

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2010

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by Robert DeCamp, Chairman of the Municipal Authority, in the room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building at 4:00pm. All who were present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Wellsboro Municipal Authority members: Denny Young, Grant Cavanaugh, Robert DeCamp and Ed Owlett. Members of the Council were Rudy Scharf, Joan Hart and Terry Bryant. Members of the Planning Commission were Ron Comstock and Lou Prevost. Engineer Scott Bray, Superintendents Mark Dieffenbach and Dan Brought. Solicitor Bob Cox. Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette.

MINUTES: The minutes from March 16, 2010 were approved as written. The motion to accept was made by Denny Young and 2nd by Ed Owlett.

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COX: He has had the chance to look over the pretreatment ordinance and would like to set up a meeting with two members of the Borough Council, WMA, Scott Bray and Al Zeigler. Sue will schedule the meeting.

Bob also received a call from Endless Mountain Energy Co. who they said received the successful bid for the gas lease for Phoenix Resources in Duncan Township for around 2,000 acres of surface and gas and another 4,000 acres of gas rights. They would like to meet with WMA and do a presentation plus discuss any environmental issues that we might have. They felt that they could protect us better than anyone else. East Resources also feel that they could to because they own the majority of leases around us.

He also wrote a letter to the Keck's concerning the piezometers that were on their land. Scott had been approached by them asking why the piezometers were on their land. An offer was made to get them out. The piezometers are still there. Scott Bray was asked if there was any reason for them to be there. Scott responded "no". The piezometers are owned by Dave Anderson. Bob DeCamp asked that a letter be written to Dave giving him a certain amount of time to have them removed. Mark also suggested that they could be taken out under Scott's supervision. Bob will write a follow-up letter to Mr. Keck with the responses.

SCOTT BRAY: A sample of sand was sent out to be tested. The results came back and it looks promising. He was not sure if we could use it for the application that we wanted so he has to research it more.

The slow sand filter # 1 has been scraped, filled and ripened and put on line on Monday.

The ferric chloride building is up on the wall, the Borough crew has finished the inside and Wattles has completed the electric work. The pump is in the hallway and will be installed.

We are still having trouble with filamentous bacteria in the activated sludge. They would like to purchase a better microscope to monitor the activity and progress. The costs would be around \$2,000.00. Bob Cox asked what kind of bacteria it was and what treatment would be used.

Scott responded that there were good and bad bacteria. Depending on what type it was would affect what type of treatment there would be. It could be treated with chlorine or it would have to be starved of oxygen. Mark had commented that Dave Engle from DEP had taught the procedure to the operators of starving the bacteria at two hour intervals. Now with the Symbio process there are different filaments. Scott stated that there had been a sample out to be tested for identification. Dan may need to send out another sample. Sue was asked if there was any money available and she responded that there was \$26,957.00 in the budget.

Ed Owlett made the motion to purchase a microscope up to \$2,000.00 subject to the specifications needed. Grant 2nd the motion. Rudy stated that the Borough would pay half. The motion was passed.

The majority of the new source sampling test results for the Keck Well have been received are within the parameters. The only one not back is the test for radium. The water quality looks good. Scott also sent a memo outlining water source sampling recommendations of water for any influence that the Marcellus activity could incur. Mark and Dan have gone out and took the sample today.

SUSAN STEPHENS: Dave Anderson was not prepared by the 15th of April to submit the report or the bill. He did send a summary of the Aquifer Evaluation by email but couldn't attend the meeting. He did say the he would entertain any questions that the Authority would have. He said that they ran into trouble in putting together the full detailed analysis. The summary shows that there is some draw on the monitoring wells at the Dresser plant. This may be the problem he is may be referring to. We did receive a bill from him for \$31,006.41.

SCOTT BRAY: He hasn't had contact with Dave Anderson yet. The summary appears that the well was tested at 250 gallons per minute and it will be unlikely that it can be permitted at that rate to satisfy the parameters.

BOB DECAMP: He asked the Authority if there was any comment. Should they wait for the detailed report or wait until he comes to the next meeting.

BOB COX: He suggested that Dave be given a certain date to get the final report in and tell him that they want to meet with him before the next meeting.

Sue said that they had already had written him a letter asking for all of the reports by the 15th of April and he did not meet the deadline. He did not pass the bill to the AP department until she reminded him on the 16th of the month. The AP department sent the bill by email and wanted payment for the last three months. In the letter that we sent we detailed the need to know the costs to see if we would have to apply for financing or how we would fund it. We have the checks prepared for the prior three months for \$76,305.00 but are holding until the detailed report comes in.

RUDY SCHARF: Were those checks written for work rendered? Sue responded that they were for work that has been completed (step test, setting up for the step test and the 72 hour test etc). Rudy commented that we continue to pay bills with no results.

TERRY BRYANT: He said to show the last letter to Bob Cox because he felt the Authority took a strong stand in getting this wrapped up.

BOB COX; We have not sent out payment. Sue said we held the last three months until we got the results. Moody's will be sending duplicates of their bills to put against our share for the Penn Vest loan. Al Zeigler also has \$7,059.00 more to add to the amount to go towards our share of the Penn Vest amount. This will bring down our share to \$63,921.00. Scott stated that we needed the report to see where we are. Sue stated that the last bill stated that it does say the preparation of the final report, lodging, and 72 hour analysis. Bob DeCamp asked if the results were not favorable, does the method by which we pay the bill differ? Bob didn't know any restrictions.

Bob DeCamp asked if these bills reflected the final billing. Tell them that we received their final billing now we need the final report. Ed Owlett asked if the cost for the pump test was a reasonable cost. Scott said that we would have to pull the contract and look at the charges.

GRANT CAVANAUGH: The last paragraph of the summary report concerning the connection between the Keck well and the Dresser Plant needs to be more elaborate. We need to know what the next step is.

SCOTT BRAY: We can't make any decisions until we have all the information.

Ed Owlett made the motion for Sue to prepare a letter in form and substance as done by Bob Cox with a deadline attached. Denny 2nd.

BILLS: WATER	CMT Labs Inc.	\$ 147.00
	Cox, Stokes & Lantz	\$ 476.71
	Duane Wetmore	\$ 910.00
	Scottsdale Inc. Co	\$ 42.00

	Seewald Labs	\$1,248.00
WATER BILLS CONT:	William Bray	<u>\$ 341.25</u>
Total approved		\$3,164.96

The check for Moody & Associates for \$31,006.44 was not approved for payment and was held.

SEWER:	Grahill Const.	\$ 225.00
	Jokers Coal & Building Supply	\$ 10.01
	Kennedy Home Center	\$1,437.81
	Larson Design	\$ 385.00
	William Bray	\$ 341.25
	LRM Inc	<u>\$ 340.00</u>

Total Sewer \$2,739.07

Ed Owlett made the motion to pay the bills except Moody & Assoc. and Denny Young 2nd. Passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: There have been several companies wanting to know if the Authority is interested in leasing. Bob Cox asked Scott if he had heard back from East Resources and he responded yes and would discuss the responses in the executive meeting.

LOU PREVOST: He had about four items he wanted to discuss with the Authority and handed out information to them. One topic was Advantage Engineers. He would like to have the Authority look at the information, reflect on it and discuss it among each other. One of the handouts also reflected having a call center and putting traffic restrictions on Rt. 287 for safety and congestion purposes. He also brought up creating a joint task force with the Authority, Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce and the Borough to address a pro active approach to the issues created by the Marcellus activity. He had talked to Tracy Mossteller. She would be responsible in limiting Rte 287 to under 10 tons. This would relieve heavy truck traffic on Central Avenue and Main Street.

JOAN HART: She had discussed with them (East) on the speed the trucks were traveling and the problems with pedestrian traffic because of the trucks. East resolved the problem the next day.

LOU PREVOST: He had sent some of this information to Gary Mosher but hasn't heard back from him yet. Advantage Engineer would have an unbiased assessment and he

thought that the cost of \$31,000.00 was a fair price if they chose them. According to Aqua America out of Philadelphia, this is an unbiased company.

BOB COX: Who is Aqua America?

LOU PREVOST: They are a company that controls the water sources in Southern Pennsylvania.

BOB COX: They are a private company that bought up the water companies in that area. He did remember reading about them.

SUE STEPHENS: Dave Anderson called during the meeting and is sending a report over. She will be getting the report from Moody's through the email and will copy and distribute before the end of session.

Will be going into an executive session.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denny Young and 2nd by Ed Owlett.

Minutes prepared by Teresa Marshall