

WALLACE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MARCH 8, 2011

The Wallace Township Municipal Authority meeting of Tuesday, March 8, 2011, was called to order at 7:02 PM in the Municipal Building by the Vice Chairman.

Members present: Steve DePedro, Vice Chairman
David Najim
Roger Ireby
Barbara D'Angelo, Chairman [arrived at 7:20 PM]

Also in attendance: Steve Riley, Entech Engineering
Matthew Boggs, Entech Engineering

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Najim, second by Mr. Ireby, the minutes of the February meeting were unanimously approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Clean Water, Inc., dated 3/06/11, re: Operator's monthly report for Glen Moore.
2. Clean Water, Inc., dated 3/06/11, re: Operator's monthly report for Highspire.
3. J. Keath Fetter, Esq., dated 3/05/11, re: Solicitor's monthly report.
4. Entech Engineering, Inc., dated 3/04/11, re: Engineer's monthly report.
5. Entech Engineering, Inc., to LTL Consultants, dated 2/10/11, re: inspection responsibilities in developments with public sewers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following bills were presented for consideration:

- a. Verizon - **\$168.83** for phone @ operations bldgs. (Glen Moore & Highspire)
- b. Clean Water, Inc. - **\$2,485.00** for operator services @ Glen Moore & Highspire (February)
- c. Jan Bednarchik - **\$770.04** for secretarial services (February) & postage
- d. PECO - **\$2,011.35** for electric @ main pump station & Devereux (\$1,078.84) and Highspire WWTP and pump station (\$922.51)
- e. Analytical Laboratory - **\$309.90** for lab testing (Glen Moore & Highspire)
- f. Entech Engineering - **\$7,511.05** for engineering services (1/01 – 2/25/11)
- g. Swartz Campbell - **\$135.00** for legal services (February)
- h. Ink's Disposal Service - **\$830.00** for cleaning main & Devereux pump stations; pump tank @ 21 Marty Close Road & 1941 Creek Road; pump equalization & clarifier tanks @ Highspire

- i. Deckman Electric - **\$327.20** for 8 float switches
- j. Staples - **\$24.99** for copier paper
- k. Elm Consulting - **\$1,200.00** for consultant services re: Asset Management Plan (October 2010 thru January 2011)

TOTAL: \$15,773.36

Mr. Irej moved to approve invoices “a” through “k” for the month of March as presented. Mr. Najim seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OPERATOR’S REPORT

Glen Moore WWTP

There were no violations of permit conditions in February.

There were four emergency visits in February: 1 Ashlea Drive (reset due to power outage), Post Office (reset due to power outage), 201 Indiantown Road (bad contactor), and 1790 Creek Road (bad float). PreDOC was called to assist with an emergency call-out at 1941 Creek Road (deli and apartments) because the circuit board was not working correctly and was creating alternating current. It was also noted that one of the tenants had planted grass overtop of the tank lid. Ink’s Disposal was called to clean the tank

The grinder station at 1981 Creek Road is scheduled to be refurbished.

Ink’s Disposal will start the preventative maintenance of all grinder pumps in Sewer District #1, comprised of all homes on Creek Road, later this month.

The lagoon aerators are now on. Some spraying occurred in February.

Spare float switches were ordered from Deckman Electric. Deckman also evaluated two 2hp Hydromatic pumps and found them unworthy of rebuilding.

Larry Hepner will conduct a site visit soon to do the Crop Management Report required by DEP.

Highspire WWTP

There were no operational problems to report. .

Ink’s Disposal pumped the equalization tank, cleaned off the clarifier tank, and hauled some sludge.

The Operator requested that a weekly trash removal service be set up for disposal of debris from the Lakeside screen. The discharge dumps into a standard size outdoor trash can. Mr. Riley commented there should not be a problem with disposal because the material is not hazardous.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Municipal claims for unpaid fourth quarter user fees have been filed against Baum and James Trego. The Trego claim also included unpaid fees for the third quarter. Payment has been received from John Ward for the emergency repairs to his sewer lateral at 1970 Creek Road. Delinquent notices for unpaid user fees for the first quarter of 2011 are being sent to the following: Baum, Fanelli, Hammond, Lutz, N. McDonough, Seese, James Trego, Clements, Heritage-Highspire, and Seckinger.

LTL Consultants has paid the full amount of the judgment entered in favor of the Authority. This matter is now concluded.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dankanich – There was no activity on this project during the month.

Asset Management Plan – A follow-up meeting with Phil Tiewater was held on 2/15/11. The Authority Secretary and Mr. Riley are continuing with data entry.

Glen Moore Groundwater Monitoring Report – The final report was submitted to DEP on 1/24/11. There has been no response from DEP yet.

2010 Chapter 94 Reports – The Chapter 94 Reports for 2010 were prepared, and draft copies were e-mailed to the Authority members for review. The originals were presented for signature by the Chairman. The reports are due to DEP no later than 3/31/11. Mr. Riley mentioned that flows at Glenmoore were up nearly 20% from historical flows, even though there were no new connections in 2010. Mr. Riley suggested the increase could possibly be related to calibration of the meters. The Operator will be instructed to have W.G. Malden come back and recalibrate the meters and address the issue of the increase in flow. The hydraulic loadings and organic loadings are well below limits for both plants.

LTL Request re: Inspection Responsibilities – A letter was sent to LTL on 2/10/11, in response to their letter of 12/28/10 seeking direction on inspection matters within the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

The PA Department of State Corporation Bureau acknowledged receipt of the Decennial Report of Association Continued Existence form from the Authority.

Statement of Financial Interests forms are due May 1.

NEW BUSINESS

The use of smoke testing to help locate illegal sump pump connections was discussed. Mr. Riley advised that smoke testing cannot be used at Glen Moore because it is a closed, pressurized system. The Authority would need to conduct door to door inspections to look for sump pumps that are connected to the public sewer. Mr. Riley also mentioned that he had one of Entech's interns research whether there was any correlation between the use of water softeners and shortened life cycles of grinder pumps, as suggested by the Operator. No written documentation was found on this subject.

[Mrs. D'Angelo arrived at this time]

The Authority previously agreed to postpone filing a claim against Brian Baum at 1831 Creek Road for the 2nd quarter of 2009 because his wages were being withheld at that time due to the state budget impasse. However, he is now delinquent on the 4th quarter of 2010 and 1st quarter of 2011 and has stopped making contract payments on his account. The Authority authorized the Secretary to prepare a delinquent notice for nonpayment of user fees for the 2nd quarter of 2009.

The PA Municipal Authorities Association's Annual Spring Management Workshop will be held on 4/26/11 at Hotel Hershey.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DePedro moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Mr. Ireys seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan C. Bednarchik
Secretary