

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2014**

The regular monthly business meeting of the Summit Township Sewer Authority was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Chris Fette at the Sewer Authority Building, 8890 Old French Road, Erie, Pennsylvania. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Chris Fette, Chairman; Michael Rose, Vice Chairman; Cloyd J. Rose, Secretary; Laban Marsh, Ass't Secretary; Mark Welka, Treasurer; William C. Steff, P.E., Manager; Douglas Sceiford, P.E., Hill Engineering; George Joseph, The Quinn Law Firm; and Caitlyn Haener, Administrative Supervisor. Visitors: Greg Rademacher, Geologist with Groundwater Resources; Resident Don Czerwinski, 2820 Haibach Drive ROLL CALL

Motion by Mr. M. Rose, seconded by Mr. Marsh to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2014 Regular Business Meeting. Vote 5/0. 9/25/14 MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Welka, seconded by Mr. M. Rose to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted to and reviewed by all Board members. Vote 5/0. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Welka, seconded by Mr. M. Rose to approve the Expenditure Report as submitted to and reviewed by all Board members. Vote 5/0. EXPENDITURES

RESIDENTS TO BE HEARD

Don Czerwinski, 2820 Haibach Drive: The Authority consulted Greg Rademacher, professional geologist, Ground Water Resources, to investigate Mr. Czerwinski's water problem, as discussed at the September 25, 2014 Regular Business meeting. Mr. Rademacher reports that he and Manager Steff walked the entire area. Mr. Rademacher presented his findings, including the following: signs of slow drainage and wetland conditions throughout the area; ponding water in several areas nearby including a surface water pond on Czerwinski's property and a large groundwater pond nearby. Further, if the sewer line was acting as a conduit, drainage would continue through to lower elevations but there were no signs of breakouts further down the line nor have there been any other complaints. The majority of the water appears to be day lighting at the Penelec transformer, not near the Sewer Authority manhole. After reviewing topographical maps and examining the area, Mr. Rademacher's opinion is that Mr. Czerwinski's water problem is not caused by the sewer line. Mr. Czerwinski presented a handout featuring elevations that he shot himself. Mr. Rademacher countered that the elevations Mr. Czerwinski selected are not representative of the larger topographical picture. Mr. Czerwinski reiterated that he believes a blockage around the bedding of the sewer line would prevent water from flowing past his property and cause groundwater to surface. Manager Steff responded that the Authority has seen problems with dikes and ground water breakouts in other projects but Mr. Czerwinski's water problem does not exhibit any of those characteristics. Mr. Czerwinski insisted that the property did not have water problems until the sewer line was installed. Mr. Czerwinski reported that he built his CZERWINSKI
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home on the property shortly after sewer was installed and 13 loads of gravel were brought in. Engineer Sceiford responded that Mr. Czerwinski may have created his own problem when he brought in 13 loads of gravel. In Engineer Sceiford's experience, installing sewer lines more often dewater an area and occasionally clay dikes are used to ease the dewatering of wells. Engineer Sceiford added that sewer is the deepest utility; Water, gas and electric lines are much closer to the surface, therefore the sewer line is the least likely to be causing a surfacing groundwater problem. Mr. Czerwinski responded that he contacted the Water Authority to test the fire hydrant on his property but the Water Authority determined that testing would be inclusive. Mr. Rademacher recommends clearing debris that is obstructing local storm water drainage features; this will reduce the hydraulic head in the area and will likely relieve some of the ponding surface water problems. Mr. Rademacher, Engineer Sceiford and Manager Steff agree that there are no findings to support that the Sewer Authority is responsible for Mr. Czerwinski's surface water problem. The Board agreed that they are satisfied that the Authority has done due diligence in investigating the matter and the Authority will end its involvement in the issue.

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Mr. Czerwinski and Mr. Rademacher left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Joseph reported that William Long (8931 Peach Street) has signed and returned the Release and Settlement agreement. Solicitor Joseph deferred presentation to Manager Steff in the Manager's Report.

LONG
(8931 PEACH ST)

Solicitor Joseph reports that the residents who were mailed prepayment agreements requested changes to their agreements. Solicitor Joseph agrees with Manager Steff's decision to reject the requested changes.

PREPAYMENT
AGREEMENTS

Solicitor Joseph reports that he has sent a letter to Township Solicitor Sennett regarding Summit Township Ordinance No. 2011-01. The letter requests that the SEO requirement remain and the 300 foot set-back exemption be eliminated. The change would require every property that has sewer available to connect.

TWP ORDINANCE
No. 2011-01

Solicitor Joseph reports that the Authority has received a bankruptcy notice regarding 8535 Oliver Road. The balance of \$3,172.00 due to the Authority will be paid over time.

8535 OLIVER
BANKRUPTCY

Solicitor Joseph accepted a Service of Petition regarding the Erie County judicial lien free tax sale of 8330 Perry Highway scheduled to take place in December. The letter needed to be accepted and returned prior to the meeting. Solicitor Joseph explained that if the property is sold the Sewer Authority will not likely get paid; if there is a mortgage on the property, typically the mortgage company will bid on the property. Discussion ensued.

8330 PERRY HWY
LIEN FREE SALE

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer Sceiford reports that Hill Engineering is currently receiving and reviewing as-builts for the 2010 Sewer Extension Project.

2010 SEWER
EXTENSION
PROJECT

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Engineer Sceiford reports that Engineer Fails is working with Manager Steff on obtaining the permits for the Route 97 Lift Station Project. Once the civil engineering is further along, the electrical engineering will begin. Right now, the emphasis is on permitting. Manager Steff added that he is working on applying for a S.T.I.E.D.A. grant.

ROUTE 97 LIFT
STATION PROJECT

Engineer Sceiford left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Steff reports that William Long (8931 Peach Street) has signed and returned the Release and Settlement Agreement. Solicitor Joseph explained that the reason for the agreement is because an insurance settlement wouldn't have required Mr. Long to discontinue basement service. By accepting this agreement, the Authority will pay Mr. Long \$7,500.00 to discontinue basement service. Manager Steff reports that Operations Foreman McAtee has completed the inspection. Solicitor Joseph and Manager Steff recommend that the Authority enter into the Release and Settlement Agreement with Mr. Long.

LONG
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RELEASE AND
SETTLEMENT

Motion by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Welka, to enter into the Release and Settlement Agreement with William Long regarding 8931 Peach Street. Vote 5/0.

ENTER INTO
RELEASE AND
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

Manager Steff updated the Board on the many projects in progress: Manager Steff has received the preliminary updated Act 537 Plan; he plans to review it soon. Manager Steff is working on determining the best wording for a warning to residents about insurance riders regarding basement service; he does not want to unnecessarily alarm sewer customers. Manager Steff continues to work on the water shut-off policy. Manager Steff is also working to set up a bonding requirement, contractor requirements or a designated contractor for private lateral connections.

ADMINISTRATIVE
PROJECT
PROGRESS
UPDATES

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. C. Rose, motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Marsh. Vote 5/0.

Chairman Fette adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Caitlyn Haener
Administrative Supervisor