

ELIZABETHTOWN REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
April 14, 2015

The Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority (ERSA) met at 7:00 PM at the West Donegal Township meeting room with the following members present: Keith Murphy, Dan Brill, Ken Shaffer, Dave Sweigart, Rick Erb, and Allen Sollenberger. Also present were Nick Viscome, Byrne Remphrey, and George Alspach.

The minutes of the March 10, 2015 and March 25, 2015 meetings were approved on a motion by Dave Sweigart and a second by Al Sollenberger. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Robbin Campbell was present to say that the cable company did not restore his property near the telephone poles in the back and front of his property. Nick and Keith told Robbin that there is a building inspection the following morning and they will view the property with the general contractor.

Mark Shoemaker representing Dave Abel was present to discuss the fact that the sewage flow from the Dave Abel residence at 1000 N. Market Street goes through the meter and that the residence, based on flow, is billed for 5 residential units. That means that Dave Abel is being billed twice—commercially by meter and residentially by a quarterly flat fee. ERSA did not know that the house was run through the meter since that was not reflected on the plan submitted. The board will discuss this item at a future meeting.

Jim Beamenderfer of Mount Joy Township asked the Board why the rates keep climbing. The Board members told Jim that the Board established a 3 year goal of equalizing the rates between Mount Joy Township and West Donegal Township. This caused rates to increase in Mount Joy Township for the past 3 years. Now that the residential rates are equal, rates are expected to level off in the future.

Unfinished Business

- A. Status of the building: Byrne told the Board that there will be a walk through inspection the following morning to create the punch list of items that need attention. Commonwealth Code inspected the building recently and issued a short list of items that need to be completed. Other issues are:

1. Pressure reducing valve: due to the water pressure in Rheems a PRV is needed. The quote from Garden Spot Mechanical was \$603.00—twice as much as the Board felt it should be. The building contractor will try and get that reduced.
 2. Shutters: John Wisniewski sent photos and guidelines to demonstrate that shutters should be the size of the windows not the size of the casement surrounding the window. Still the Board 's reaction to the shutters was to not install them and store them.
 3. Application for payment: Byrne told the Board that a payment application for a little over \$103,000 has been received. *It was motioned by Shaffer seconded by Sweigart to withhold payment until more progress on the building inside and out is made. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*
- B. The Board once again discussed the proposed Bob Kettering plan and his need for 7 parking spaces on ERSA land. Nick and George discussed possible conditions for the 7 space lot such as “only currently registered vehicles” and not storage of trailers, boats, etc., but couldn't ignore the long term need for policing the lot. As the Board discussed this issue, they came to the realization that giving an easement for the 7 spaces would put too much of a burden on ERSA in the future. *It was motioned by Sweigart, seconded by Erb to not allow Bob Kettering to have the 7 space lot on ERSA's lot. Motion carried.*

New Business

- A. Ken Shaffer told the Board that he received an email from Phil Rudy asking for a 30 day extension to complete ERSA's audit due to staff illnesses. The Board gave Phil until the May, 2015 public meeting to complete the audit. Nick will relay this deadline.
- B. Nick presented a plan submitted by Ron Helm showing the construction of a 22' x 24' garage addition to the home at 2051 Sheaffer Road. The plan showed be 6' encroachment onto the sewer easement which runs along the property line. The Board did not approve this 6' encroachment.

*Note: The following day, Nick went out to view the property and discovered that only 10' of the 20' easement is on the property and that the garage addition will not encroach on the sewer easement.

- C. Byrne and Nick discussed the work plan/capital improvements plan for 2015 including: televising lines in the Hershey Road area, repair of the leaking manholes, installing sacrificial anodes at the Colebrook Road and Cameron Street stations, etc. Next month, all of the proposed work and associated costs will be given to the Board.

Engineer's Report

Byrne discussed his analysis containing the Agrifrost report. The developer for Agrifrost initially wanted to know what had to be done to accommodate a 200 unit development. Essentially, to accommodate 200 units, both Cameron Street and Colebrook Road stations would have to be substantially upgraded and the trunkline from Cameron Street to Miller Road would have to be upgraded. Byrne said that there exists a capacity allocation in the system of roughly 150 EDUs. Byrne asked the Board if they wanted to approve 70-75 EDUs of capacity to the Agrifrost developer. *It was motioned by Sollenberger, seconded by Sweigart to offer 75 units of capacity to Agrifrost. Motion carried.*

On another issue, Byrne presented a plan which showed a lot facing Clover Lane extended which is not a public street. The owner of the opposing lot has run a long lateral to the public Clover Lane. The lot in question would be able to do the same. The Board approved the connection of this lot to public sewer via a long lateral.

Treasurer's Report

Ken said the term "draft" appears on the final reports because the auditor has not make the final entries. Ken told the Board that the Operating Fund remains stable. *It was motioned by Sollenberger, seconded by Brill to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.*

It was motioned by Sweigart, seconded by AI to approve the Bills Payables List in the amount of \$220,561.92. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.