

**BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN
WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Water/Wastewater Committee was held on July 13, 2016 at the Kutztown Municipal Building, 45 Railroad Street.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. by Mr. Ed Seyler, Chairman. Members present were: Mr. Ed Seyler, Ms. Peggy Devlin and Dr. Derek Mace. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manger; Mr. Jarrad Burkert, Wastewater Plant Manager; Mr. Troy Smith, Water Crew Leader; Mrs. Jill Remick, Recording Secretary; and Mr. Darryl Jenkins, SSM. Public Attendance: a representative of New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. Inc.; Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder of Kutztown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 8, 2016 minutes were reviewed by members. Motion by Ms. Devlin and seconded by Dr. Mace to approve the June 8, 2016 minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Ladd-Kidder spoke to the committee about the concerns she has regarding the Conditional Water Supply Agreement. Ms. Ladd-Kidder explained her concerns with the monitoring and restrictions of pollutant levels in the mine discharge water at the outfall and at the monitoring wells surrounding the quarry. Ms. Ladd-Kidder noted the quarry has only been conducting required testing sporadically and some results exceeded the maximum contaminant levels. Due to time constraints she asked the Committee to address and answer the following questions on implementation of the Conditional Water Supply Agreement at the August Water/Wastewater Committee meeting: 1) Who in the Borough is responsible for monitoring the pollutant tests on an annual and quarterly basis; 2) Has the Borough ever notified the Quarry to "stop" pumping based on the test results exceeding the maximum levels of pollutants; 3) If the Borough has never notified the Quarry to "stop" pumping based on exceeding the maximum levels of pollutants, why hasn't it; and 4) What is involved in the Borough's decision-making process to enact this part of the agreement which requires the Quarry to perform further testing and actions to correct the excess level of pollutants?

Due to time constraints the discussion of these questions were left for the August committee meeting.

WATER UTILITIES

Water report:

Gallons pumped for June 2016 – 14,917,000

Daily average for June 2016 – 497,233

Melted precipitation for June 2016 – 5.9"

There were no comments.

DISCUSS WATER MAIN ON WENTZ STREET

Mr. Smith stated he has received calls from two residents for dirty water on Wentz Street. Mr. Smith explained the water department believes chlorine is causing some rust to break free. He further explained filters could be installed on those water services which might help filter the water, and noted he has received a quote from Greenawalt Plumbing to do the installation for \$370.00 per filter, including labor. These could be installed until more investigation can be done.

UPDATE ON NITRATE PLANT

Mr. Smith stated organics caused the recent problem. A new sample will be taken to monitor the issue.

UPDATE ON BOROUGH FARM LEASE

Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Devlin to recommend Borough Council take action to terminate the current Borough Farm lease as of November 1, 2017, or when the 2017 crops are removed, and to approve a new lease, which will become effective November 2, 2017, as outlined in the Berks Nature letter dated July 6, 2016. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

WASTEWATER UTILITIES

Sewer report:

Influent flow for June 2016 – 19,979,000

Effluent flow for June 2016 – 18,970,000

Daily average Influent flow June 2016 – 666,000

Melted precipitation June 2016 – 2.5”

There were no comments.

UPDATE ON ORGANIC OVERLOAD CAP

Mr. Jenkins stated that SSM has sent their response letter to DEP. Mr. Burkert explained he would like to contact Mr. Baar and set up a meeting so that he can personally ask Mr. Baar questions and receive their explanations. Additionally construction questions will need to be answered. Members directed Mr. Burkert to move forward with the meeting.

REVIEW COMMENTS ON THE 2015 CHAPTER 94 REPORT

Mr. Jenkins stated SSM will send a response.

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN ON CONSTITUTION BLVD.

Mr. Burkert explained excavation started on July 13, 2016 and the damaged pipe will be removed on the 14th. Committee members directed Mr. Burkert to replace the line and repair the road as needed.

UPDATE ON ESD SHELL PROJECT

Mr. Burkert explained the project was to begin on July 11, 2016 however a scaffolding issue delayed the project, which is now scheduled to begin July 18th.

UPDATE ON GREASE TRAP INSPECTIONS

Mr. Burkert explained most inspections have been completed by Dan Eslinger and Matt Hafer, with the Weis shopping center scheduled to be next. Mr. Burkert noted grease traps will need to be installed at the pool snack stand and at the legion field stand.

OFF AGENDA

Committee members discussed the requested sewer credit for 464 E. Walnut Street, in the amount of \$191.67. Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Devlin to recommend Borough Council take action to approve the requested sewer credit, since the water was not processed through the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Burkert noted he has met with the EPWPCOA organization and the Borough will host a meeting at the Kutztown Fire Company in November, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Ms. Devlin and seconded by Dr. Mace to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 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