

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

May 19, 2015

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by R. Robert DeCamp on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Borough Office at 14 Crafton Street. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were present.

ATTENDANCE: Wellsboro Municipal Authority Members R. Robert DeCamp, Ed Owlett, Tom Reindl, and Denny Young, and Grant Cavanaugh.

OTHER'S PRESENT: Councilor Joan Hart, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, and Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved by motion of Tom Reindl, seconded by Denny Young, and carried unanimously.

GAS ROYALTY PAYMENT REVIEW: Gas Royalties are currently coming from the 250 acres (out of the total 618) which are unitized. 368 will be left to work towards permits to unitize.

USE OF FUNDS: A group discussion on how to use these funds to best advantage was held. An equal split three ways, in Capital Improvements or Sinking Fund, Debt Pay Down, and funding Current Capital Improvement Needs was agreed to be the best use.

1. The Capital Improvements or Sinking Fund could be for funding projects approved by the Municipal Authority. We would look to the lease agreement to parallel the language therein.
2. Debt Pay Down could apply to only one of the loans, but additional principal payments would benefit greatly.
3. The Current Capital Improvements would be to bring the wells up to modern electronic readings to save the daily time and travel to the wells, providing security by replacing deteriorating well houses, and a leak detection system to aid in continuing to reduce the water losses.

We will provide more information prior to the next meeting and make a decision then.

GAS ROYALTY ACCOUNT: Ed Owlett made a motion to authorize Dan and Sue to open the Gas Royalty Account with authority members and the Borough Manager as signers. Motion was seconded by Tom Reindl and carried.

CHARLESTON TOWNSHIP I&I: The Township has hired Larson Design Group to do a sewer system inspection for Inflow and Infiltration.

CSO INSPECTION: DEP officials were very pleased with the progress the Borough has made on the inspection program. We will continue the program vigorously.

WAIVER REQUEST: Chris Kozuhowski, owner of the Wellsboro House Restaurant and Brewery, is requesting a hardship waiver to the requirement to use copper line. He is replacing an existing 3/4 inch plastic line with a 2 inch line.

This is a commercial versus a residential customer. Concerns were voiced about setting a precedent, about no compression fittings being on a plastic line. A plastic spec could be created that would compensate and fulfill the needs of the Borough.

Ed Owlett made a motion to grant the waiver subject to the engineer specifying the spec's and giving commercial spec's versus residential, keeping in mind the pressure at that location. Dan will email the changes to the Authority members as they are available. This was seconded by Tom Reindl and carried.

BILLS: A motion was made to ratify and pay bills by Ed Owlett, seconded by Denny Young, and carried unanimously.

ROUTE 6 WATERLINE: PennDOT is redoing Route six from near Subway to Weiss Market. The Borough's hydrants and waterline will be relocated by contractor prior to the PennDOT's project.

ADJOURN: Adjourned at 5:09.

Minutes respectfully submitted by


Susan L. Keck