

NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2012

8:15 AM

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 JUNE 13, 2012 AT 8:15 AM

ATTENDANCE

Bob Gregory, Jerry Johnson, Brian Beader, Paul Minner, Pat Suhrie, Dan Goncz, Karen Shipton, Beth Hilmar, Debbie Scruci, Walt Darraugh, Bob McGhee, Matt McConnell, Debbie Plant.

*The Meeting Opened at 8:15 AM with the Affirming of the Pledge to the U.S. Flag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 4/11/12

A motion was made by Brian Beader and seconded by Pat Suhrie to approve the minutes from the 4/11/12 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 4/30/12: Balance is \$6122.52. A motion was made by Bob Gregory and seconded by Pat Suhrie to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Re: The processing checklist from RD, 1) Environmental/botanical study – clearance was given over the whole project area. 2) Sewage Treatment/Inter-municipal Agreement/537 Plan – At the end of April, we received the addendum to Mercer's 537 Plan. The townships asked for us to review this and put together a response letter. There is a 30 day public comment period that runs out on the 18th. Dan drafted a letter and went over each of the comments/questions that were made. Dan handed out copies of this letter. #1) In the Plan it talks about the Plan being prepared

in 9/2010 and revised in 2011 and indicates that the Borough wanted additional information. There was no goal stated. What is the goal? #2) It is indicated that Water Quality Management Part II permit application is going to be submitted next month (June). Dan believes this is a typo of some kind and the schedule should probably be revised unless the Borough already authorized the design of the project and Dan wasn't aware of it. If they did, it needs to be stated in the Plan that the design was authorized. #3) Cost – the cost estimate was approximately 11.4 million dollars and Dan listed one SBR Plant that was built that was far less than the cost per gallon that is proposed (Greenfield & Brownfield sites). Dan spoke with the engineer at URS about his and the cost seemed really high. #4) Dan is suggesting they go with UV disinfectant now rather than chlorine. #5 - #9) These items deal with the EDU count. Dan can't come up with the same EDU count that URS did. He believes URS probably didn't have the most recent 537 Plan that East Lack. and Findley had prepared. He sent that information to URS. #7 is relative to Coolspring. Mercer's EDU's were left blank. Dan went through each of the land developments and tried to help fine tune what the EDU growth is. #10) Northwest Commission requests for 103,000 gal/day. Dan isn't sure what this is. #11) A comment from Dan , historic flow for pressure sewer is considerably less than 250/gal/day/edu. He has provided that information to URS. #12) Debt service – this Authority's project is going to increase by \$36/mo. Even with a modest treatment cost (-\$10.00/edu/mo) we would be looking at \$117/mo sewer bill using a bond issue. #13) Relative to Coolspring – flat rate would be approx. \$101/mo. for them. #14 & #15) There is nothing in the Plan for the tap-in fee. This is currently being calculated by the Borough. This is for new connections that go towards the treatment plant, this is independent of what the Authority would charge for new connections for their project. #16) Once the EDU's are corrected in the Plan, agreements will need amended. The normal process is URS would send a letter back to the townships on behalf of the Borough addressing the comments. This all gets added to the 537 Plan and then sent on to DEP.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pat Suhrie and seconded by Jerry Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen B. Shipton
Recording Secretary