

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING
January 28, 2019 - Re-Org
9:00 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordy Post at 9:04 a.m. In attendance were Bill Heald, Teresa Sculley, Rick Hall, Tom Lowes, Guy Steg, Attorney Robert Jeffery, Engineer Jeff Kordes, and Deb Miller.

There were no meetings in the months of November, December 2018.

No one was in attendance from the public.

At this time, Chairman Post asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting. Tom Lowes made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented, with the second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Post turned the floor over to Secretary Rick Hall for nomination of Chairman. Rick Hall opened the floor for nominations. Bill Heald made the motion to keep all existing directors as they are with a second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed. Officers are Gordy Post, Chairman, Bill Heald, Vice-Chair, Rick Hall, Secretary and Teresa Sculley, Treasurer.

Chairman Post now asked for a motion to approve bills. Bill Heald made the motion to approve all bills, with the second from Teresa Sculley, All in favor, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Attorney Jeffery received a response from Railroad Management Company, LLC regarding the annual license fee increase. The letter states that *the annual license fee invoiced under the Agreement was below the minimum market rate for right-of-way encroachments*. Attorney Jeffery; however, stated that nowhere in the original Agreement does it reference an increase to the license fee. He added that there have been other Municipalities that have settled by paying a flat rate. Teresa Sculley asked if they sent the formula on how they calculated the increase. Attorney Jeffery responded, “no.”

Bill Heald asked if the Township can condemn the easement by way of eminent domain. Attorney Jeffery stated that he can't find any other similar cases in Pennsylvania so he will have to look into things further. It was decided to table this matter until the next meeting.

Attorney Jeffery will be drafting an addendum to the Sewer Agreement between Ridg-U-Rak and North East Township. The anticipated way to drill did not work as they hit a lot of shale. The addendum will state that Ridg-U-Rak will hire and pay for its entirety the work that will be done to complete the drilling. The sewer line will then be turned over to the Township upon its completion. Tom Lowes asked if there were any other properties that would be able to hook up to this new line. Engineer Jeff Kordes stated that he thinks there are five.

NEW BUSINESS:

Attorney Jeffery presented a Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with the Jammin' Vine whose septic system has failed. He indicated that it is similar to Arundel's agreement. They will tie into the existing line and be assessed connection charges. They are also responsible for all costs related to the project. Rick Hall made the motion to approve the Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with the second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

OTHER:

Engineer Kordes stated that he has spoken with Supervisor Fredrick Shunk about potential development, south on Station Road, which would expand the existing sewer line from the hotel to Smith Road. Hopefully, the work can piggy back on PennDOT's resurfacing of the road expected to begin early 2021.

Attorney Jeffery is currently working on an agreement, with Daniel Lindsey, to tie into the Township's sewer line to run a pressure line for a new home construction on Ackerman Lane. In order to do this, Mr. Lindsey must access the existing sewer line, on West Law Road, through property owned by North East Township. Mr. Lindsey is asking for an easement to do this. This agreement would also stipulate that if sewer were to ever extend down Ackerman Lane, they will be required to contribute to the costs of that line.

Engineer Kordes is currently working on plans for Richard Stetson to extend the sewer line on Scotland Avenue for three building lots. He asked Attorney Jeffery if there were other sewer lines that are run in easements instead of Rights of Way. The answer was, absolutely.

Next tentative meeting will be April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

With all business addressed, Chairman Gordy Post asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Lowes made the motion with the second from Guy Steg. Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Submitted by
Deborah Miller