

April 14, 2021  
Lickdale, PA

The Union Township Board of Supervisors held a scheduled sewer meeting on April 14, 2021. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building, 3111 SR 72, Jonestown, PA.

Chairman Firestone called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present:

Dennis Firestone, Chairman  
Kerry McCrary, Vice Chairman  
Gary Longenecker, Secretary  
Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor  
Scott Rights, Sewer Engineer  
Brent McFeaters, Township Manager  
Elizabeth Krause, Zoning Officer  
Dusty Keller, Operator  
Five (5) Citizens

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### APPROVE THE MINUTES

Gary Longenecker made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary to approve the March Sewer Meeting minutes. All approved.

#### APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Kerry McCrary made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to approve the Financial Report. All approved.

#### OPERATOR'S REPORT – Dusty Keller

1. The Plant is running very well. No problems to report.
2. Myself, Scot R. and Brent M. met at the plant on March 30, 2021 to discuss future upgrades to the plant.
3. During the meeting on March 30, we also discussed running a supplemental food source pilot test on one of the trains. We are in the process of seeking PA DEP's approval for this testing.
4. For the month of March, the average daily flow through the plant was 84,500 gallons for a total monthly flow of 2.62 million gallons. There was 4.58" of rainfall recorded during the month of March.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT – Scott Rights

The following is an update on work completed by our office during the past month.

1. **Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System Issues:** Based on telephone conversations with the operator, no issues to report. As indicated in the Operators Report,

our office met at the WWTP with Township Manager McFeaters and Operator Keller on March 30 at the WWTP to review operations and future improvements possibilities. See item 4 below for additional details.

2. **Land Development Projects:** The following is an update on proposed land development projects and reviews as they relate to sanitary sewer.
  - a. **Freightliner of Lebanon (SE corner of SR 0072 and Old Forge Rd):** Final land development plans have been approved by the Township and a preconstruction conference has been conducted. Although work on the site has commenced including mitigation of wetlands, a schedule for sewer work has not yet been developed. Sewer work is limited to making a lateral connection to the existing sewers in Old Forge Rd.
  - b. **Home 2 Suites Hotel (Fisher Ave.):** The applicant is in the Preliminary Plan preparation and approval phase of the project. The subdivision and land development plans propose a grinder pump with connection to the existing 3-inch low pressure sewer running parallel to the back of the property. All sanitary sewer comments have been satisfactorily addressed. *(No change to project status in recent months).*
3. **2020 Annual Wasteload Chapter 94 Report:** PADEP approved the report as submitted on April 5, 2021. A copy of the letter is attached.
4. **Additional WWTP Capacity Evaluation:** We continue to work with Kruger and FSWA to determine how much additional capacity can be created by maximizing media fill in the HYBAS zone and what if any, additional improvements are needed to achieve the maximum capacity. Scott said that there are no plans to do upgrades but on paper, the plant is getting near to capacity and looking ahead he feels it would be a good idea to put a game plan in place for years down the road. He added that the evaluation is still in progress, but early indications are that by adding media, we can increase the permitted capacity of the WWTP from the current 150,000 gpd to 200,000 gpd and they will continue to get more information and will come back to the Board with a game plan.

Before concluding his report Scott said it's been three years since the lines have been televised and it's something that should be done every three or four years. Since Scott said he was informed that the companies that preform these services are already booked up until fall, Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary to authorize Scott to take the necessary steps to get the lines televised. All approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ATTY. PAUL BAMETZREIDER

Atty. Bametzreider said he had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

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BILLS

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to pay the bills in the amount of \$23,314.07 from the Sewer Fund. All approved.

OTHER COMMENTS

Jim Darkes asked if there has been a recent study regarding recalculating the tapping fees. Scott Rights said that the current tapping fees are efficient, and it made sense to keep the tapping fees at the current rate.

DATE OF NEXT LICKDALE TREATMENT PLANT MEETING

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 P.M

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Krause  
Recording Secretary