

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
September 18, 2012

The meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority was called to order by R. Robert DeCamp on September 18, 2012 in the Council Room of the John E. Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were present.

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

OTHER'S PRESENT: Borough Council Member's Joan S. Hart and Terry Bryant, Borough Manager Daniel K. Strausser, Secretary/Treasurer Susan L. Keck, Joe McNally from GeoServices, Alan Zeigler from Larson Design Group.

MEDIA: Natalie Kennedy from the Wellsboro Gazette and Cheryl Clarke from the Williamsport Sun Gazette.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting were approved by motion of Tom Reindl, seconded by Denny Young: carried 4-0.

REVIEW OF WATER SYSTEM: Alan Zeigler from Larson Design group described the main issues involved when laying out the next steps for the water system.

Alan Zeigler went through a review of the water system with the objectives of long-term system viability, quality and quantity at a reasonable cost, no boils, and approved sources which are safe from vulnerability.

Some points mentioned were the following:

Funding- PennVest needs Planning & Feasibility Study- It's a good process to go through. We'll need the scope of work to DEP, Pennvest & USDA- those funds also require Planning Feasibility.

Existing sources- The safe yields have been established and approved. It's the quality issue that affects the length of runs and system vulnerability.

Length of this process- DEP approval could take one to one and one half years; to receive Pennvest Funds, another two to three years; and to start-up, another three to four and a half years.

Funding- On a 5 to 7 million dollar project we'll need a \$1 to \$2 million LOC to cover the interim until Pennvest Funding is received. The Pennvest application flowchart has all the steps to loan closing. Planning is of importance to meet the needs of community and have a low vulnerability system.

Further to the north, away from any EV wetlands, wells should be developed, and then we would need to estimate extension costs. Next, compare this cost to the cost of the slow sand filters maintenance and cleaning. We should be looking ahead 20-40 years.

PALL engineering is working on examples for us. DEP needs to approve the design and size of the PALL unit that will be sufficient for our needs. We should confirm long-term regulated safe yields for our existing wells and sources.

WMA members will be taking a tour of PALL soon. DEP said the PALL System would not need to be bid, however the building would need to be bid.

To pinpoint the source of algae, \$2706.00 is the entire cost of a sampling event for all 9 locations. To do testing at all 9 locations is a good idea. It is temperature dependent, 60 degrees to March and April – Algae likes to grow the most then. November thru March it's clear sailing. We'll do full-blown testing first, then stop in November. We should always do the first five locations with all parameters, then see if we could reduce or drop some.

PAY BILLS:

1. Larson Design July 22-August 18 for \$12,757.25 this includes \$5,000.00 for NPDES Permit completely submitted. Motion by Tom Reindl seconded by Grant Cavanaugh: carried 4-0.
2. GeoServices August work on agreement- Gas lease for \$4,596.00. Motion by Grant Cavanaugh seconded by Tom Reindl: carried 4-0.
3. Cox, Stokes and Lantz for \$181.00. Motion by Tom Reindl, seconded by Grant Cavanaugh: carried 4-0.
4. Bank Loans; Citizens & Northern Bank \$16,437.13 and First Citizens Bank \$13,638.34.

Meeting Adjourned 5:18 p.m.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by


Susan Keck