

ELIZABETHTOWN REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
November 10, 2015

The Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority (ERSA) met at 7:00 PM at their building at 235 Ersa Drive with the following members in attendance: Ken Shaffer, Dan Brill, Rick Erb, Allen Sollenberger, and David Sweigart. Keith Murphy was absent. Also present were Nick Viscome, George Alspach, and Byrne Remphrey.

The minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Shaffer and a second by Brill. Motion carried.

The first order of business was a discussion with Chris Gibbons from Concord Financial. Chris told the Board that the Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2010 are callable on June 1, 2016. Under the tax law, ERSA can settle or refinance on or after March 4, 2015, but can lock in the rate on or after January 15, 2015. The information he handed out showed potential savings of \$233,472.45. Chris wanted to have a guideline or amount of savings. Following discussion, *it was motioned by Sweigart, seconded by Shaffer to establish \$225,000 as the cutoff point for a possible refinance. Motion carried.*

Unfinished Business

- A. The Board discussed the commercial sewer rate schedules that showed how the commercial rates for Mount Joy Township could equal the rate for West Donegal Township within 5 years. Following discussion, the Board was comfortable increasing Mount Joy Township's rate per 1,000 gallons from \$7.75/1,000 gallons to \$8.50/1,000. West Donegal Township's rate stands at \$13.00/1,000 gallons. George will develop a rate resolution to increase the rate as agreed upon.
- B. Nick pointed out our response to the letter received last month from Jill Nagy, attorney for Water Polo LLC, requesting a change in the way ERSA bills apartment buildings. It was noted that George cited numerous case law in writing our response letter.
- C. Nick told the Board that we have to go online to get the same health plan as we had in 2015. At this point it appears that the same plan is 8% cheaper for 2016 than in 2015. ERSA's dental insurance will stay the same as last year's plan.

New Business

- A. Nick reviewed the email sent to him by Todd Smeigh, D. C. Gohn, regarding dedication of the street. Todd said that a revised final plan with right of way calculation, cul-de-sac

design and storm water management would be \$6,300.00. Then a road dedication plan and a legal description would cost \$2,650.00. The cul-de-sac may be needed depending on the outcome of the Bob Kettering plan for ERSA's adjacent lot. The construction of the cul-de-sac would cost \$32, 572.60. Following discussion, the Board decided to table the dedication of the street until Lot #2 is sold and it is know whether the street or Lot #2 is proposed for dedication. Nick told the Board that Mount Joy Township's manager, Casey Kraus, will discuss the dedication of the road with his Board to see if there are any major objections to accepting the street.

- B. Byrne and Nick informed the Board that they met with the Borough regarding the Radio Road Interceptor. Prior to the meeting, it was heard that the big box store and the developer want to have a commitment for sewer capacity within 12-18 months. The Borough told Nick and Byrne that they will be installing meters in various locations along the interceptor and will monitor those meters for 16 weeks (March-July). Once they understand the extent of the problems they will formulate a plan to solve the surcharging problem. By September of 2016, they will have a plan in place.
- C. Byrne and Nick told the Board that they have received the televising results for the lines within the Timber Villa Retirement Association. Byrne said that he reviewed the report and the tapes and said that aside for a few sections that have a few inches of standing water, the lines and manholes look good. *It was motioned by Sweigart, seconded by Dan to authorize the Retirement Association to move to the next step (surveying, locating all lines) in their quest to dedicate their lines to the Authority. Motion carried.*
- D. A list of meeting dates for 2016 was distributed. The Board authorized Nick to advertise the dates as listed.

Engineer's Report

Byrne told the Board that the equipment for the Bossler #2 pump station has been received. The contractor would like to start work on the station the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Byrne also discussed the capital improvements plan (draft) and Ironstone Ranch.

Treasurer's Report

Ken reviewed the monthly financial reports. The reports illustrate that revenues are down, but expenditures are also under budget. *It was motioned by Sollenberger, seconded by Brill to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$1,026,535.30. Motion carried.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.