



Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority Minutes

August 13, 2019

The Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority (ERSA) met at 6:30 PM at the public meeting room located at 235 Ersa Drive, Elizabethtown, PA with the following members in attendance: Ken Shaffer, Roger Snyder, Rick Erb, John O'Connell, Al Sollenberger and Dave Sweigart. Also present were ERSA Manager, Nick Viscome; Engineer, Byrne Remphrey and Solicitor, George Alspach.

It was motioned by Sollenberger and seconded by Snyder to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Remphrey distributed the bid results for the Turnpike Road sewer line replacement project. Two bids were received: Custer Excavating (\$108,500) and Wexcon (\$119,750). Remphrey was hoping the bids would come in around \$80,000.
It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Snyder to award the bid to Custer Excavating. Motion Carried. This project has a 75 day completion time.
- B. Remphrey told the Board that the pump manufacturer he was working with for the Bossler #1 upgrade needed additional time to respond to our bid. Remphrey had to rearrange the specs to accommodate this potential bidder. Bids are now expected on August 30, 2019 and can be awarded at the September meeting.
- C. Ebersole excavating has been meeting with Remprhey and Viscome regarding developing lots near the intersection of Nolt Road and Harrisburg Avenue. In order to free up the needed capacity at the Nolt Road station, Remphrey would have to analyze the station to assess what rate of charges would have to happen to accommodate 8-10 units. Remphrey is working on a proposal which would be paid for by the developer to study the station.
- D. Remphrey and Viscome met with a group representing the developer of a 21 acre lot that surrounds the EAWA well on Harrisburg Avenue near Nolt Road. They are proposing 150 units; clearly there are too many challenges for the Nolt Road station to the Miller Road station to make a development of this magnitude financially feasible. Two other options were discussed. The first option would be to access the Schwanger Road station by boring underneath the railroad tracks. The second option would be connecting to the Mount Joy Borough Authority system. The developer will evaluate both possibilities.
- E. Viscome handed out a proposal for HRG Engineers to perform a preliminary review of relevant documents and calculations of our sewer rates. This is intended to strengthen the defense of our lawsuit with Metropolitan Developers. The proposal included a fee of \$5,000 for this work.

New Business

- A. Viscome handed out information on possible sewer rate increases for both residential and commercial. He also provided a chart which showed the increases that were instituted since 2012. Shaffer noted that revenues increase every year in part due to additional customers which results from the new building taking place. Before the Board considers increases in rates, they want to see the increase in customers over the years.
- B. Viscome asked the Board if he could work 4 days per week. He informed the Board that he could complete his work within 4 days. The Board approved the request.
- C. Viscome asked the Board if they wished to bid out auditing services for the 2019 audit. It has been many years since the Authority has bid this service. The Board expressed their desire to bid out this important service.

Engineer Report

Remphrey discussed his monthly written report including the status of the Miller road station upgrade and the Forey Property at 1732 Turnpike Road.

Treasurer Report

Shaffer reviewed changes to the balance sheet and discussed the amount of money that has been accumulated this year. He also reviewed the Revenue / Expenditures budget performance report. Revenues are running 105% of budget and expenditures are running below the budget due in large part to the reduced charges at the Borough's sewage treatment plant.

It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Sollenberger to approve the treasures report. Motion carried.

Bills Payable

It was motioned by O'Connell and seconded by Snyder to approve the bills payable list for this month in the amount of \$101,368.81. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.