

**BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN
WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Water/Wastewater Committee was held on December 14, 2016 at the Kutztown Municipal Building, 45 Railroad Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Ed Seyler, Chairman. Members present were: Mr. Ed Seyler and Dr. Derek Mace. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manger; Mr. Jarrad Burkert, Wastewater Plant Manager; Mr. Troy Smith, Water Plant Manager; Ms. Jill Remick, Recording Secretary; and Mr. Darryl Jenkins, SSM. Public Attendance: Mr. Rusty Taft and Mr. John Brownell of New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. Inc.; Mr. Walter Hess and Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 9, 2016 minutes were reviewed by members. Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Mr. Seyler to approve the November 9, 2016 minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Ladd-Kidder referred to notation #9 of DEP's transcript of the public hearing report regarding NESL's revision to their NPDES Permit. Her concern was of DEP's response that they hadn't received any data to support the statement that the cessation of the quarry pumping results in a rise in Borough well water levels. Ms. Ladd-Kidder requested specific information to include: the dates of when the quarry was asked to stop pumping, well numbers, levels of wells, and how quickly the wells rose when the quarry was asked to stop pumping. The committee gave permission to Ms. Ladd-Kidder to work with Mr. Smith to gather the requested information and forward it to DEP.

Mr. Hess, a KMA customer, asked if water and sewer rates will be increased in 2017. Mr. Khalife explained that KMA did vote to increase rates by 5%.

WATER UTILITIES

Water report:

Gallons pumped for November 2016 – 16,730,000

Daily average for November 2016 – 556,766

Melted precipitation for November 2016 – 4.3"

There were no comments.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF A NEW DESKTOP TURBIDIMETER

Mr. Smith explained the current meter is 14 years old, outdated and no longer accurate. A replacement meter will cost \$3,620.91. Committee members directed Mr. Smith to move forward with purchasing the new meter.

DISCUSS PROPOSED DEP CHAPTER 109 REVISION

Mr. Smith briefed Committee members on a possible new DEP requirement which is slated to begin in 2018. While details haven't been finalized, the new requirement could cost the Borough approximately \$20,000.00.

DISCUSS BILLING FOR REPLACEMENT OF WATER METER AT 44 GREENWICH STREET

Mr. Smith stated that the water meter and all the plumbing was stolen from this property.

WASTEWATER UTILITIES

Sewer report:

Influent flow for November 2016 – 21,186,000

Effluent flow for November 2016 – 21,914,000

Daily average Influent flow November 2016 – 706,000

Melted precipitation November 2016 – 3.2”

There were no comments.

UPDATE ON DEP COMMENTS FOR ORGANIC OVERLOAD CAP, CHAPTER 94 REPORT, AND HIGHLAND AVE. PUMP STATION

Mr. Jenkins explained the Borough needs to continue the high strength waste management plan into 2017 to demonstrate the plan is effective. Mr. Jenkins reported that the Chapter 94 report is complete. Mr. Burkert explained the Highland Ave. response letter from DEP has been received and the Wastewater Department will keep a more detailed log at the Highland Ave. pump station for documentation.

UPDATE ON LAKESIDE SCREEN

Mr. Burkert noted the drawings are in progress and once approved there is a 14 week lead time before the equipment is received.

REVIEW THE CLEANING AND TELEVISIONING INSPECTION REPORT FOR THE COLLECTION SYSTEM AREA KNOWN AS QUAD TWO

Mr. Burkert reviewed areas of point repair and will bring cost estimates to the January meeting.

DISCUSS SEWER VENT CAPS

Mr. Burkert explained the older rectangular style caps, which are placed in the sidewalk, are no longer available for purchase when replacements are needed. Mr. Burkert further explained that he has reached out to a local company and they have agreed to make the rectangular vent caps for the Borough. Homeowners will be able to purchase a vent cap from the Borough, however the homeowner will be responsible for installation.

EPWPCOA EVENT UPDATE

The event was held Friday, November 18, 2016 and approximately 100 vendors and 300 people attended the event.

OFF AGENDA

Mr. Burkert noted the Pista Grit System experienced electrical issues with conduits. The Wastewater Department has completed some of the work, and in the New Year Mr. Burkert will look into pricing for new conduits.

Dr. Mace explained the Kutztown University math department has grant funds available for projects where the math students solve real world problems/issues/tasks, mathematically, in an applied way. Dr. Mace asked the Committee if they have any issues that would fit that application process, and if so, to contact him with ideas.

Dr. Mace asked how the manhole collars are working and Mr. Burkert explained they are working out well, however under budget constraints he will need to wait to purchase and install additional collars.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Dr. Mace and seconded by Mr. Seyler to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by Mr. Seyler, Chairman.

Cc: W/WW Committee
Borough Council
Borough Mayor
Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manager
Gina Wiand, Borough Secretary
Dale Kramer, Water Plant Manager
Jarrad Burkert, Wastewater Plant Manager
Darryl Jenkins, SSM
Steve Riley, Entech
Keith Mooney, Solicitor