

**BOROUGH OF KUTZTOWN
WATER/WASTEWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Water/Wastewater Committee was held on May 11, 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, Ms. Peggy Devlin and Dr. Derek Mace. Also in attendance: Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manger; Mr. Jarrad Burkert, Wastewater Plant Manager; Mr. Dale Kramer, Water Plant Manager; Mrs. Jill Remick, Recording Secretary; and Mr. Darryl Jenkins, SSM. Public Attendance: Ms. Jeri Carroll representing the EAC, Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder of Kutztown; and Mr. Daniel De La Torre representing JMD Recycling Services of Kutztown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 13, 2016 minutes were reviewed by members. Motion by Ms. Devlin and seconded by Mr. Seyler to approve the April 13, 2016 minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Ladd-Kidder stated that at the Monday, May 9, 2016 Planning Commission meeting members learned of the submission of the new DEP permit application to increase the mine discharge water into the Sacony Creek from 5,000 gpm to 8,000 gpm which was filed by New Enterprise Stone and Lime. The Planning Commission is concerned with the percent of ground water recharge the quarry would be drawing if DEP approved the request.

Ms. Ladd Kidder requested the Kutztown Borough Council draft a formal letter to DEP opposing New Enterprise Stone and Lime's request for an increase in their permitted amount of mine water discharge into the Sacony Creek. Ms. Ladd Kidder also asked Borough Council to submit a formal request to DEP asking them to hold a public hearing prior to DEP making a determination on the quarry request.

Motion by Ms. Devlin and seconded by Dr. Mace to request Borough Council direct SSM to draft a formal letter to DEP, on behalf of the Borough, opposing New Enterprise Stone and Lime's request for an increase in their permitted amount of mining discharge. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jenkins explained that if a permit is issued by DEP then the Environmental Hearing Board will entertain public comment on the permit.

PRESENTATION FROM JMD RECYCLING SERVICE

Mr. Daniel De La Torre asked the Committee to consider his request to enter short dated or expired Red Bull into the sewage system in an effort to recycle the

cans. He explained the process of squeezing the liquid from the cans into a sump tank, this liquid would then need to be evacuated from the sump tank into the sewage system and then process through the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. De La Torre requested feedback from members and asked what technical information he would need to provide to Mr. Burkert and the committee. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Burkert will review the provided information and communicate with Mr. De La Torre in regards to the needed technical information.

WATER UTILITIES

Water report:

Gallons pumped for April 2016 – 19,681,000

Daily average for April 2016 – 656,033

Melted precipitation for April 2016 – 1.5”

There were no comments.

DISCUSS HAVING LAYNE CRISTENSEN CO. INSPECT THE RESINS IN THE NITRATE VESSELS

Mr. Kramer stated the nitrate levels are still within range, however the treatment plant is unable to treat the nitrate levels in the same capacity that they had been previously. Layne will be checking the system on Friday, May 13, 2016. Mr. Kramer noted that if resins need to be changed there will be a charge for that change.

OFF AGENDA

Mr. Kramer stated the old Wachs P-2 valve exerciser machine with attachments had been previously loaned to the University and they would now like to purchase the machine for \$4,000.00. Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Devlin to recommend Borough Council authorize the sale of the Wachs P-2 valve exerciser with attachments in the amount of \$4,000.00 The motion passed by unanimous vote.

WASTEWATER UTILITIES

Sewer report:

Influent flow for April 2016 – 28,268,000

Effluent flow for April 2016 – 29,705,000

Daily average Influent flow April 2016 – 942,000

Melted precipitation April 2016 – 2.2”

There were no comments.

UPDATE ON ESD SHELL PROJECT

Mr. Burkert explained the pre-construction meeting we held the week of May 2nd and work will start in the beginning of June.

UPDATE ON ORGANIC OVERLOAD CAP

Mr. Burkert noted a formal questionnaire sheet is being drawn up to be distributed to businesses upon inspection visits.

DISCUSS WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR FUTURE DEBT SERVICE PLANNING

Mr. Khalife explained the 2017 water and sewer rates will need to be reviewed in the future in order to cover the debt service and future capital expenditures. Mr. Burkert stated the high cost of pieces and rebuilds should be considered when planning the 2017 budget. A five year capital plan may need to be tracked going forward.

OFF AGENDA

The committee discussed framing a few plans from the sewer plant and forwarding the remaining to the historical society.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Devlin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 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