

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

JANUARY 18, 2011

MINUTES

Chairman Robert DeCamp called the meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority to order on January 18, 2011 in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building at 4:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Wellsboro Municipal Authority Members: Robert DeCamp, Grant Cavanaugh, Dennison Young and Tom Reindl. Council Members: Mike Wood, Rudy Scharf, Joan Hart, John Sticklin and Terry Bryant. Superintendent Mark Dieffenbach. Engineer Scott Bray, Hydro geologist Joe McNally, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Sue Keck, Solicitor Chris Lantz, Water & Sewer Clerk Teresa Marshall and from the media Natalie Kennedy.

MINUTES: The minutes from December 21, 2010 were approved as written. Tom Reindl made the motion to approve and Dennison Young seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted into record.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Chris Lantz asked to go into an executive session to discuss real estate matters. The request was granted and they went into an executive session.

Meeting was resumed at 4:40 pm. Chairman DeCamp also reported that there was another executive meeting at 2:30 along with this one to discuss real estate matters.

SCOTT BRAY: Their meeting with the SRBC went well. There are some actions that need to be taken. He needs to authorize the hydro to prepare and submit a SWIP Plan for the Keck Well to DEP to get that to move forward. We are also working on a task timeline for DEP. He also asked if he could go ahead and tell East Resources what they were doing and they told him he could.

Another issue that was mentioned in Scott's memo was the copper limit in the NPDES Permit for the WWTP. We have had good and bad copper results. We had added ferric but had to stop last fall to identify what the issue was with the waste stream. In October and November we had heavy rains that washed the plant out. We are now starting to add ferric again and the dosage is being incrementally increased to see if this will help in the reduction of copper. If it doesn't we are going to look at something else to remove the copper. Scott has been talking with DEP to see if the compliance date (February) could be extended since we are looking to go from surface water to groundwater sources. The problem is that we are already into our third year of a five-year permit and that they could only extend the compliance two years. We would not have enough new groundwater sources in the system to determine if that would eliminate the problem so he thought that an extension wouldn't be an option. Bob DeCamp asked if our groundwater was the source of our problems. Scott responded that we believe that based on the results, it was

our system. We aren't sure where because it varies. Sometimes it is coming from the surface water, sometimes it comes from the wells and sometimes it is coming from both and sometimes neither source. Our permit gives the limit of .012 mg/l. Tom Reindle stated that Osram was also having the same issue and they have contacted a consultant to help analysis what is going on and what the options would be. He will try and share with the Borough and Authority as much as possible. Another thought is DEP could only extend the period two years because that is what we have left on our permit. At the end of five years they can recalculate the limit based on what the creeks can hold, what the wildlife in the creek could handle, what the flow rates are and the history of sampling etc. Scott stated that there is a full battery of test and that is where we got this information. In the two renewals there was no problem. In this round, we hit high. Bob asked if they were tested at the same time of year. Scott responded that we had to renew in February this time and had to do the sampling six months before. There was a short window to get the application in. He may look at time period as an issue. Our new renewals will now be in February all the time. We may want to do our testing ahead of time knowing when the permit renewal comes up. If we get to where we are selling effluent, we could maybe go to them and say that the limit was based on the amount of gallons per day and our loading is below that now.

BOB DECAMP: He had seen somewhere where the sale of effluent was approved. He thought that it was Owego NY. Scott thought they had a letter of intent like East and Seneca did. Bob produced letter on a water deal for Owego NY. It didn't say the permit had been granted by SRBC. This would be the second one if approved so there must be a first one somewhere.

JOAN HART: When they attended the meeting at the Fish Hatchery, the SRBC said it would only take a couple of weeks for approval. Scott stated that East Resources has had their letter of intent in for over a year. The first letter of intent had expired and it had all the information needed to move forward. He thought that the SRBC really wanted to move forward but don't have the mechanism to do so.

RUDY SCHARF: He thought that DEP and the SRBC needed to approve each other somehow. Joan said that DEP had to say how much could be taken from the creek. Rudy thought we could find out where we stand. Scott said they seemed interested in moving this forward.

SUE KECK: She had the EQT agreement and has been signed. Billy Stokes has been involved with this. Chris Lantz has been advised of the e-mails and has been reviewed by Bob and will take the agreement back to their office.

SCOTT BRAY: They still have the request for a right of way along the road on the table. Chris will take care of if it needs action.

JOE MCNALLY: He thanked the Authority for having them on board. We are proceeding with the permitting of the Keck well and looking at other sources in the junction area. They are meeting with the SRBC and DEP and keeping the lines of

communications open. There was a motion to go forward on the SWIP test of the Keck Well. Grant Cavanaugh made the motion and Tom Reindl 2nd. Passed.

We are looking at other areas and the Keck Well permitting. They told him to go ahead and keep on working on the Keck Well. He has for billing purposes keeping the location of water in other areas of the junction and the Keck Well separate. There will probably be some sub tasking going on.

RUDY SCHARF: At the last Council meeting they gave approval to the Penn Wells addition. The owner really felt that there was a need of water for the town. They will be having upscale rooms and doesn't want to be in the position to boil water again. Joan had talked with John Dunham and explained to them what was going on and there could be another boil order this year but we are doing something to move forward and will talk to them when we get a timeline. Chris will report to Joan and Bob once he gets the timeline. .

BOB DECAMP: The fines would just be going up and up if we do nothing. He also handed out the review from Rhodes and Sinon on the sewer lease that Sue had just received today by e-mail.

SUE KECK: We have sent the most recent invoice from Mr. McNally to Scott Blauvelt at East Resources along with a letter. Bob thought it would be good to mention to Scott that they have expanded the scope of the project.

BOB DECAMP: Reminded everyone to read the review from Rhodes and Sinon.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Teresa Marshall