credit. The third and last issue involves the sewer extension. This involves the property where the Windsor plant was so the Hillside pump station can be removed. He stated the agreement with them provides for them to complete this by the end of the year. He stated previously it was decided by the Board to not allow them to have a time extension.

PA Natural Chicks

Solicitor Wolf stated regarding PA Natural Chicks they were told they would need to resolve the issue of the deduct meter with the City of Lebanon. They know we are billing them for the additional EDUs and that if the issue isn't resolved they may be charged for purchase of more capacity.

On lot sewage enforcement

Solicitor Wolf stated there were four or five people we have filed action against.

Santana Property

He stated this project is still ongoing. The work is finished but until we are released on the work that was done by Penn Dot we are not releasing any money.

Cedar Grill

Mike Kneasel stated it is complete but there are a few minor things that need to be completed.

Webster Property

This project is complete.

Gensler Property

Mike stated regarding this project he is minus a manhole insert and a pipe needs to be cut off on Sandhill Road.

Bison lot addition

Solicitor Wolf stated the fees have been paid but we have not seen the recorded deed.

Spring Creek

Solicitor Wolf we need a check for \$10,000 per the Agreement.

Homestead Acres IV

Mike Kneasel stated some minor things have been started in this new phase of Homestead Acres.

Restoration Connection

Solicitor Wolf said the Township has that plan on hold. The Restoration Connection plan when begun, will impact several existing homes that will have to connect to sewer.

Countryside Mobile Home Park

Mike said several of the new units are doublewide mobile homes instead of single units and they are sitting on top of the lines. If they had been single units there would not have been a problem but County allowed the doublewide units. Discussion followed regarding the responsibility of the Authority in case of a problem in the future and how to circumvent this problem with the County approving plans without consulting the Authority with revisions.

Narrows Drive

Solicitor Wolf asked Sheila what the status is regarding the plans for the hotel, the ice cream place, and Evelina Krall subdivision. Sheila stated they have a plan for Bruster's and Krall but nothing for the hotel. There is still an issue regarding the right of way that has not yet been sold on the Krall property.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

J.C. Associates Subdivision

Scott Rights stated this plan on Grubb Avenue is the only one up for approval. He stated it will be an on-lot system. It states if the sewer line ever comes through this area that they will be required to connect and then abandon their septic system. They are recommending the Authority approve the plan.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to approve the J.C. Associates subdivision with the on-lot sewer plan. Motion carried.

Maeder Property

Scott stated this property is located on Tunnel Hill Road and Windsor Drive. He stated last month Sheila had signed the application on behalf of the developer for a highway occupancy permit. It is not ready to make a motion for approval yet. He stated there are some unclear issues regarding some right of ways.

Sandhill Road and Beta Avenue

Scott stated they should not approve the plans until the highway occupancy permit is obtained. Sheila stated before the plan is approved she and Fred will include this as part of the developer agreement.

Other issues

Scott stated Mike has been cleaning the second phase of the sewer lines in preparation of televising this year. He stated they went out and located using the GPS equipment. Once the cleaning is complete they will begin televising.

He stated last week both pumps lost prime at the Eighth Avenue pump station. He said he had contacted Envirep and explained to the Board what they thought had happened and what may need to be done to solve the problem. Mike explained what was happening at the pump station. Discussion followed regarding possible solutions.

ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT

Grower Greener Grant

Sheila said regarding the Grower Greener funding she had applied for she needed signatures in order to return the Agreement to them. She explained the procedure to the Board.

Association for the Blind and Vision impaired

She stated she received the agreement and payment for the capacity for the Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired that will be located in the industrial park.

Twiggs Avenue Property

Sheila stated there was an issue regarding a property on Twiggs Avenue that has been an ongoing issue since 1998. Solicitor Wolf stated there was an agreement with them due to financial issues that they would not be required to connect to public sewer. At that time they agreed to pay debt reduction and O & M. He stated that the issue needs to be addressed since it was stipulated that the situation be reviewed on a yearly basis. At this point the property owner is an 82-year-old woman. He stated the agreement states when the property is sold the new owner would be required to connect and the sewer bills would be collected at settlement. It was decided to contact the property owner to get an update on her financial situation.

Flusher Truck

Sheila stated she would allow Mike to discuss this issue because he deals with it on a daily basis. Mike demonstrated how they have successfully been able to keep the lines open and clear with the five year rotation since they have had the truck and that they have not had any back ups in homes since that time. Mike explained the DEP laws that involve the licensed operators and the liability that they incur. He reported that the hose had broken twice recently.

Mike stated they had looked at a demo truck. He stated one of the previously discussed issues was the emissions and also that the trade in value of the truck is decreasing. He stated he wanted to stress that if the truck breaks down during an emergency we have a large problem.

Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a new flusher truck at this time. Treasurer Dissinger stated he didn't believe the truck needed to be replaced at this time. Board member Miller stated he believed it may be better to replace parts that are worn rather than purchase a new truck. Rotation of the truck and warranties were also discussed.

A member said there had previously been a question regarding the new emissions standards which would be in place in the next year. It had been discussed at a previous meeting that it would not be good to purchase a truck with new emissions apparatus. Discussion followed regarding the emissions issue and also the timeframe they had to make the decision of when to purchase a truck. Sheila stated that there are 12 "leftover" chassis available that are "pre-emission" and that is why she is now bringing this to the attention of the Board. The truck we are discussing would not be

equipped with the newest emissions standards that had been the Board's previous concern. Member Dissinger discussed a variety of rates and figures he had gathered.

Replacement parts, declining trade in value and future price increases were all discussed. Member Dissinger mentioned that perhaps the flusher truck was not really a piece of equipment the Authority needed to own. A further discussion continued on emergencies, routine maintenance, and response time. A question was asked if there was a time line of when different parts may need to be replaced. Mike gave figures with manufacturer suggestions of when different parts may need to be replaced. Sheila stated due to the PACC contract and the timeframe for the truck to be ready if it was ordered at this point it may not be ready until January of 2008. She said they are trying to be proactive. Question was asked who benefits the Township or the rate payer? Sheila gave an example of what happens when there is a back up in a home and if we don't have the equipment to remedy the situation.

MOTION: Motion was made to pursue the purchase of the flusher truck per the quote from H.A. Dehart and Son subject to ironing out any questions we have at this point from the quote and based on them confirming the \$48,000 or bettering it and also we will be putting the truck up for sale to a municipality and for bid process if that becomes necessary if we don't get any offers from the municipalities. Motion was seconded. Vote was taken with Susan Switzer Pierce voting yes, Richard Miller voting yes, Tod Dissinger voting no, and Wynanne Demler voting no. The 2007 "pre-emissions" truck will not be purchased at this time.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mike stated he had nothing more to report at this time.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion was approved.

With no more business for the good of the Authority the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Bertin
Recording Secretary