

NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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369 McClelland Road

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MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2011

Officers:

Chairman:

Paul Minner

Vice

Chairman:

Patrick J. Suhrie

Treasurer:

Jerry Johnson

Secretary:

Brian Beader

Rec Sec'y:

Karen Shipton

Board

Members:

Mercer

County:

Brian Beader

Coolspring

Twp:

Paul Minner

East Lack

Twp:

Robert Gregory

Findley Twp:

Patrick J. Suhrie

Mercer Boro:

Jerry Johnson

The Authority meets the first month of each quarter on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner's conference room at the Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer, PA.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 AT 8:15 AM

ATTENDANCE

Robert Gregory, Paul Minner, Pat Suhrie, Dan Goncz, Karen Shipton, Richard Potter, Brian Beader.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3/9/11 MEETING

A motion was made by Pat Suhrie and seconded by Bob Gregory to approve the minutes from the 3/9/11 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerry was not at the meeting so there was no treasurer's report. Dan stated that there were (2) outstanding invoices due Gannet Fleming, (1) 5/18/11, \$540.00; (1) 7/5/11, \$270.00. Jerry was going to write them and leave them for Paul to sign. Will check further into this.

NEW BUSINESS

Re: Public Official's Insurance – Dan stated that we will need to purchase that somewhere down the road when we actually borrow money.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan handed out a list of discussion items primarily dealing with Mercer Borough. 1) Re: the Mercer plant expansion, when we met in March, 2011, there was a Plan approved and went to DEP. Since that time, Mercer met with DEP and got a time extension and they are now in the process of revising their Plan. At this time, Dan does not know the outline of the Plan or the schedule. Joe Kurtanich is handling this. That Plan is something that the Authority needs in order to move the project forward.

2) According to Joe Kurtanich, the county asked for the interchange to be included in Mercer Borough's Plan as far as sewage is concerned. Dan is not sure what that will exactly mean. Joe will explain further at another meeting. If the interchange is going to be included in the Mercer Borough Plan, East Lackawannock Twp. will have to approve the Plan that has that in there. They will need to know who is paying for it. Brian stated that the county asked him to add them to the Plan. They are planning to study future expansion for sewers at the interchange. They gave Joe some numbers for flow rates. 3) Negotiation of billing rate per 1,000 gallons of sewage for sewage treatment - We are still waiting for this. We cannot move forward until we have this figure. Dan is proposing that we have (2) people from the Authority and (2) from Mercer Borough Council form a committee to meet and try to work on this. He will contact Mercer Borough and set that up. Dan suggested that it be based on the cost of 1,000 gallons then when Aqua raises the water rates it will not have an effect on anyone. 4) Mercer Borough recent sewer system improvements – did not discuss since no one from Mercer was available at this meeting. 5) Status of East Lackawannock and Findley Township's Official Sewage Facilities Plan – Dan periodically updates that to bring it up to date. That Plan cannot move forward, adopted or sent to DEP until we have inter-municipal agreements in place that include the billing rate and include Mercer Borough's new changes. Dan puts priority on negotiating the billing rate and the inter-municipal agreement between the Authority and Mercer Borough. Dan has asked Joe Kurtanich on several occasions that we start that negotiation process but has had no response back. Dan suggested we go to Mercer Borough Council with that request to keep it moving. 6) Status of USDA Rural Development Pre-application for Project Funding – Everything has been submitted for review. They are lacking the 537 Plan. Dan can submit it to them in draft form. We also need a "credit elsewhere certification", a standard form from Rural Development. This basically says we cannot borrow the money somewhere else and we can't get reasonable credit so we need their money. The day we can get reasonable credit elsewhere, we can pay them off. Dan has the form. We need to have it signed and attested by the Authority. Then he can send it in.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Paul Minner and seconded by Brian Beader to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen B. Shipton
Recording Secretary