

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

FEBRUARY 21, 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 February 21, 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, Grant Cavanaugh, Ed Owlett and Tom Reindl. Absent was Dennison Young.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joan Hart, John Sticklin and Terry Bryant.

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Manager: Daniel Strausser, Borough Secretary/Treasurer: Susan Keck, Solicitor Chris Lantz, Water & Sewer Clerk: Teresa Marshall, Bill Cavanaugh & Joe Stocking from SWEPI, Scott McChesney and associate from EQT.

MEDIA: Wellsboro Gazette: Natalie Kennedy.

MINUTES: Tom Reindl made the motion to accept the minutes from January 17, 2012 as written. Grant Cavanaugh 2nd the motion. Passed.

An executive session was called by Robert Decamp at 4:01 pm. The meeting resumed at 4:32 pm.

CHRIS LANTZ: The Authority may want to consider a motion directing the solicitor, the hydrogeologist, the engineer and the Borough Manager to look into the feasibility to enter into a gas lease with EQT. Ed Owlett made the request into a motion and Tom Reindl 2nd it. The motion passed.

SEIMIC TESTING: The request for the seismic testing request was tabled until the feasibility of the gas lease has been done.

ENGINEER RFP: A meeting has been set up for February 28, 2012 with the Wellsboro Municipal Authority and Council to interview the prospective engineer groups. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser is setting up the appointments at half hour intervals with each group giving a 10 to 15 minute presentation and the rest of the time for questions and answers. This meeting will begin at 4pm. Borough Council will make the approval for engineer.

INFLTRATION & INFLOW SEWER ORDINANCE: The Council has approved the ordinance. Borough Manager Daniel Strausser plans to begin the kick off program in April. The Borough will be sectioned off in blocks. There will be a sewer surcharge of four or five times the current rate each month for the residents that don't allow access to their homes until the do. They will also be including some weeknights and Saturdays for those that are working during the day. Daniel Strausser stated that there was a waiver in the ordinance that can be put in place until a storm water drain can be put in that area. Chris Lantz stated this was important because of the credits for nitrogen. DEP has made it a mandate and we need to show progress.

CHLORINE GAS LEAK DETECTORS. Daniel Strausser stated that they have been ordered. There will be one for the water plant and the sewer treatment plant and will be installed by them.

DANIEL STRAUSSER: Al Zeigler was asked to give a cost on a waste water treatment project for the FRP storage tank and chemical metering feed pumps to feed a source of carbon. A metering pump and one tank would be between \$12-15,000.00. This would help reduce the nitrate problem that was incurred. After some discussion it was decided to wait another month until Dan Strausser has talked with Allan and get more details.

EQT: They thanked the Authority for the review of their proposal and moving forward.

BILLS: The bills were approved for payments by motion from Tom Reindl and Ed Owlett 2nd. The bills are as follows: Water Revenue: \$818.06 for Cox, Stokes and Lantz. Sewer revenue for \$691.95 for Cox, Stokes and Lantz.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by *Teresa Marshall*
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