

NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
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MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2009

The Authority meets the first month of each quarter on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:00 A.M. at the County Commissioner's Conference Room at the Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer, PA.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009 AT 8:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Elliott Lengel, Jerry Johnson, Karen Shipton, Allen Minshull, Brian Bader, Paul Minner, Dan Goncz, Roger Shaffer.

*The Meeting Opened with the Affirming of the Pledge to the U.S. Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Paul Minner and seconded by Jerry Johnson to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beg. Bal.: \$10,617.12. **Receipts:** \$2651.82. **Payments:** None. **Ending Bal.:** \$13,268.94. Jerry cashed in the CD's since they came due. They are currently paying around 1%. A motion was made by Paul Minner and seconded by Brian Bader to have Jerry explore some other options for no more than 6 mo's. He will use a \$10,000.00 base. Motion carried. A motion was made by Jerry Johnson and seconded by Paul Minner to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Dan reported that a letter was sent (@ the end of March) by him to Mercer Borough requesting an agreement between this authority and Mercer Borough for sewage service and indicated to them the individual agreements between Findley & Mercer and East. Lackawannock & Mercer would not be necessary if NCWJMA had an agreement since NCWJMA would be a

customer of Mercer Borough, not the individual townships. The letter also indicated that rather than stating a number of edu's in the agreement for the authority, to state a flow of gallons per day since this project that we are looking at for the authority is a pressure sewer project and the flow per edu is going to be considerably less than a gravity sewer customer which historically has been the only type of customer for a good part of Mercer Borough or Coolsprings' system. Mercer Borough agreed to two things: 1) Have the solicitors negotiate an agreement between this authority and Mercer Borough (at some point in time, we will have to nullify East Lack. and Findley's agreement with the borough), and 2) To use flows rather than edu's in the agreement. This is important because the flow from the pressure sewer system will give us close to 500 edu's where the flow from the gravity sewer will get you about 225 edu's. You would be limited by the connections artificially if that language was not changed. A motion was made by Paul Minner and seconded by Allen Minshull to authorize Dan Goncz to meet with Joe Kurtanich (engineer/Mercer) to go over technical language in the agreement regarding flow vs. edu's and Roger Shaffer to negotiate an agreement with Mercer Borough solicitor. Motion carried. Once the agreement is in place, the next step is to send a draft copy of the 537 Plan to PA DEP. We will need copies of each (Mercer Boro, Findley, East Lack. Twps.) municipalities' resolutions (approving the 537 Plan) to send to PA DEP also. Rural Development also requires these. Dan handed out a pre-eligibility determination report from Rural Development, the first step needed for funding for the project. This will determine if we are eligible for funding. The application process is very lengthy and involves an environmental study and will cost approx. \$6000.00. We are not "shovel-ready" yet so we are not eligible for other money that's out there. Karen and Jerry will help Dan with some of the items on this list. We need to apply at several banks for loans and will need the "turn-down" letters which will help us.

Interest rate is around 4.25% for 40 years at Rural Development. A motion was made by Paul Minner and seconded by Allen Minshull to pursue the pre-eligibility for USDA Rural Development financing. Motion carried.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Re: Reorganization – A motion was made by Paul Minner and seconded by Allen Minshull to keep the officers the same in 2009: Chairman/Elliott G. Lengel; Vice Chairman/Paul Minner; Treasurer/Jerry Johnson; Secretary/Brian Bader; Asst. Rec. Secretary/Karen B. Shipton. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Paul Minner and seconded by Allen Minshull to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen B. Shipton/Asst. Recording Secretary