Pocono Township Board of Commissioners Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes October 3, 2022

The Sewer Committee meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on Monday, October 3, 2022 and was opened by Chairman Richard Wielebinski at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Jerrod Belvin, present; Ellen Gnandt, present; Gerald J. Lastowski, present; Keith Meeker, present; Rich Wielebinski, present.

IN ATTENDANCE: Leo DeVito, Twp. Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer; Patrick Briegel, Sewer Consultant; and Krisann MacDougall, Assistant Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

HEARINGS - None

PRESENTATIONS - None

OLD BUSINESS

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 sewer committee meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sewer Resolution Update – No update.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS - None

APPEALS - None

REPORTS

SEWER CONSULTANT

General Sewer Update.

P. Briegel pleased with the replacement of pinch valves at Valve Station 2 and the valves that were replaced did not show the wear that was originally anticipated.

Update – Pump Station 5 Jockey Pump Project.

Contractor onsite again working today pulling power into the jockey pump pit. A few more days expected for the electrician. Controls should be programmed soon and testing to follow.

Deferred Lateral Connections Project.

Boring occurred last week under SR 611 and laterals being installed on east side of SR 611.

E. Gnandt asked for update on sewer liens. L. DeVito confirmed they have been updated.

COMMISSIONERS

E. Gnandt asked for clarification regarding properties that have sewer access but no central BCRA water. Asked whether individual could be on on-lot water and central sewer.

ADMINISTRATION - None

SEWER ENGINEER

- Sanofi Sanitary Sewer Easement No update.
- Act 537 Plan No update.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

- Update Tobyhanna Township Act 537 Planning & Equalization (EQ) Tank. Received word that Tobyhanna Township has agreed to post an amount equal to the cost of nine EDUs in escrow, pending a final determination as to whether they were required to purchase those nine EDUs. Had conversation with Attorney Pompo, special counsel for Tobyhanna Township, regarding concerns with water availability. Further discussion regarding overages and additional capacity requests.
- Update Amendment to Intermunicipal Sewage Collection & Disposal Services Agreement.
 No update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Bucchols (Jackson resident) – Expressed concerns about water and sewer supply being provided to warehouse projects.

Ralph Gundrum (Kalahari Resort) – Stated Kalahari cannot currently get DEP permits for the EQ tank. Expressed desire to resolve all outstanding issues.

ADJOURNMENT

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by E. Gnandt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.