

SEWAGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.
159 MONROE STREET

Council members present: Ed Robinson, Jim Harmon, Bill Marciniak, and Mayor Jim Butler. Other borough officials present: Maintenance: Robert Hixson (Higgie), Solicitors: Atty Tony Colangelo, Atty Adam Buchanan, Engineer: Jim Willard

Mrs. Pfeifer was in to the office recently wanting to put a mobile home on their second piece of property. She has been given permission to do so, as she owns a second tap.

Time of Sale Ordinance: Atty Romel Nicholas is working on getting information from Judy Raisley on sewage bills. She is on vacation until March 2013. Delinquent letters have been written, but Judy is not available to get them mailed. Bill Marciniak stated that Atty Romel Nicholas had already requested all the info from Judy. Bill would like a copy of everything she has and a computer copy for the borough to have. Judy's daughter, Keri, fills in for her when she is away. Bill thinks a letter should be written to her requesting the information and a copy of the program used for billing, with a specific date to be returned.

Atty Tony Colangelo believes that Atty Romel Nicholas is already handling the situation, and no one from the borough should get involved at this point.

Bill stated that we have at least 6 months before a new assistant secretary/treasurer is trained, so we have time for Romel to take care of it.

Ed Robinson stated we need to have a list recorded somewhere of all the taps and owners in the borough. We also do not know if the program purchased for Judy Raisley originally is still the one in use.

Jim Willard stated that he needs to know exact number of taps and information for DCNR Chapter 94 Report within the next month.

Jim Harmon stated that the Planning Commission may have the information on taps. Planning Commission makes recommendations to Council, but Council makes the final decision. Bill Marciniak went to a Planning Commission meeting and was told by Tedi Davis, a previous Council member, that they have a list of people waiting for taps. Bill had discussed with Jim Harmon previously about sending a letter to previous Council members requesting any past Borough records be returned to current Council.

Jim Willard from KLH has donated a safe to the Borough at no cost for keeping records.

Ed Robinson asked Nick Vacarello if he had a list of people who wanted taps, and he stated he probably had it somewhere. He thinks it was made in 2002. The original sewage plan included the names and taps. He stated Tedi Davis would probably have the latest list, since she is on the Planning Commission.

Bill Marciniak asked if a charge can be levied on taps that had been bought but not used, and Atty Adam Buchanan stated no.

Ed Robinson stated that in order to write a Time of Sale Ordinance, the borough needs a camera with a recorder, at a cost of approx. \$14,000. Jim Willard stated we need a truck, trailer, pump and hose to dye test the lines. Higgie is qualified to test the lines. Two people are needed, but OSHA requires 3 people. It was discussed whether to rent the equipment, but it will be much more expensive. It would cost an estimated \$500.00 per house per Jim Willard.

There are 20 houses for sale in the Borough presently, and each one would need checked with the camera before the sale when the new ordinance is started. A fee can be charged to the homeowner to offset the cost. Last year, nine houses were sold within the Borough.

The manholes need checked again, and a camera would be helpful for that. Audio and video recording can find sump pumps and downspout use. Mayor Butler suggested getting quotes from companies to do the camera recording for us, and the costs for us to buy the equipment ourselves with Higgle doing the job. The costs could then be compared and decided on.

Bill Marciniak will look into a grant to purchase the equipment.

Nick Vacarello stated that several plumbing companies, including Gillece, will do the testing for \$90.00/house.

Jim Willard stated that many homeowners reconnect downspouts and sump pumps after inspection. A photographic record needs made of each inspection for further comparison against this. He believes homeowners should be charged a hefty penalty if they are found to have reconnected.

Jim Willard: The EQ tank Part 2 Amendment Permit will be submitted to Dave Balog with a fee of \$500.00.

We do not have right-of-way on McGowan property which needs done.

A construction easement from Nick Vacarello is needed and also a right-of-way for a small area to finish project. The solicitors will talk with Mr. Vacarello's attorney.

The grade of the line and amount of conduit makes it more cost-effective to put in a new manhole, and put in the Mag Meter with a consolidated panel on a concrete slab with a disconnect for both pumps inside the fence. Generator will be moved to the opposite side of the building. The aluminum manhole cover purchased can go on either the new manhole or Manhole 103, so Park can have access. The radio antennae for Chris Eddy will be in the same line and will be inside the fence. The aluminum cover will be put on Manhole 103 now and then moved to new manhole when it is completed. There are 2 places where locks can be put in the aluminum manhole cover. Someone from the Borough and someone from the Park have to be present to open both locks to assure no tampering with meters.

If water flow is > 7,000 gal/day, the meter will record flow. Therefore, only a very small trickle flow which is < 2 gal/min could go undetected.

Bill Marciniak asked if we have received the new agreement from DCNR, and Jim Willard stated that we are still waiting to hear from them with the new details.

Papers were signed by Jim Harmon for Borough to get Line of Credit from PNC Bank.

Jim Willard will get a bill ready from KLH and turned in, so when money is available from Penn Vest, they can be payed. KLH has been holding bills for months until the Borough has the finances to pay them.

Atty Adam Buchanan stated that Direct Energy has been notified about claim when power outage occurred last month. It is approx. \$8,000.00 for computer and other damage. GTN Law is used to doing these proceedings and will handle it. We are also still pursuing reimbursement from Power Company for damage done in past with blown pumps due to voltage irregularities. Data is needed from the computer that Chris Eddy has installed to back up these claims.

Atty Adam Buchanan has left forms for Dave Stellfox to sign and Secretary Marion Cannon to notarize for PNC Line of Credit.

Meeting ended at approx. 8:30 p.m.

MaryAnn Mahan