

TOWN OF PHILLIPSBURG
SEWER MEETING
August 18, 2015

The Phillipsburg Town Council conducted a Sewer meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 675 Corliss Avenue.

The required Open Public Meeting Act Statement was read by Councilmen Tersigni

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Council Members: Fey, Piazza, Stettner, Tersigni

President: Lynn

TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Wyant, Clerk Kleiner and Attorney Wenner Sewer Engineer Dennis Yoder, Dan Baransky

OUTLIEING DISTRICTS OFFICIALS: Joe Pryor, (sewer consultant), Tom Seiss

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of meeting minutes
Were submitted for approval:

Sewer Meeting-05-05-14

Discussion: Joe Pryor didn't understand the reference to DOT easement; the statement was removed and amended.

Motion

Councilman Tersigni moved for approval of minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Wyant, Tersigni, Fey, Lynn, Piazza, Stettner,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pohatcong

ABSTAIN: Tom Seiss

DISCUSSION

Dennis Yoder of Remington and Vernick Engineer's spoke about the Lopatcong Pump Station and the force main capacity concerns. Roseberry metering station, and being connected downstream of the metering station, there is no way to bill them. I have been in contact with their engineer to correct the situation; flows through the Roseberry Street, 1,000 gallons per minute, wet weather flow control issues, this shouldn't have happened this way. The Lopatcong flows in July are missing 4,000 MG of flow, we can directly attribute this to the new station not being metered or reported to the Town.

Joe Pryor stated it is metered, magnetic flow meter and the telemetric are easy to install, no flows lost.

Dennis Yoder stated we don't know the gallons per minute. No metering to the Sewer plant.

Joe Pryor stated I'm sure we can work it out; no one's going to get over.

Dennis Yoder spoke of the plant upgrades, February and March completed the diffuser and were in the last phase and it is near completion.

The Roof contractor is past their time to complete the project. We are 85%, the coping is not completed. They are past the construction time, and had damage they had done to the roof that needs to be completed.

The Riverside Way Pump Station is in progress, the electrical and other improvements are being done. The windows, fence will be a future capital project. Mayor Wyant spoke to Dan Baransky regarding that part of the project. The windows were to be done.

Dennis Yoder not entire electrical will be completed short of emergency actions, not safe for workers, primary electric, fans and louvers. Dan Baransky thought the windows, but not with the maintenance of the trees, so they can get on top of the roof there are plenty of limbs to come down yet, the window replacement.

Attorney Wenner stated was that the \$43,000 job, change of work?

Dennis Yoder said general contractor can do building repair, I will talk to the contractor.

Mayor Wyant stated the roof repairs, why wasn't a letter sent our when the time frame was up. Dennis Yoder kept continually promising they would be back to finish.

Mayor Wyant they should have been noticed as soon as possible, that is your responsibility. Dennis Yoder I agree it should have been done.

Dennis Yoder speaks about the lining of the RSWPS that there were no bidders, we will have to rebid and get better pricing, maybe if more to do we can get better contractors, if we don't get any bidders this next time we can negotiate with the contractors according to NJ Public contract law.

Attorney Wenner stated can it be lumped with other project?

Dennis Yoder stated no it's too specific.

Mayor Wyant stated that Washington secondary and main lines there was a problem with Norfolk Sothern and New Jersey Transit, underlying reference problem lining the box on North Main Street – not conducive to the pipeline.

Dennis Yoder stated can't set up by-pass pump there we would have to have haulers take the waste, cut force main and shut the street down, for two days detour

Mayor Wyant stated was that in the scope of work

Dennis Yoder stated yes

Attorney Wenner stated where do they haul it to

Dan Baransky stated behind the funeral home – to the man hole

Council President Lynn asked if anyone had any questions

Council Vice President Tersigni if water is coming in

Dennis Yoder stated that when doing work they created the problem

Council Vice President Tersigni asked if water was coming into the building

Dennis Yoder stated no

Dan Baransky stated no

Dennis Yoder stated that there is a hold on their money

Council Vice President stated what if they don't finish the job, is there a consumer fraud

Dennis Yoder stated no performance bond

Councilman Fey stated suitable to find another company to finish the job

Dennis Yoder stated all fees and damages against them

Dan Baransky speaks about the changes going on at the Sewer Plant currently
The bio-mag is majority done, the air diffuser system done and the mixers, all the
equipment is in place and final connections are in place.

I/OICA – how to charge should be done by September adding 25% increase into
the system – it is easier to add, the sheering mill, storage, mill pumps working, the
materials are in we need a further understanding of the control systems, and see the
actual drawings of the SCADA system bio-mag should be up and operational in
mid-November.

August – November we have high flows if we don't have any high storm events we
will be ok, if we have a storm it will set us back some.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Meyner questioned the new system ecology

Dan Baransky stated the operating system to utilize the minimum space and
maximum flow more ecological – nutrients

Joe Meyner stated Thanks

Councilman Tersigni moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by
Councilman Fey.

VOTE: YEAS: Tersigni, Lynn, Piazza, Fey, Mayor Wyant,
Pryor, Seiss

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Pohatcong Twp.