

NORTH EAST TOWNSHIP WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING
September 25, 2019
9:00 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordy Post at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Teresa Sculley, Rick Hall, Bill Heald, Jim Konzel, Guy Steg, Attorney Robert Jeffery, Engineer Jeff Kordes, and Deb Miller.

In attendance from the public were Richard Mong and Chris Conner. Supervisor Fredrick “Fritzer” Shunk was also there.

At this time, Chairman Gordy Post asked if there were any public comments of which there none.

Chairman Post asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2019 meeting. Teresa Sculley made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented, with the second from Bill Heald. All in favor, motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Fredrick Shunk presented the Board with his calculations and plan layout for the Ackerman Lane water line extension request. He stated that this extension would tie together two open ends thus completing a loop and also supplying a second feed to the Co-Gen plant. There is a total of 3,600 feet of water line that would need to be installed. Of these 3,600 feet, there is 1,455 feet of frontage with no homes. The Township is willing to help with the costs of these 1,455 feet as this extension benefits all parties.

Estimated costs for the project are broken down as follows:

Materials -	\$ 83,589.00
Labor -	\$ 39,726.00
Taps -	\$ 6,954.00
Total -	\$130,269.00

There are some cost saving options that can be utilized in the installation of the water line. The Township can use their own dump trucks, estimate includes cost for 3,600 feet of pipe; however, the Township already has approximately \$27,500.00 worth of pipe material in stock, and labor will more than likely come in under budget.

These savings could reduce the cost of the project by approximately \$62,000.00. With the cost savings, it is estimated that hook-up fees will run approximately \$6,700.00 based on ten (10) connections. These fees do not include the North East Borough tap fee; which is currently \$910.00.

Supervisor Shunk indicated that there are two hydrants approximately 1,200 feet apart. Preferred installation is on the south side of Ackerman Lane. Minimum pipe size is 8", as recommended by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., and based on required fire flow of 1,000 gpm provided by the Fire Chief.

Board member Guy Steg asked if there were any environmental permits that would be needed.

Attorney Jeffery inquired about the possible need for property Right of Ways. Supervisor Shunk replied that the water line will be installed in the Township's road Right of Way.

Rick Mong offered his property as a place to dump hauled dirt.

After discussion, Bill Heald made the motion to move forward with the second from Teresa Sculley. All in favor, motion passed.

Engineer Jeff Kordes gave an update on Larry Muscarella's question about pump capacity to run sewer to his property, located on the south side of Route 5, for potential future development. He would be hooking into the man hole that is part of Richard Stetson's planned sewer line extension. After speaking with retired Engineer Doug Sceiford, Engineer Kordes reported that it seems that Erie County Department of Planning's Comprehensive Plan does not allow crossing Route 5 with sewer in an effort to preserve prime agriculture land. There was an exception for Mazza Winery as they were believed to be directed by DEP to connect.

This raised some questions as Mr. Muscarella's property is zoned Suburban Residential; therefore, should correspond with the current zoning regulations.

Chairman Post noted that the issue is not about capacity at this time, but with Penn Dot and Erie County Planning. Supervisor Shunk will speak with Mr. Muscarella and inform him that he should approach the County with his plans in order to move forward.

Chairman Post asked if the committee had met regarding the Lakeview Development sewer extension request. To date, no meeting has taken place.

Discussion included the benefit of extending the sewer line to correspond with Penn Dot resurfaces the road. Chairman Post also reiterated that it is the Board's responsibility to do due diligence. Since Lakeview Development is asking for monetary help, a request will be made to see their financial statements. Board member Jim Konzel asked if getting quotes for costs will be held off until Lakeview Development reaches out to the Township. The Board believes that this is the right move.

Chairman Post asked if there were any more comments or questions.

Rick Mong asked when they would be receiving notification regarding the water line installation. It was stated that a letter would be sent to the residents by the close of the year.

Chairman Post asked Attorney Jeffery to give a brief description on the Developer's Agreement. Attorney Jeffery stated that there will not be a reimbursement clause if other property owners connect beyond the original who sign up as the Township will have a substantial investment in the project. If the project comes in under budget, a reimbursement will be made.

Mr. Mong asked if there was any contact with Welchs. Supervisor Shunk said that he spoke with Sean Stahlman, and Mr. Stahlman stated that there is no interest.

Asked if there might be any grant money, it was stated that there is not a lot of grant money for smaller projects like these. Applying for grant money would also hold the project up for about a year to year and a half.

There were no more questions or comments.

Next meeting was not scheduled at this time.

With all business addressed, Chairman Gordy Post asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Heald made the motion with the second from Teresa Sculley. Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Submitted by
Deborah Miller