

FOX TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Cheryl Ruffner, Carole Harshbarger, Russ Braun, Ken Huey and Mike Kamandulis.

Others Present: Chad Shields, Wastewater Treatment Plant Lead Operator and Juli A. H. Schlimm, Authority Clerk.

Visitors Attending: Mike Stager.

The Meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Mike Stager was recognized as the first order of business. Mr. Stager is doing the sewer connection for his brother John's new home @ 269 Oak Street (Lot #70) in Centerville. He described that the tap is located on the upper end of the property. Also described as being seven and a half feet (7.5") from the property line. They were hopeful to someday have a bathroom in the basement. They shot the grade on the tap. The tap is four inches (4") higher than the footer. They would like to tap on to the sewer at the lower end of the lot to make the connection. They will shoot the grades and make sure this is possible. Mr. Stager requested a set of specs. His brother was already provided a set when he paid his tap on fee. Juli also gave Mike a set of specs as well. Mike Stager requested permission to saddle the line. The Authority approved for him to do so. Cheryl asked Chad to stop up when this is done. Chad described the procedure to saddle the line.

The 4/12/17 Meeting Minutes were approved as written and were previously distributed as moved by Russ Braun, seconded by Ken Huey, motion carried.

The Engineer's Report is just informational on project updates as nothing requires action to be taken.

The most recent revision of the Centerville "As-Built" plan for Phase II of the project has been received on 5/8/17. It was sent to HRG for his review and was received today. It will then be forwarded to Solicitor Devittorio.

Ken told members that two (2) valves were replaced on the Rebco line today. The contractor intends to replace the other two (2) tomorrow.

There are a few more items that are to be provided to HRG for the GIS mapping. Juli mentioned that two additional items discussed were the park bathrooms behind the Firemen's at the Main Street Park and also the grinder @ the new park. These are actually Township owned. Does the Authority wish to include them? The members indicated yes to include them.

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There has been no resubmission on the Delullo Carwash plans. One house (formerly the McPherson's) has been torn down. The Dill house remains standing. It may still be occupied even though Delullo owns it.

There has been nothing further with the Black Earth Development.

HRG had given the Authority a proposal in October to complete an engineering assessment of the Authority's system. This is for future consideration.

There was discussion on an email dated 3/14/17 that was sent to the board. Rick Delullo was granted a credit of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) from the original house tap @ 1078 Million Dollar Hwy. where the carwash will be located. Rick had inquired if he could receive an additional two thousand dollar (\$2,000) credit for that existing tap for the adjoining property. He also purchased the property @ 1076 Million Dollar Hwy. that was formerly the Dill property. Rick was interested in using this additional credit toward his carwash tap on fee as well.

Members discussed that in the past they had started the practice of granting the credit from a prior tap on payment if there was a change to the property and something else was later placed there. An example would be the Get-Go location. A home owned by McBurney's had originally paid a tap fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000). McBurney's sold the land to Get-Go and this prior tap on payment for this piece of property was credited toward Get-Go's tap on fee.

The board discussed that even though Rick Delullo owns both adjoining properties he could later decide to place something else at 1076 Million Dollar Hwy. If FTSA allowed him to use the credit on the 1076 location toward the carwash connection he would later have to pay whatever the going tap on rate would be at that time if he developed it later. Our current tap on fee is two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). If developing @ 1076 in the future it could even cost more. Russ moved that the credit on the 1076 location remain specific to that lot. The motion was seconded by Mike Kamandulis, the motion carried.

Analytical test results and the March 2017 Discharge Monitoring Report were presented for review.

A letter had been sent on 4/19/17 to Ray Krise, Jr., owner of 1<sup>st</sup> Chance Inn regarding the heavy grease problems we've been experiencing @ the Twp. lift station. We have not gotten any response from him to date. Members suggested sending a reminder to him. There was additional discussion on the Authority having the right to inspect if there is a need. Chad asked wouldn't he be grandfathered in pre-regulations? Juli said grease trap requirements were even included in the original ordinance. Carole said businesses were required to install and clean their grease traps and there was a file where this was documented. Juli added, there has been

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FIRST CHANCE GREASE TRAP CONTINUED:

information located which indicated 1<sup>st</sup> Chance has a grease trap and that it had been cleaned. There was no detailed information on what type existed. Carole added, within the Main Street project file she thinks there was a list that had if a business had an inside or outside unit. Carole said originally an under the sink unit may have been adequate for this business but it has changed and grown over time. Russ said if we don't get a response after the second request then ask Solicitor Devittorio what our best option would be.

Ron Capuano had purchased lot #6 at 114 Hyatt Court. The lamphole at the end of the line clean out has been located. Chad said if you look at the measurements for the actual tap it would be located approximately four ft. (4') from the West Penn Power transformer and two (2) of their power boxes. Chad said the tap itself wasn't located. He told the contractor they could extend from the lamphole.

There was nothing else on the Jerome Anders installation.

There was discussion on the Greg Benini garage connection at 117 Hickory Street in Centerville. About two (2) years ago Joe Benini approached the board asking for his son's garage connection to be handled differently due to the newly paved road and how the utilities were situated. Our ordinance clearly states separate structure, separate tap. An exception had been previously discussed if the garage applied to only family ownership and for a home and not a business use. It was researched that there is an existing covenant with the land restricting any businesses within the development. Cheryl felt the deed restriction protects the Authority. Only because of the deed restriction and the paved road for these reasons the board agreed the garage lateral could be connected to the house one.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> Joanne Gahr made an inquiry for her son Kent Gahr. It is in regard to his property on Robin Road. This is a similar request to the Dick Cooney garage. Mrs. Gahr was asking if Kent could have water in his garage for washing vehicles without having a bathroom, being connected or being charged. Chad said his garage is probably outside the required connection area. If he builds a home it could be within the required connection distance to the line. Chad said there had been a ditch on Kent's property which was enclosed by the Township some time ago. The ditch had been between Kent's lot and the lift station. There is no tap planned for at his site. Chad thought you might have to design something to go under the ditch and go into our Robin Road lift station. A pump was mentioned as being necessary. The lift station is located next to his property. Cheryl asked Chad to check this out further then update the board with an email. Members said Mr. Gahr can have water in his garage for his use without a public connection as long as he doesn't have a bathroom.

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The Act #13 submittal was made to the County for our GIS Project expenses on 5/4/17. The grant we were awarded last fall is for six thousand dollars (\$6,000). The total GIS Project cost was eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) in total.

The Authority had received a letter dated 3/24/17 from Aetna our health care provider. Aetna will not offer our group the same coverage again next year. We may choose another new plan with Aetna or we may choose another plan completely. St. Mary's Insurance Agency has provided several different plans for consideration. Member Jerry Zimmerman who serves on the school board has also provided contact information to the Twp. on their coverage. Kathy had gotten plan information for the Township and Authority to review.

Cheryl told members staying with Aetna coverage there would be a twenty three percent (23%) increase.

The MBS PPO Blue Proposal that Jerry shared information on would cost three thousand four hundred ninety four dollars (\$3,494.00) monthly for three (3) employees. With this coverage employees would have the option of choosing their care facility. Cheryl said this plan put it out of the ballpark and out of range and it isn't as good of a program.

The Authority currently is paying three thousand seventy one dollars and ninety five cents (\$3,071.95) monthly for three (3) employees at this time. Chad has a family coverage. Shawn has coverage for himself and his stepchildren and Juli has a single plan. Shawn and Juli's spouse have their own coverages.

St. Mary's Insurance provided two (2) plans from UPMC and two (2) plans from Highmark. The UPMC Plans had much lower out of pocket annual limits between one thousand and twenty five hundred dollars (\$1,000 - \$2,500). The Highmark Plans out of pocket annual limits ranged between fifty six hundred and fourteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$5,600 - \$14,300) depending on if it were a single or family coverage. Cheryl felt the best plan was from UPMC for two thousand nine hundred thirty three dollars and sixty three cents (\$2,933.63). This was taking into consideration the deductibles and out of pocket expenses. These are monthly costs for all three (3) employees. Cheryl explained the out of pocket costs are significantly higher with the UPMC plans than the Highmark ones. The difference is that UPMC you can only go to designated hospitals. UPMC doesn't have as much flexibility you can't go to Cleveland or Geisinger. Highmark you can go to a broader spectrum of facilities but the out of pocket is significantly higher. All premiums on all plans presented are within a two hundred dollar (\$200) or less range. Cheryl said you can still go to Cleveland Clinic or Geisinger but you would be considered out of network. Russ said if it is out of network the person would be responsible to pay forty percent (40%) of the cost on their own. Chad questioned co-pay for services. Cheryl said with the two thousand nine hundred thirty three dollar and sixty three cent (\$2,933.63) UPMC plan the co pay for the doctor is ten dollars (\$10), specialist is twenty five dollars (\$25).

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Health Plans Discussion Continued:

Emergency Room is one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175). Prescriptions range from ten to ninety five dollars (\$10 - \$95). A Pet or MRI is a one hundred fifty dollar (\$150) co pay. An X-ray or sonogram is a twenty five dollar (\$25) co pay.

Juli told members within the past year and a half with Shawn's spouse getting her own coverage and with her plan changing from family to a single coverage the Authority has saved twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Cheryl said Juli and Shawn get the one hundred fifteen dollar (\$115) compensation each pay for those changes in their coverage. This would be three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for each annually. Juli said the twenty five thousand dollar (\$25,000) savings to the Authority is after the compensation reimbursement.

Russ asked if the Authority chooses to go with UPMC does it affect any of the employees. Juli said yes it does as she goes to Cleveland. The UPMC out of pocket limit is twelve hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250). The Highmark is seventy one hundred dollars (\$7,100) both annually. Chad said he wants the best coverage but doesn't want to see Juli not be able to go to Cleveland. Juli said with the out of pocket difference being seventy one hundred dollars (\$7,100) on the Highmark Plan it isn't affordable anyway. She won't have a choice except to look elsewhere. Cheryl said every time she goes to Cleveland it costs her several thousand dollars as the out of pocket limits are so high. Juli mentioned having been unhappy with a past experience in Pittsburgh so she is uncomfortable with them.

After reviewing each plan members focused on the UPMC Small Business Advantage Platinum Plan for the cost of two thousand nine hundred thirty three dollars and sixty three cents (\$2,933.63) per month for coverage for all three (3) employees. This particular plan does not have a deductible. The total annual out-of-pocket cost is one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250) for an individual and two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) for a family plan. The copayments are also less on this plan. Russ said Juli can still go to Cleveland it's just forty percent (40%) her cost. Members felt this UPMC plan was still the best choice of the plans being offered.

Cheryl shared that she didn't fully understand how the Affordable Care Act hurt the hospitals until she was on the hospital board.

Russ Braun moved the Authority change their hospitalization coverage to the UPMC Small Business Advantage Platinum Plan at a monthly cost of two thousand nine hundred thirty three dollars (\$2,933.63). Chad asked how the two UPMC plans compared. Cheryl went over the plan items. Juli told Chad she will copy of employees with the UPMC Plan that was chosen.

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Health Plans Discussion Continued:

Cheryl asked if Chad was satisfied with the current Aetna Plan? He said he wasn't. Juli said when we first came on board with Aetna there were more things that were covered. Last July diagnostic tests that she previously had done were no longer covered.

Cheryl said the MBS PPO Blue Proposal shared by Jerry would save the Twp. forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000). The Township is reviewing this information.

Our coverage through the MBS PPO Blue would cost more than we are currently paying. Juli's single coverage is less. Chad and Shawn's family plans would be more costly than the Authority currently is paying for Aetna.

Carole Harshbarger seconded Russ's motion on the UPMC Platinum PPO plan, which carried. Carole stated out of the choices this was still the better plan. Juli will call Jackie and Scott at St. Mary's Insurance tomorrow.

The BILLS were approved for payment and paid with Check # 1751 to Check # 1783 in the amount of thirty seven thousand six hundred thirty one dollars and thirty one cents (\$37,631.31), as moved by Russ Braun, seconded by Carole Harshbarger, motion carried.

Monthly overtime was presented.

The April Fee Statement for the solicitor was received on 5/1/17. A credit balance of nine hundred seventy dollars and ninety one cents (-\$970.91) remains. Seventy five dollars (\$75) of the legal costs this month were billed to the Delullo Carwash project.

The customer billing cycle of 3/24/17 there remained two (2) unpaid accounts. Both were posted for water shut off. One account paid in full the other has made a partial payment at this time. Sixteen (16) delinquent accounts were sent letters from the 4/24/17 billing cycle falling due on 5/9/17. The total owed was two thousand eight hundred eighty one dollars and eighty seven cents (\$2,881.87). The total paid to date is two thousand two hundred forty one dollars and eighty four cents (\$2,241.84). The Bills-In-Arrears Report is incomplete as payments post marked thru 5/8/17 have been received to date. Anything thru 5/9/17 must be included to finalize it.

Cheryl told members lightning hit the generator at the plant and an insurance claim has been filed. Cheryl asked Chad if he thought lightning could have also affected the rebuilt chlor-a-vac? Chad said no.

The NEXT MEETING DATE: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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As there was no other business to be conducted the meeting adjourned @ 6:55 p.m., as moved by Russ Braun, seconded by Cheryl Ruffner, motion carried.