

WEST GOSHEN SEWER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
September 2, 2020
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the West Goshen Sewer Authority was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 as a Video/Teleconference due to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration that prevented an in-person Public Meeting. Those participating in the conference call were:

Authority

Theodore Murphy
Tina Smith
Walt Wills
Shaun Walsh
Phil Corvo

UTBF

Ross Unruh

Administration

Casey Lalonde
Dave Woodward
Mike Moffa

HRG

Josh Fox

1. The regular meeting of the Authority was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair, Ted Murphy.
2. Ted Murphy performed a roll call of the Sewer Authority; Township staff; professional services participants and members of the public.
3. The Authority meeting minutes for the regular meeting of August 12, 2020 were motioned for approval by Walt Wills. Seconded by Tina Smith. Approved 5-0.
4. Ted Murphy announced:
 - a) Procedures for the video/teleconference were included in the agenda posted to the Township website. Public meetings via video/teleconference are permitted and preferred during a pandemic period where public health concerns make an in-person public meeting undesirable.
 - b) The Sewer Authority applications for grants from PA DCED have been approved as follows:
 - H2O PA-Water Supply, Sewer & Stormwater program in the amount of \$500,000 for the Priority Interceptor Rehabilitation Project.
 - PA Small Water & Sewer program in the amount of \$410,896 for the Sewer Interceptor and Force Main Improvements Project.
 - c) There was no Executive Session held this evening.
 - d) The next regular meeting of the Authority is scheduled for October 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The location is to be determined.There were no other announcements.
5. Solicitor's Report dated September 2, 2020 was presented by Ross Unruh.
 - a) Ross advised that the developer's attorney for Woodlands at Greystone continues getting all the documents on sanitary sewer right of ways for conveyance to the Township fully executed by the property owners and the lenders
 - b) Shiloh Estates (901 Little Shiloh Road subdivision): Shaun Walsh asked Ross about the 18-month period on the Maintenance Agreement compared to the 12-month period stated on the Letter of Credit. Ross advised that the evergreen clause in the letter of credit protects the Authority in the event that a deficiency with the system arises after 12-months but prior to 18-months. Shaun Walsh motioned to approve the Maintenance Agreement and Transfer of Ownership Agreements for Authority signature. Seconded by Phil Corvo. Approved 5-0

c) Bishop's lodge (825 Goshen Road subdivision): Ted Murphy motioned to approve the Maintenance Agreement and Transfer of Ownership Agreements for Authority signature. Seconded by Tina Smith. Approved 5-0

d) Jerrehian 3-Lot subdivision on Pottstown Pike

Ross advised that the investigation continues into the Agreements regarding sewer ownership, sewer easements and exact connectivity locations of the existing Wrangley Court development that connects into the low pressure sewer main located on the Greystone Elementary School property. Information on Rights of Way easements had been found for the proposed 3-lot subdivision on the Jerrehian property along Pottstown Pike just North of Aram Avenue, and also a completed, but not executed transfer form. The Authority continued the previous month discussion regarding the responsibilities for this collection system and its potential conveyance to the Authority. It was agreed that further efforts were necessary in order to gain full clarity on the situation. **ACTIONS:**

- **Ross Unruh** to close-out the search for any recorded legal documents.
- **Dave Woodward** to review with Rick Craig the land development records for the 2005 Henderson North Fields project for any pertinent information.
- **Mike Moffa & Casey Lalonde** to contact the WCASD Engineer and request any maintenance and inspection records for the system over the last 15 years.

Several Authority members expressed the position that if the system is to be transferred to the Authority, then a comprehensive inspection of the lines and pump station would need to be performed to understand the current condition and acceptability of the system.

6. Wastewater Superintendent Report for the month of August, 2020 was presented by Mike Moffa.

a) The treatment plant operated in compliance with the NPDES permit for August.

Treated 134.7 million gallons of wastewater. Average of 4.345 mgpd.

Pressed for disposal approx. 324 tons of dewatered sludge.

Average Total Phosphorous discharge concentration = 0.59 mg/L.

b) Mike advised that the installation of a new Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) at the Taylor Run Pump Station will be proceeding shortly. Given the planned pump upgrades, it was decided to select the ATS for the station that would be capable of transferring power to run all three sets of pumps in parallel. COSTARS pricing was obtained for the ATS purchase.

c) Mike described his research into the state of testing for PFAS compounds in wastewater. At present the approved EPA 537 analysis method is validated only for drinking water. Other methods are being evaluated for use in wastewater influent and effluent, but completion of validation studies would not be until mid-2021. Walt Wills stated that with no evidence of concerns about PFAS compounds in the Chester County water supply system, and with no regulatory requirements for PFAS compounds in wastewater or a proven test method in wastewater, he was opposed to performing unnecessary testing. The Board members further discussed the issue and concurred with this position. It was agreed that monitoring for EPA approval of a validated test method in wastewater should be done in 2021. **ACTION: Tina Smith** to report back to the Authority on the status of PFAS compound testing in wastewater in the summer of 2021.

7. The Treasurers Report dated September 2, 2020 was presented by Walt Wills (See report for details)

a) Josh Fox, HRG, presented agenda items 7b, & 7c for the Authority's consideration and possible approval.

b) Phil Corvo motioned to approve as Requisition #486 from the Bond Construction Fund,

Application for Payment No. 6 as submitted by Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$640,522.05 for Contract 19-1 (WWTP Phase II Improvements General Construction Contract). Seconded by Tina Smith. Approved 5-0

- c) Phil Corvo motioned to approve as Requisition #484 & #485 from the Bond Construction Fund, Application for Payment No. 3 as submitted by Brendan Stanton, Inc. in the total amount of \$20,199.12 for Contract 19-2 (WWTP Phase II Improvements Electrical Contract). Seconded by Walt Wills. Approved 5-0
 - d) Walt Wills motioned to approve for payment, as listed on the Treasurers Report, Requisitions #487 through #493 from the Bond Construction Fund in the total amount of \$46,393.55 and Tapping Fee Fund Requisitions #2008 to #2012 in the total amount of \$49,720.65 and Developer's invoices (3) in the amount of \$480.00. Seconded by Shaun Walsh. Approved 5-0.
8. Engineers Report dated August 30, 2020 was presented by Josh Fox from HRG (See report for details). Josh explained Change Order No.1 for Contract 19-2 and Change Order No.1 for Contract 19-3. Both requests are for a 42 day extension for Contract completion as a result of the COVID-19 state wide shutdown earlier in the year. Approval will align the duration of these two contracts with the previously approved time extension for Contract 19-1. Ted Murphy motioned to approve Change Order No.1 for Contract 19-2 and Change Order No.1 for Contract 19-3 to extend the Contract Time by 42 days. Seconded by Walt Wills. Approved 5-0.

Shaun Walsh motioned to authorize HRG to proceed with advertising for public bidding the Aeration System Improvement Project. Seconded by Tina Smith. Approved 5-0.

ACTION: Josh Fox to update the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan spreadsheet with the funding to be received from the two new PA grants.

9. Developers Activity Report, dated August 30, 2020 presented by Josh Fox (See report for details).
- a) Phil Corvo motioned to approve release of the final construction escrow amount of \$11,406.30 for Bishop's Lodge. Seconded by Walt Wills. Approved 5-0
 - b) Phil Corvo motioned to approve release of the final construction escrow amount of \$6,847.50 for Shiloh Estates. Seconded by Walt Wills. Approved 5-0
10. Any Other Business:
- a) Dr. Doug White asked if it was possible to repay the existing bonds, issued in 2017 by the Township to fund the Sewer Authority CIP, through a refinance at the current lower interest rates. However, the existing bonds cannot be called (repaid) for a period of 8 years and this is only the third year of payments.

Shaun Walsh motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM, seconded by Phil Corvo. Approved 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun Walsh,
Secretary