

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

DECEMBER 21, 2010

MINUTES

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman Robert DeCamp, in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building on December 21, 2010. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

ATTENDANCE: Municipal Authority Members: Robert Decamp, Ed Owlett and Tom Reindle. Council Members: Joan Hart and Terry Bryant. Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Plants: Daniel Brought. Solicitor: Borough Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Keck Bob Cox Jr. Water & Sewer Clerk: Teresa Marshall. Media: Natalie Kennedy and Cheryl Clarke.

MINUTES: The minutes from November 16, 2010 were approved as written: Tom Reindle made the motion to accept and Ed Owlett 2nd the motion. Passed.

BOB COX: He requested an executive session.

SCOTT BRAY: He has been working with GeoServices (hydrogeology firm) reviewing information on our system. They will be asking for some additional information from Moody to complete their assessment. They have schedule a meeting with the SRBC on January 13, 2011.

A letter of intent was sent to East Resources with the name change to East Resource Management. Bob Cox stated that he has received the signed letter back from East Management and that we need to review and if approved, needed to be signed.

East Resources has provided a drilling schedule. This is for the vertical wells in the Brownlea area. They have also taken samples from our water sources for testing.

NPDES permit charges has been changed by DEP. We now will be paying an annual rate of \$5,000.00 a year for renewal fees. In New York, they have a similar plan and the cost is \$15,000.00 a year. Our former fees were \$500.00 when the permit was renewed.

LEE TALBOT: Lee is from EQT. We had made a proposal in June and were kind of all over the place. His company would like to get an easement along side the highway and put some of the dirt on the Authority property along side it, stay in the ditch line right of way and still take a pipeline easement. This would help ease our operations. We have been having difficulty getting our pipeline from a southern to a northern position. We are proposing the possibility to have a pipeline easement just outside the highway along the ditch line on the western boundary. Consideration for the right of way is currently \$10/ft but that is negotiable. We are looking at approximately 2,000 feet.

BOB COX: Bob asked about the dirt on the property and if they were applying for a temporary construction easement or were they asking for a permanent easement for a pipeline. Lee responded that they were asking for a permanent pipe easement on your property. If that wasn't acceptable, maybe an easement for a little extra footage for construction. Ideally if we could put pipe within 2 feet of your line it would allow us to buy in the right of way easement and extend some revenue to the Borough. He they showed how they would be coming. The pipe line right now is 8 inches and may go up to 16 inches. Our right of way is 100 feet width, going back to 50 feet. Bob Cox asked if they would be laying water lines at the same time and Lee responded that they would be only putting down gas lines. The 100 feet width is during the construction phase of the project for safety reasons. The right of way 25 feet from the center of the pipe just for construction and the fifty foot right of way would be adjacent to the road right of way. We are receptive to any amount that you will let us through on and the amount per foot is also negotiable. He also asked that the letter be sent to Don – their land manager on the Authority's decision.

SUE KECK: She had received three letters from Charleston Township asking for a total of 6 EDU's. She also stated that there was an operation procedure manual for the slow sand filter in the packet.

BOB COX: The request from Charleston – does it put them anywhere near their limit? Sue responded that they were well within their limit and could distribute them anyway they wanted.

SCOTT BRAY: The first trigger that there needs to be a discussion is when they hit 90% of their limit.

TERRY BRYANT: A lot of building permits are being issued now to get ahead of the installation of a sprinkler system next year.

BOB DECAMP: The requests were granted. Charleston Township wasn't near their limit.

SUE KECK: She has received the first invoice from GeoServices and has sent it to Scott Blauvelt of East Resources.

BOB COX: He asked Sue to find out how quickly Eat pays their bills. We need to keep a good relationship with the hydrogeologist.

The Authority went into an executive session.

The meeting was resumed. Actions were taken as follows.

A motion was made to authorize the Chairman to execute the letter of intent to East Resources for sewer water effluent sales. Ed Owlett made the motion and Tom Reindle 2nd. Passed.

A motion was made to authorize a site sampling agreement with EQT that is a baseline testing of the water upon the approval of the solicitor and the engineer. Tom Reindle made the motion and Ed Owlett 2nd. Passed.

We are tabling the request from EQT for the pipeline request and are turning it over to our engineer.

Bob DeCamp and Susan Keck will check into what the rules and responsibilities of the Municipal Authority and the Borough and get back to the committee next month.

SCOTT BRAY: He had reported that they had put in 36 inches of sand in Slow Sand Filter #1. The permit required a minimum of 30 inches. Depending on what the compaction is, we may have to resand next spring. When the sand gets to 32 inches we will start to look at resanding. 1-2 inches of sand costs about \$40,000.00. He suggested stockpiling sand in a specified spot. We don't know how specific the grant will be. It may be months before we find out but the grant is usually good for one year.

JOAN HART: She suggested that a cement pad be put in for the sand and that it be protected by wall and fencing.

BOB DECAMP: He agreed that it needed to be protected.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Teresa Marshall

Memo

To: Wellsboro Municipal Authority

From: S. Bray

CC: Borough Council

Date: January 14, 2011

Re: Monthly Report

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1. The meeting with the SRBC yesterday went well. We met with the project review manager and three hydrogeologists. We had a discussion about the Keck Well in particular and other junction area sources in general. I believe they have a much better understanding of our situation with the present supply and the difficulties it presents in dry weather. They did confirm that their policy is to have "grandfathered" systems re-permit existing sources when they seek approval for new ones. They also indicated that in these instances where movement is away from the existing sources, enforcement of that policy has been somewhat lax. The presence of a consent order with DEP should help them move things forward and be as flexible "as possible". But they have rules and we will need to meet those conditions along the way. In order to stay on track, there are several tasks that need to be discussed and acted on during the work session and Authority meeting. The overall plan of attack needs to be considered. This includes moving the Keck Well ahead (SWIP, electric, pump), securing access to other lands in the junction area in an effort to develop a new primary source of water. The immediate issues include authorizing Geoservices to prepare and submit a SWIP monitoring plan for the Keck Well, revising & submitting the task timeline to DEP for the consent order by 1/31 and apprising East of the situation and getting their concurrence.
 2. The copper limit in the NPDES Permit for the WWTP goes into effect in February. To date, results have been close but not consistently at or under the limit of 0.012 mg/l. We had hoped the ferric addition would help but circumstances have prevented a proper evaluation. As reported last fall, we stopped adding ferric in order to positively identify whether the process upsets were caused by it or Osram contribution. After that was resolved, there were several heavy rain events that impacted flows to the plant. Ferric addition has resumed and the dosage is being incrementally increased to determine if it will help. I've had an on-going e-mail discussion with DEP about moving the