

**WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Dennison Young, in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building on February 15, 2011. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

**ATTENDANCE:** Wellsboro Municipal Authority Members: Grant Cavanaugh, Denny Young and Tom Reindl. Borough Council Members: Joan Hart and Rudy Scharf. Engineer: Scott Bray. Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Plants: Dan Brought. Borough Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Keck. Solicitor: Chris Lantz. Water Sewer Clerk: Teresa Marshall. Larson Design: Al Zeigler.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from January 18, 2011 were approved as written. Tom Reindl made the motion to accept and Grant Cavanaugh 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Chris Lantz reported the proposed timeline has been sent to DEP and they are still processing it. He did get a phone call from them asking who would be the authorized person to sign but everything looks good and they may be accepting it.. He will continue to work at it and let the Committee know what is going on.

An Executive session was called at 4:05 and the meeting resumed at 4:30.

**SCOTT BRAY:** He has been working on the pump selection for the Keck Well and should have the information soon. He also is providing information to Wellsboro Electric Company so that they can provide us with a cost to extend electric to the Keck Well. Dan is also working the hydrogeologist on the procedures for the SWIP testing. There will be necessary improvements made before we can do the SWIP test. The cost will probably be around \$70 – 80,000.00. This will include a small building, testing and monitoring equipment and electric.

**JOAN HART:** Bob DeCamp and Ed Owlett were supposed to go to the bank to see in we could use the money from the line of credit until the paperwork came back from DEP.

**SCOTT BRAY:** Scott didn't think that much would be needed. He thinks it will be \$10,000 for the equipment. Bob from Wellsboro Electric may have a transformer that will meet our needs and that would save some money. We are going to have to spend money to make this happen.

**GRANT CAVANAUGH:** He thought that the small building should be a permanent building large enough to hold the men to do testing. We also should include Shirley Borden to get a building permit.

RUDY SCHARF: He asked Grant if he was saying the building should be large enough for a permanent structure.

GRANT CAVANAUGH: This well will be coming on line and we will need to house the tools and whatever else needed to be there. We don't want to by an 8' x8' building and want something different a year later.

SCOTT BRAY: We were looking at purchasing a building that we could move around. We will need to do SWIP testing for each well and we could move the building to each site. Grant understood what he was doing.

Scott also reported on the progress on copper removal. They have been adding the ferric chloride and had even had an overdose and it still didn't reduce the levels of phosphorus or copper. He is looking into different equipment that may help.

He had tried to set up a meeting with East/Shell last week before the Authority meeting to bring everyone up to date and to move forward but they were not able to meeting. It may be a few more weeks before they can get together.

RUDY SCHARF: We have been using our rainy day water fund to pay for the hydrologist and haven't gotten any money back yet. We need to think of where we have to get the money from to pay the invoices coming in.

SUE KECK: We have paid out \$12,288.00 so far. We wrote a letter to East and Scott Blauvelt asking them to reimburse us directly. We have since then, received another invoice for \$17,000.00. We will need to pay that because East still hasn't established their systems yet. We have been taking this out of our savings accounts and hope to be reimbursed soon. We don't have an unlimited supply of money.

RUDY SCHARF: We are dealing with paying the hydrogeologist plus the expense of the Keck Well. We have a pretty tight ship and would like any help they could give.

SCOTT BRAY: He was in contact with Joe McNalley and he stated that he was contacted by Shell last week and it looks like they are moving in that direction.

RUDY SCHARF: We want to make sure that we paid the hydrogeologist so that they wouldn't thing they were doing the work and not getting paid.

DENNY YOUNG: He asked how we were paying the hydodgeologist monthly or what?

SUE KECK: The first bill was for the middle of November to end of December. We paid \$12,000. The last bill is for a period of January to the first week of February for \$17,000.00. We're keeping them paid. The charges are getting larger because they have been establishing these meetings and if your look at the sheets, they have been making progress with the SRBC and on the SWIP testing progress. We have spent \$40,000.00 so

far. This will expend our savings except for the projects we have savings accounts for. We want to keep everything moving so that we are not the hold up on their progress.

RUDY SCHARF: We need to look into the line of credit at the bank to which Joan hart responded that Bob Decamp was suppose to meet with Karl at the bank.

AL ZEIGLER: He wanted to update us on the progress of the pretreatment program documents to be submitted to DEP. The modification ordinance and plan has been prepared. Bob Cox's office has reviewed and gotten back to them. We have incorporated their final comments into the final documents that can be submitted to EPA. He said the permit with Osram didn't need to be included with the pretreatment documents. His recommendations would be submit a draft of the ordinance, a draft of the modified ordinance and the implementation program once EPA approves the document. It would demonstrate compliance with that condition of the NPDES permit. In the submittal of those documents, we should mention the one significant user and that we were getting them under a permit.

TOM REINDL: He apologized for not getting back to Al. Osram is working really hard over these issues and will have something in writing.

AL ZEIGLER: He asked for permission to submit the documents to EPA as suggested and not include the draft permit with Osram but tell them they are working with them actively to draw up a permit. The motion was made by Grant Cavanaugh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny Young to submit the documents. Al also said that his firm is keeping their work with Osram negotiations separate from the pretreatment program for budget reasons.

TOM REINDL: He has been working with a guy from Seimens Water Technology. He is working with us to sell their water (Osram) to East Resources. They have another division that should be able to provide us with a resin bed of some kind that would go on the effluent stream that would take the copper out for a monthly fee. He could find out more about it. Al thought it sounded like it was some kind of ion exchange. Tom didn't know how much it would cost. Rudy asked if it would take the copper out of the water? Tom responded "Yes". Al asked for caution because of the amount that would be treated out of the plant as compared with what would be coming out of Osram. The cost could be as much as five times higher. Tom will look into.

SCOTT BRAY: The e-mail from Joseph McNally that was included in the packet was a report on the meeting with Larry Conrad from DEP regarding SWIP monitoring for the Keck Well and discussion on the direction of the water supply project. He had met with Scott after the meeting and went to the Keck Well to examine the existing monitoring equipment and the locations for the SWIP testing. He had also talked with Dave Anderson from Moody on their reports and will be willing to redo some of the monitoring tests if there were still any questions. They will be meeting with the SRBC on Wednesday Feb. 16, 2011. The Borough crew could be running the line one more time to run the test and it will be discharged over the hill for a couple of days. They are trying to get this evaluated ahead of time.

1 RUDY SCHARF: He wanted to know what the status of selling the effluent. He understood that there was an approval in New York State.

SCOTT BRAY: He didn't think the information on the approval for New York State was accurate. East Resources and Seneca have the letter of intent and they would get the approvals necessary to take water.

RUDY SCHARF: We went to the meeting and they said they would be happy to approve it if the DEP could give them the amount they could draw.

JOAN HART: It would be up to East to get the approval. Scott stated that they have had their application to the SRBC over a year ago for approval and Joan had also e-mailed Jack Showers and they have not heard yet.

SUE KECK: She has prepared a budget format and has run it past the Council President, our auditor, our engineer and Bob DeCamp and they have agreed that this covers the basic necessity of revenues and expenses that the Borough pays on behalf of the Authority. This would also cover the pay down of expenses of bonds and loan of the Authority. We would write a check from the Borough water and Sewer Funds to the Municipal Authority's Water and Sewer Funds to cover the expenses every month. She would like to get something in place. Joan stated that Chris needs to look at it because of the agreement. Sue though he had the format for a few weeks now but Joan didn't think he had. Chris wanted to go through the lease first. A motion was made to adopt this format contingent to Chris Lantz's review and approval. Grant Cavanaugh made the motion and Denny Young 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sue said that next month if Chris doesn't have any changes, she would bring the bills next month for ratification. They would have to come down and sign checks.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Teresa Marshall.

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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