

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

June 16, 2015

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by R. Robert DeCamp on Tuesday, June 16, 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, Denny Young, and Grant Cavanaugh.

OTHER'S PRESENT: Councilor Joan Hart, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, Attorney's Christopher Robinson and Chris Lantz, and Engineer Alan Zeigler.

MINUTES: Minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting were approved by motion of Tom Reindl, seconded by Denny Young, and carried unanimously.

GAS ROYALTY PAYMENT REVIEW: The WMA received a payment of \$25,115.31 in Gas Royalties; bringing a total of \$52,012.85 to date.

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF GAS ROYALTY FUNDS: Chris Lantz went over a resolution he had put together formalizing and legalizing the expenditures outlined in the lease agreements between the Authority and Borough. This sets forth what the funds can be used for. EQT is still giving monthly reports and Joe McNally is looking at all testing results. This will be discussed again next month.

REVISIT 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. The management staff all agrees that copper be installed versus plastic.

Ed Owlett made a motion to deny the request and have only copper lines used. This was seconded by Denny Young and carried.

NPDES PERMIT FOR SEWER PLANT: Alan Zeigler gave an update on the status of the renewal. He permit expired January of 2013. EPA had contested some of the conditions proposed. With the new draft permit, some changes have been noted.

There's a slight difference in Fecal Coliform and Copper has increased. There's a big difference in that when the renewal request is submitted, the WMA may have to do a Water Effects Ratio. 27 of the 31 effluent limit parameters have been removed in the draft and the remaining 4 will also be removed.

DEP now requires four tests a year for Toxicity (every quarter). The DMR reports will be submitted electronically. There is an increase in the nitrogen credits we can discharge, no change in phosphorus credits.

UV Disinfection: Residual Chlorine has become more stringent; if we can't comply with the bacteria requirements we will have to reduce chlorine, and then fecal coliform would go up. A way to avoid this scenario is to upgrade to a UV disinfection system. This would have long term benefits and improve safety for operators. As it is now, we are still in compliance but under the new permit we may need to do some further identification of the effluent in the stream.

ROUTE 6 WATERLINE: PennDOT is redoing Route six from near Subway to Weiss Market. The Borough's hydrants and waterline will be relocated. The Borough's work will be done by Stuart Lisowski in July at a cost of \$164,172.48; an even split between PennDOT and the Borough's Water Rainy Day Fund.

LIGHTNING STRIKE AT PALL PLANT: Friday night the strike fried the data analyzers and the system was shut down. The Slow Sand Filters were put back into play at 100% usage. Kevin Borden will look at additional lightning protection. The system will be back up tonight or tomorrow at the latest. The generator contractor responded on Saturday and the generator was back up by Saturday evening.

BILLS: A motion was made to pay loan payments through the end of the year by Ed Owlett, seconded by Tom Reindl, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Adjourned at 4:50.

Minutes respectfully submitted by



Susan L. Keck