

**EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

**Those in Attendance:**

David Summers, Treasurer  
Joseph Anthony, Secretary  
Sandra Moser, Member

**Also in Attendance:**

Scott T. Piersol, Township, Manager  
Thomas Oeste, Esq., Municipal Authority Solicitor  
Joseph Boldaz, Municipal Authority Engineer  
Matthew VanLew, Township Road Master  
Mary Beth Smedley, Secretary/Treasurer

**Absent:**

Michael Corbin, Chairman  
Gerald Kirkpatrick, Vice-Chairman

The Municipal Authority met on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the East Brandywine Township Municipal Building. Mr. Summers called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M.

**Minutes: November 10, 2009**

Mr. Summers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the above minutes. There were none. Mr. Anthony moved to approve the minutes of the meeting as presented. Mrs. Moser seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Bednarchik reported that delinquent notices for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter were mailed to customers in the Keats Glen, Hopewell and Applecross developments.

A municipal claim was filed against one customer for nonpayment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter user fees on November 13, 2009. This is the second claim filed against this individual. There is only one other open municipal claim for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009.

There were two settlements at Applecross in November bringing the total number of occupied homes to 89, in addition to 13 model homes and the community and fitness centers. There were four settlements scheduled so far in December.

At next month's Authority meeting, the Board will consider whether to reduce penalties for late payers. Mrs. Bednarchik did say that imposing penalties have proven to be a good deterrent against late payments. Some Authorities issue non-traffic citations rather

than liens for delinquent payers. At the present time filing a lien is working well, so the Authority doesn't think citations will provide better results.

Mrs. Moser made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and authorize payment of bills. Mr. Anthony seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

### **Applecross**

#### Hydraterra Correspondence November 9, 2009, Drip Irrigation Facility Shop Drawings

Mr. Boldaz reviewed shop drawings, force main and construction lines for the Applecross Drip Fields. All drawings received have been approved, but is still waiting for one more drawing from Pikeland Construction.

#### Hydraterra Correspondence November 11, 2009, Revised Drawings Nov 3, 2009

The plans were reviewed with regard to design and constructability of the sanitary sewers for northern Norland Drive. Mr. Boldaz took no exception to the document as submitted.

#### Hydraterra Correspondence November 13, 2009, EEI Technical Documents

Mr. Boldaz reviewed technical and electrical documents for the Wastewater Renovation Facility and met with Fred Ebert to review the comments on this letter. Mr. Boldaz expects to see a re-submittal of the documents within the next two weeks.

#### Hydraterra Correspondence December 7, 2009, Phase II-IV, Revised Drawings

Mr. Boldaz has some concerns about the sewer routing in the area of Hallman Court. It is not the most cost effective. Additionally, there are grinder pump details listed on the detail sheets but not shown in the plan or profile views. There were no grinders pump proposed for Phase II through IV. Originally, there were several grinder pumps proposed along Bondsville Road, but they probably will not be used with the proposed density change.

Pulte has received bids on the Sewer Treatment Plant. Mr. Boldaz said Pulte is not prepared to release the results yet, but they should be released later in the week.

After the bid is awarded, Mr. Boldaz will review the revised schedule with Pulte and determine when Dutchland will begin installation of the tanks.

### **Downingtown Area School District**

A copy of the Sewer Capacity Reservation and Purchase Agreement has been sent to the School District's Solicitor for his review.

School District representatives have indicated that they will set aside areas in the northwestern portion of the property for drip fields, although they may want to relocate the drip fields if another suitable location can be found that is agreeable to the Municipal Authority. The Authority's preference is to have one disposal area, but this can be discussed if the School District offers alternative areas. Any design that proposes more than two or three areas would not be acceptable because of capital cost and operational logistics. Any proposed changes in the disposal area would require a revision to the Act 537 plan, as well as additional soil testing. Mr. Boldaz said that a change in location may require considerably more land. The proposed location of the drip fields in the northwestern portion of the property has the highest loading rate in the area.

Mr. Boldaz said that he has had discussions with a representative from DelVal Soils regarding submission of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module. The Planning Module should plan for, design and permit 63,177 gpd of drip dispersal capacity, although the School District only has to build drip fields for their capacity plus 50%, which is 12,938 gpd. A new developer would be required to build the remainder of the drip field in the future.

Mr. Boldaz has determined that the Sewage Facilities Planning Module is administratively complete. He should have his technical review finished by the end of the week. The Planning Module submitted is only designed for 12,938 gpd. This will be addressed in Mr. Boldaz's comments.

The School District plans to construct a pump station on the middle school property. The effluent will flow via a gravity system to the sewage treatment plant in the Applecross Development.

### **Pump and Haul Permits –Hide-A-Way Farms Development**

Mr. Boldaz reported that he has received a request from Evans Mill Environment to amend the Hide-A-Way Farms Pump and Haul Permit. He still needs to receive revised elevations. Once his review is complete, Mrs. Smedley will request an extension of the Permit on behalf of the Township and Municipal Authority.

## **Keats Glen**

### Comminutor

Mr. Boldaz reported that he hasn't prepared the bid package yet, but expects to work on it after the New Year. Although the treatment plant operator continues to find mop heads and flushable wipes, he has reported no significant problems with operation of the plant.

## **Hillendale**

### Water Routing Line

The meeting to walk the water routing line with Tim Townes from Southdown Homes has been scheduled for Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that mature trees can be protected along the route, to the greatest extent possible.

## **Act 537 Plan**

Mr. Boldaz is waiting for approval from PADEP for the revised scope of services. Once this is released he will release a draft copy of the Act 537 Plan to the Authority, Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Chester County Planning Commission, Chester County Health Department and Aqua Pennsylvania for review and comments.

## **Request for waiver for sewer rental fees**

One of the customers in the Guthriesville Sewer District, Claudio DiGiamberardino, has requested that the Authority waive sewer fees since his buildings aren't currently occupied. It has been the Authority's policy that customers pay sewer fees once they are connected to the system. Mr. Summer made a motion to deny this request. Mr. Anthony seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

## **2010 Budget**

Mr. Summers provided the final 2010 budget for Authority members to review. He said that he is not recommending a rate increase for any of the sewer customers for next year. Mr. Anthony made a motion to approve the 2010 budget as submitted. Mrs. Moser seconded the motion, with all voting Aye. The Authority thanked Mr. Summers for his work on the budget.

**Officers for 2010**

Mrs. Moser made a motion to recommend that all Authority Officers retain their position for 2010. Mr. Summers seconded the motion, with all voting Aye. Mr. Corbin will remain as Chairman, Mr. Kirkpatrick as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Summers as Treasurer and Mr. Anthony as Secretary.

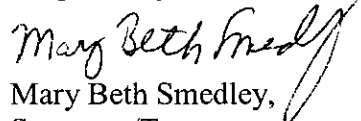
**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Mr. Summers asked if there were comments on non-agenda items. There were none.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business Mr. Summers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 A.M. Mrs. Moser seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Beth Smedley,  
Secretary/Treasurer