

January 12, 2022
Lickdale, PA

The Union Township Board of Supervisors held a scheduled sewer meeting on January 12, 2022. 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
Six (6) Residents

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SEWER MEETING MINUTES

Kerry McCrary made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2021, Sewer Meeting. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

OPERATOR REPORT – Dusty Keller

1. The Plant is running very well. No mechanical problems to report.
2. Envirep completed the annual service work on the Gorman Rupp T-Series pump. We are waiting for the reports to be sent. They found no problems.
3. For the month of December the average daily flow through the plant was 51,100 gallons for a total monthly flow of 1.59 million gallons. There was 0.90” of rainfall recorded during the month.

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.
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):** Construction of the sewer connection to the existing sewer manhole in Old Forge Rd. has been completed. In addition, installation of the building sewer, oil interceptor and sampling manhole have been completed. The section of sewer between the sampling manhole and the Township's sewer manhole in Old Forge Rd. was successfully air tested. The remaining section of building sewer is required to be air tested before the system can be placed in service. *(January Update: The newly installed building sewer still needs to be air tested)*. Scott reported that the newly installed building sewer was air tested.
 - 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)*.
 - c. **Existing Warehouse at 122 Bordnersville Rd. (Logistics Park Phase 2):** Georgia-Pacific Corrugated, LLC is proposing to occupy the building. Georgia-Pacific manufacturers recyclable expanded adhesive padded mailer envelopes. FSWA and our office reviewed their Industrial Pretreatment Permit application for use of the Township's sewer system and provided comments including a request to provide the Township a copy of the building's sanitary sewer drain schematics. *(January Update: Submission of the building sewer drain schematic is still pending. After build-out is complete, Georgia-Pacific indicated they will contact FSWA to schedule a building tour.)*
3. **Additional WWTP Capacity Evaluation:** The cost estimate has been completed. We will email the Supervisors a copy of the estimate under separate cover. The estimate is based on increasing the WWTP capacity from and average daily flow of 150,000 gpd to 200,000 gpd.
4. **National Pollutant Elimination System Discharge (NPDES) Permit for Wastewater Treatment Plant Discharge:** PADEP issued the draft permit to the Township on November 30, 2021. We emailed additional details regarding the permit to the Supervisors on December 6. As we previously reported, FSWA and our office reviewed the permit and find it to be the same as the existing permit in place with the exception that the operator is now required to collect a quarterly grab sample for E. Coli as previously mentioned by Operator Keller. PADEP's next step is to publish the draft limits in the PA Bulletin after which a 30-day public comment period shall commence. The final permit will be issued after the comment period expires at PADEP's discretion. The permit application was submitted to PADEP on October 20, 2020. After reviewing the draft permit conditions, we recommend the Township accept the permit.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – ATTY. PAUL BAMETZREIDER

Atty. Bametzreider said that last month he reported to the Board that letters were sent to Days Inn, Comfort Inn, Jonestown Ventures, Dermody, and Loves notifying them that their sewer usage has been exceeding their purchase capacity so they can take steps to reduce their usage or be required to purchase more capacity in the Lickdale Wastewater Treatment System. Atty. Bametzreider said he was contacted by Dermody who said they don’t anticipate their tenant will be able to lower their usage but asked to have it monitored a few more quarters. Atty. Bametzreider said he was also contacted by the owner of one of the hotels who said that they changed franchises which required them to wash all the linens, so they had real heavy usage that quarter and their usage should go back down.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE 2022 PENN POWER SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP’S SEWER PLANT AND PUMP STATION GENERATORS. THE AGREEMENT AMOUNT IS \$1,794.00

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to approve the 2022 Penn Power Systems Maintenance Agreement for the Township’s sewer plant and pump station generators and authorize Brent McFeaters, Township Manager to sign the agreement. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS – None

BILLS

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to pay the bills in the amount of \$20,866.85 from the Sewer Fund. All approved.

OTHER COMMENTS

None.

DATE OF NEXT LICKDALE TREATMENT PLANT MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2021, at 6:30 P.M

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Krause
Recording Secretary