

Caln Township Municipal Authority
Monday March 23, 2015
7:05 PM

Those Present:

Paul Mullin, Chairperson
Robert Tompkins, Vice Chair
John Contento, Treasurer
George Chambers, Assistant Treasurer
Jim Kruse, Secretary
Gregory Prowant, Township Manager
Scot Gill, Director
Denise Miller, Recording Secretary
Bill Dingman, P.E., Gilmore & Associates, CTMA Engineer

Chairperson Paul Mullin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Mullin inquired if there were any additions or corrections to the February minutes. Mr. Mullin asked to have the word "sealing" deleted from page one. Commissioner Contento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to adopt the minutes, with the correction as noted. Mr. Kruse not in attendance, at this time. Vote passed 4-0.

Public Comment

None

Blackhorse Hill Area Sewer Improvements Project Update

Mr. Gill introduced Joe Boldaz to review three options for sewer improvement on Black Horse Hill Road. Mr. Gill also noted staff is in favor of option two, which achieves a larger amount of units served. Mr. Boldaz has also pointed out that when the grant was initially applied for the amount was \$580,000, and he has calculated it currently at \$637,405.

Mr. Boldaz noted option one's grade is rather steep, and he is concerned with the initial cost opinion for the route. There is also a number of trees along the route but it has the greatest number of gravity sewer extensions, provides a connection for any future development in the open space south of Dogwood Lane, and it is the highest cost per homeowner.

Mr. Boldaz noted option two is essentially the same as option one servicing 54 units. 44 units served by a low pressure sewer and 10 by gravity. Mr. Boldaz also noted it is not as steep or as many trees, but cautioned the Board of some erosion along the stormwater easement that will need corrected. This is the lowest cost per homeowner. Mr. Contento asked if the only difference between the two plans is the route to the Pennsylvania American Water ("PAW") connection. Mr. Boldaz replied "that is correct."

Mr. Boldaz noted option three provides a low pressure sewer connection to 44 homes, described by Mr. Gill as homes the most in need, that face Black Horse Hill Road and those homes on the north side of Dogwood Lane as well. There is no gravity sewer associated with this option so it would be a small diameter pipe installed by drilling and minimal disturbance however this option addresses the need for those 44 homes, and is a slightly higher cost per homeowner than option two. Mr. Mullin asked how much grant money is granted for option two and three. Mr. Gill replied 50% of the project cost which is approximately \$230,000-\$240,000, up to \$290,000, and a cost of approximately \$19,000-\$20,000 per homeowner.

Mr. Mullin asked Mr. Dingman if he has any comments on the options. Mr. Dingman replied that the shorter gravity route is a good option.

Mr. Mullin asked if anyone knows the status on the CSI Project. Mr. Kruse replied he is not certain on the status. Mr. Contento asked if the School Board discontinued the contract with CSI. DARA representative, Joshua Young stated they did vote but it may not be legal that they rescinded it, so they hired a special lawyer to review that vote.

Resident Bob Reymos had several questions on the discussion.

Resident Vincent Lapinski, 515 Acorn Street, stated his biggest concern is the outlet line being so close to his well water which would require him to retrofit his entire house where his outlet goes out back of the house towards the VA Hospital out to the Acorn Street side, which would then require him to reverse the flow because all his plumbing is on the east side of the home, and that would run right over his drinking water. Mr. Gill noted they usually recommend you reverse pitch in the basement and bring it out the front of the property. Mr. Gill also noted extra cost for plumbing work inside the house. Mr. Contento noted one of the considerations is to ask Mr. Boldaz to meet with the home owners and find out where their water systems are. Mr. Boldaz replied that these are not engineered drawings.

By consensus, the Board will put this topic on the April 27, 2017 agenda at 7:00 PM, and send invitations out to all affected homeowners.

Dwell Project Ongoing Capacity Discussion

Mr. Gill presented the Board with a Municipal Drive Pump Station/Force Main Draft Schedule, put together by Mr. Dingman, a DARA 52 week average flow compared to 52 week average rainfall chart, and the requested ten year rate projection. Mr. Kruse noted his concern that it took a year to get to the max. Mr. Kruse also noted that this is a "wet condition" under the agreement as it stands now, but will DARA consider this as a "wet condition". Mr. Gill noted it took a year to go up and it might take a year to come back down. Resident Bob Reymos asked the current tapping fee cost, as well as other questions on the discussion. Mr. Gill replied the tapping fee is approximately \$3,200.00.

Mr. Kruse asked for an update on the Dwell Project. Mr. Prowant replied they are expected to come before the Board in the spring.

Draft Act 537 Discussion

Mr. Dingman noted he has not received a response from the PADEP on their advertising requirements yet, and Mr. Herb Mayes would like an official document from the Township/Municipal Authority on what their needs are, which he verbally gave him.

Mr. Dingman also noted it is also anticipated that DARA will have an additional capacity available for Caln Township upon expansion of their treatment plant. Although Caln Township will then have available the total capacity to meet their future needs, the conveyance system may need to be modified to fully utilize the available capacity at each treatment facility. Mr. Contento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to forward the Act 537, prepared by consulting engineer, and recommend the Board of Commissioner approve it as submitted. Vote passed 5-0.

Resident Bob Reymos asked the Board the cost of a one million gallon expansion. Mr. Contento replied currently it would be 10-12 million dollars.

Benne Norton Avenue 4 Lot Extension Request

Mr. Gill noted the applicant will be proceeding with design modifications to obtain final subdivision approval, and is requesting a sixty day extension for payment of the tapping fees until May 23, 2015. Mr. Contento made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to allow a sixty day extension to the Benne Norton Project. Vote passed 5-0.

Kings Grant Project Update

Mr. Gill noted on Friday, March 13, 2015 the ownership of Kings Grant was conveyed to Rouse Chamberlin, and as part of that transfer the off-site sewer lines and pump station were titled to the Municipal Authority Board by the Township. Mr. Gill asked the Board for authorization to switch the Kings Grant utilities over to the Municipal Authority, and the Solicitor to draft up documents to transfer. By consensus, the Board authorized Mr. Gill to switch all Kings Grant utilities over to the Municipal Authority.

Softmart Update

Mr. Gill noted that Softmart received Board of Commissioner approvals in January to keep moving forward. Mr. Gill also noted a date issue on their agreement so it was withdrawn from the agenda, but it will possibly be on the April 27 agenda.

DARA Sixth Amendment

Mr. Gill presented the Board with the Sixth Amendment originally put together by DARA, and the revised Sixth Amendment revised by Mr. Contento. Mr. Tompkins asked DARA Representative, Joshua Young what is the current feedback from the DARA Board. Mr. Young replied that West Whiteland thinks the penalty is too low and the other members wanted to make it low enough so the Caln Township Municipal Authority ("CTMA") would say yes. Mr. Young also noted that he stated, at the last DARA meeting, that the "CTMA" is working with their attorney and will get back to them in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Kruse noted he is not in favor of signing the Sixth Amendment. Mr. Contento noted he is in agreement to sign the Sixth Amendment, as revised. Mr. Young noted he needs to know there are three votes, by the "CTMA", moving forward. Resident Bob Reymos had several questions during discussions. The Board would like Mr. Young to present the revised Sixth Amendment to DARA as written, to start negotiations.

Asset Agreement

Mr. Gill presented the latest Asset Purchase Agreement with a minor change, from the last authority meeting, to Article II 2.2 (a). By consensus, the Board authorized staff to forward the Asset Purchase Agreement to the Board of Commissioners, for their review, and then forward to both attorneys.

Financials; Operating Fund, Act 57 Fund, and Delinquency Reports

Mr. Prowant reviewed the cash basis summary and detailed accrual reports of revenue and expenditures for the Sewer Operating Fund, Municipal Authority's Tapping Fee Account, and Capital Fund for the month of February 2015. Mr. Contento motioned, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, to approve the financials, as submitted. Vote passed 5-0. Also reviewed were delinquency reports reflecting current year accounts past due, prior year's outstanding balances sent to Portnoff Law Associates for collection, and the status of in house commercial collections. Mr. Gill noted the delinquency report will soon be sent to Portnoff Law Associates, for collection. Mr. Contento asked if the Board could have this report consolidated like last month's report. Mr. Gill replied it was an oversight, and will be consolidated for next month's meeting.

Draft Fund Balance Reserve Policy-Operating Fund

Mr. Gill presented the Draft Fund Balance Reserve Policy-Operating Fund to be incorporate in the 2016 Budget for adoption, if the Board is ok with it.

Directors Report

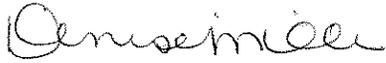
Mr. Gill presented his March 2015 Directors report. Mr. Gill noted twelve calls to date for the sump pump program: One for a floor drain connected to the sewer, One potential down spout to be verified, One connected sump pump, Two yard drains, and seven in compliance. Mr. Gill noted the two day camera system training has been completed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Contento motioned, seconded by Mr. Thompkins, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Vote passed 5-0.

These are the minutes of the Municipal Authority Board meeting, to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denise Miller".

Denise Miller
Recording Secretary