

WELLSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

MINUTES

Chairman Robert DeCamp called the meeting of the Wellsboro Municipal Authority to order on September 20, 2011 in the Council Room of the John E Dugan Fire Station/Municipal Building. The meeting took place after an executive session held from 3:55 pm to 4:45 pm.

ROLL CALL: Wellsboro Municipal Authority members: Robert DeCamp, Grant Cavanaugh, Denny Young, Ed Owlett and Tom Reindl. Borough Council Members present at meeting was Joan Hart. Superintendent of Public Works: Mark Dieffenbach. Superintendent of Water & Sewer Plants: Dan Brought. Borough Secretary-Treasurer: Susan Keck, Borough Engineer: Scott Bray, Solicitor : Robert Cox. Water & Sewer Clerk: Teresa Marshall, GeoServices: Joe McNally.

MINUTES: The minutes from August 16, 2011 were approved as written. Ed Owlett made the motion to accept the minutes and Denny Young 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

BOB COX: We need to have a motion to authorize the execution of the right of way easement for the relocated area of water main pursuant to the map. Grant Cavanaugh made the motion to authorize the right of way easement and Tom Reindl 2<sup>nd</sup>.

SCOTT BRAY: Scott had received one proposal to do the pilot study from Pall Corporation. The agreement has been approved and executed and we are working on the items we need to provide and complete the pilot study proposal. He had received confirmation from Pall Corporation with the coordinator and has e-mailed them back today. The information has been sent to DEP and we are making progress with them. The cost of the study is \$5,000.00.

We have been tracking the nitrogen and phosphorus levels for the reporting period from October to September. Last month the nitrogen level was higher than anticipated and it looks like August is also going to be higher than anticipated. The tallies at the end of July were 46,491 pounds of nitrogen. We have 46,029 pounds of nitrogen credits allowed. This brings us over 4,000 lbs. of nitrogen limits and August looks like we will be over again. It looks like we will be around 10,000 lbs of nitrogen credits over. Wyoming Valley had sent us a letter offering nitrogen and phosphorus credits for sale. He has contacted them and they are offering them for \$3.50 per pound. They had about four entities that wanted to buy them already and they also had a broker call and wanted to buy the whole lot. They have decided to go with individual sales instead. They wanted to know if we were interested in them. We are going to need them regardless where we get them from. He has talked with the plant operators and they were trying to figure out what adjustments they could make. Last year we had credits left over but this year, it has

not been that kind to us. We will have phosphorus credit left over and will check into if there is any interest if we sell them and get some money back to offset the cost of buying the nitrogen credits.

BOB COX: If we buy 10,000 credits of nitrogen and use only 8,000 credits, can we sell the remaining 2,000 credits or hold on to it for future use?

SCOTT BRAY: We can't keep credits, they can only keep them for that year. He proposed that they go to them and ask that we would be looking at around 10,000 credits and at the end of next month when we know what we will need then purchase what we need. Do we want to let them know we are interested? A motion was made by Ed Owlett to authorize Scott to go ahead and contact them to let them know we are interested in 10,000 lbs. of credits of nitrogen. Denny Young 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed.

Slow sand filter # 2 is back on line after it has been drained, scraped and refilled. The turbidity levels are good and they have gone back to selling water again.

MARK DIEFFENBACH: We are selling a lot of water to HRI, MOBO and Chizek for example.

SUE KECK: We have a check for \$14,000.00 for two months. Mark also stated that this was the complete opposite of last fall. The money goes into a water revenue account.

SCOTT BRAY: He has been in contact with the engineer planning to extend the water and sewer lines along Greenwood Street to the new housing development that is planned.

SUE KECK: We have put in place our new water booster pump policy. Scott asked if was sent to them and Sue responded that they hadn't asked for it and that she didn't have a contact to send it to. Scott will give Sue the information on the contact person to send it to.

JOAN HART: She asked Scott if Greenwood Street was in the wetland area. Bob Decamp stated it was on a side hill. Scott said that wetlands could be anywhere and that even though they have clay soils, he didn't see any indication of anything indicating a problem.

SCOTT BRAY: He reminded everyone that they had asked for a temporary permit last spring for a temporary intake line from Rock Run. A second permit has been obtained to install a permanent intake line from the Rock Run. They plan to do the work this fall.

ED OWLETT: He asked if the Borough crew is doing the work. Mark responded that they will be and that they have all of the components at the shop now.

SCOTT BRAY: The violation letter from DEP, that was received on the sewer plant a few months ago on the copper issue and other violations at the plant has been reviewed by Dan Brought. Some of the issues in the letter may not be there. There was a mistake

in reporting some of the information that will probably result in one of the violations going away. Bob DeCamp asked if they were addressing this and Dan reported that he had sent in the corrections. He also reported that DEP's report was off a day, we test on Tuesday and Thursday and they had us down as testing on Friday that may change the flows.

BOB DECAMP: He said that the fine would not be more than \$2,450.00 as stated in the letter and asked if we had to take action on this. Bob Cox asked if there was a deadline stated.

SUE KECK: The letter stated that we needed to respond by October 15, 2011 and then we wait and see if they are going to bill us the full amount. We have to respond before the next meeting. Scott felt we should respond but indicated that there are changes there and see if that will result in a different amount in the penalty.

TOM REINDL: Osram has just finished the water testing to see if the copper limits could be changed. We should also put that in the letter. Scott stated that we put it in the letter last time. Mark asked if they would have results on the testing by the end of year and Tom responded that last time they had the preliminary reports within a few weeks last time but the official report would take longer. Osram had officially objected the limits that were set by DEP. He wasn't sure how it would work with the Municipal's permit. Mark also stated that we will probably get another violation on copper until we get the copper limit issue resolved.

BOB COX; He stated that we were to responded by October 15, 2011 and that we also needed to provide a corrective action plan. Do we have a corrective action plan? It looks like we need to address two different things. Scott though we may be able to combine that into one in the response letter. A motion was made by Tom Reindl to authorize Scott to go ahead and respond to the letter accepting the penalty and asking if the changes would result in a lower penalty plus submitting the corrective action plan. Ed Owlett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

BOB DeCAMP: We should adopt the Long Term Combine Sewer Overflow Control Plan as revised in September 2011. Tom Reindl made the motion to accept and Ed Owlett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed. Scott said that the plan needed to be sent to DEP and that it also meets the September 30 deadline. Council doesn't have to take action until DEP approves.

JOE MCNALLY: They have spent the past month preparing for the meeting with DEP and the SRBC on August 30, 2011. They presented to results of the constant rate test conducted in June and the wetland monitoring plan and elevation study. They also presented the surface water level monitoring information. This is the first time they have seen the results. They also discussed the drawdown on the areas adjacent to the wetlands and the absence of drawdown in the Muck area of Rte. 287. They also put on the table any issues they may have. They did projections that may show a drawdown on the north or south of the Keck well and sent information to the Department of Conservation and

Natural Resources and the Pa. Game Commission. DEP was asked to consider the data presented and identify significant obstacles that may exist for permitting the Keck well. They have not notified us yet on anything new. There was specific discussion addressed to DEP on the protocol to avoid, minimize and mitigate potential impacts to the wetlands and the work already done by Wellsboro. It was recommended that the classification of "No Impact Anticipated" be reexamined. DCNR had reviewed the material and didn't see any significant impact on the habitat ecological community.

Dan and his crew are in the second month of the SWIP testing. The testing is going well and the samples are being collected every day.

We are still looking for other locations for wells.

We are still continuing to monitor the piezometer readings in the wetlands and it has been helpful in the meeting with DEP and the SRBC.

SCOTT Bray asked Joe if we have had enough rainfall events for DEP to collect their samples. Joe responded that there was enough rain but he hasn't talked to Larry Conrad yet. Joe also hasn't seen the data yet from the storm we had.

DENNY YOUNG: When dealing with any agency do changes occur when the administration changes? Joe responded that personal interpretation changes when administration changes.

SCOTT BRAY: There are many different pieces to the puzzle and a lot of different regulations and requirements.

BILLS:	Scott Bray	\$2,210.00	
	Cox Stokes & Lantz	\$1,444.59	(part of this previous balance \$1,010.16)

Tom Reindl made the motion to pay the bills and Ed Owlett 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Reindl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Owlett.  
Meeting adjourned.

The minutes were prepared and respectfully submitted by Teresa Marshall