

October 12, 2022
Lickdale, PA

The Union Township Board of Supervisors held a scheduled sewer meeting on October 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
Five (5) Residents

APPROVE AUGUST MINUTES

Gary Longenecker made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary to approve the September 13, 2022, Sewer Meeting Minutes. All approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kerry McCrary made a motion seconded by Dennis Firestone to approve the Financial Report. All approved.

OPERATOR'S REPORT – DUSTY KELLER

1. The Plant is running very well.
2. The Annual Chesapeake Bay reporting period came to a close on September 30, 2022 the data was submitted to Pennsylvania DEP. The plant was well within the imposed limits.
3. The engineer and I continue to discuss some potential changes to the industrial sewer users permitted discharge limits. He will present this to the Board in more detail.
4. For the month of September, the average daily flow through the plant was 87,800 gallons for a total monthly flow of 2.56 million gallons. There was 4.26" of rainfall recorded during the month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – SCOTT RIGHTS

1. **Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System Issues:** Per conversations with the system operator, we have no issues or concerns to report this month. See the Operator's Report for additional details.

2. **Land Development Projects:** There are no sanitary sewer designs associated with proposed land development plans currently under review.
3. **Additional WWTP Capacity Evaluation:** The draft tapping fee study has been provided to the Board with an explanation on issues to consider moving forward. Discussions with the Board will continue at the Board's discretion.

Scott referred to the draft tapping fee study and said they have computed a new maximum figure for the tapping fee of \$4,565.00 per EDU. The current fee is \$3,600.00 per EDU but the concern with implementing the new fee, is once the resolution is adopted, the Township has seven years to construct the improvements and place in service or the tapping fees need to be returned. In this case, it would be the cost differential between the \$4,565.00 and \$3,600.00. Scott said he feels it's critical to have a game plan in place and before proceeding any further, he recommends that he, Dusty and Brent meet to determine the potential for future growth in the Township based on Zoning and discuss how they might phase the construction.

4. **Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program:** Per our September 9 email, our office is recommending revisions to the industrial user discharge limits. Our understanding is very little was discussed last month on the matter so we can discuss tomorrow evening.

Scott explained to the Board that a few months ago, Dusty received a call from TE Connectivity regarding an environmental audit that EPA conducted at the TE facility. Scott pointed out that the audit has nothing to do with Union Township's operations and is strictly between EPA and TE, but EPA noticed that TE violated some of the Township's limits and it threw up a red flag to them and they contacted Dusty. Dusty added that the Industrial Pretreatment Program that the Township has in place is completely elective and Scott pointed out that Ordinance #150 has some very stringent criteria, and they are recommending amending the Ordinance to raise some of those limits to avoid some of those red flags. Paul Bametzreider, Township Solicitor said he reviewed Scott's recommendations which are engineering calls and said it would just be a matter of adopting an ordinance that amends that part of the ordinance to change the limits. After a brief discussion, Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Gary Longenecker to authorize Attorney Bametzreider to make the necessary changes as recommended by Scott Rights to amend Ordinance # 150. All approved.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Paul Bametzreider

Atty. Bametzreider said he doesn't have much to report at this time but said he agrees with Scott's recommendation for increasing the tapping fees.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

OTHER COMMENTS

None

BILLS PAYABLE

Dennis Firestone made a motion seconded by Kerry McCrary to pay the bills in the amount of \$150,066.48 from the Sewer Fund. All approved.

DATE OF NEXT LICKDALE TREATMENT PLANT MEETING

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 6:30 P.M

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Krause
Recording Secretary