

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

JANUARY 17, 2012

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by Robert DeCamp, Chairman, in the council room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building on January 17, 2012 at 4:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ROLL CALL: The members of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority present were: Robert Decamp, Dennison Young, Grant Cavanaugh and Tom Reindl.

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager Daniel Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Susan Keck, Solicitor Chris Lantz, Hydrogeologist Joe McNally, Larson Design Engineer Al Zeigler, Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall and Bill Cavanaugh and Joe Stocking from SWEPI.

MEDIA: Natalie Kennedy, Wellsboro Gazette and Cheryl Clark, Williamsport Sun Gazette.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 20, 2012 were approved as written. Grant Cavanaugh made the motion to accept and Tom Reindl 2nd.

SEIMIC TESTING: Four maps were set out showing where they want to do the seismic testing. The points that Scott Bray wanted us to move out of the area have been taken into consideration. They have done only the hazardous survey and have not done the production survey yet due to the constraints placed on them. The only property this in not in the Borough proper is Hamilton Lake. There are properties eliminated from Source. Source is when they put directional charges in and detonated. The request is for the property across from the sewer plant on the back side of Marsh Creek in the wooded area. We are requesting permission to go forward and access through the Borough properties to put in receiver points and source in the areas marked.

BILL CAVANAUGH: These points aren't set in stone yet until the production survey is done. They have a mulching unit that clears an 8-10 ft. wide trail and hope to use existing trails as much as possible. In the swamp areas or areas that would be hard to access, they would use a helidrill that would be brought in by helicopter. They talked with Mark Diefenbach and Scott Bray concerning BrownLee and the sensitive areas. They wanted to finish the production survey and move ahead. The timeline would be the same as the Borough and will depend on when the approval is given.

Chris Lantz would like to put a limit on the time spent for the testing and a liability clause and provide the proper language.

After discussion back and forth it was decided to table any action until next month. Daniel Strausser will be reviewing with Mark Dieffenbach and Dan Brought.

BOROUGH MANAGER: Daniel Strausser introduced himself and he gave background information on his experience with water and sewer.

Robert DeCamp ask to extend the deadline on Leasing RFP to February 14, 2012. It was approved by consensus. Daniel Strausser will open proposals at once and do a spreadsheet and copy proposals to give to members of Authority.

Scott Bray has prepared a letter on the results of the copper effect ration study to DEP. Tom Reindl made motion to send letter and Dennison Young 2nd. Approved. This letter would ask for a different ratio, changing the limits. It was suggested that the letter be changed to have the limit on copper be eliminated from the permit. Daniel Strausser will address and sign letter.

Daniel Strausser has reported that the RFP for an engineer will be advertised and sent out. He will set up interviews in February along with Borough and Authority.

The Change of Scope for the Safe Water Grant has been approved to include the purchase of the sand, membrane filtration unit, rental equipment, resand the filter beds and install the membrane filtration unit.

A request was made to give the authorization to do an inflow and infiltration ordinance to give permission to go into basements to check on infiltration. If they don't allow us in there would be a doubling in their sewer rate until they are allowed access. They will get authorization from Council at the next meeting. Plan to start inspections in March 2012.

A motion was made by Tom Reindl to purchase chlorine gas leak detectors for the water and sewer plants not to exceed \$4,000.00. Grant Cavanaugh 2nd. Passed

JOE MCNALLY: McNally gave reports on the progress of the ground water supply issues and DEP's designation of the wetlands as Exceptional Value. Jim Weaver would like to challenge the decision by DEP if Authority approves. Jim Weaver is to be invited to the next meeting to give his plans.

The SWIP test was started in June and continued to December 27, 2011. The pump and generator have been removed. The test results have been sent to DEP to do the analysis. Two steps for Keck well – influence on surface water and effect of wetlands. The progress on the Butler property has been put on hold.

ALAN ZEIGLER: He did a study on the infiltration on the sewer plant and has come to the conclusion that they need a carbon source to bring the process back in line for total

nitrogen load. Spread sheets of the comparisons were given out to the Authority and Daniel Strausser. Mr. Zeigler then went into detail on what he found and the formulas to arrive at his conclusions. He suggested looking at the surcharge cost to see if they are adequate. He will get costs that would be needed to put equipment in and provide a food source to bring the nitrogen back in line. He will meet with Daniel Strausser to go over all the data and talk about bids.

BILLS: Water Revenue	Cox, Stokes and Lantz for solicitors reviews	\$1,476.49
Sewer Revenue	Cox, Stokes and Lantz for solicitor's reviews	\$ 460.00
	Geo Services Ltd. For services for Keck well and junction wells and conceptual model	\$ 12,113.65

A motion to pay the bills was made by Tom Reindl and 2nd by Dennison Young.

Motion was made by Tom Reindl and 2nd by Dennison Young to add Daniel Strausser's name to the signature cards.

Meeting was adjourned by 5:20 pm.