

Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority Minutes

August 11, 2020

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

It was motioned by Sollenberger and seconded by Shaffer to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Viscome distributed a number of different policies directed towards repair for homeowner's leaking sewer laterals. The policies ranged from requiring home owners to repair the laterals at their expense to having the Authority repair the laterals at the Authority's expense. During discussion it became clear that the board felt that the homeowner should be responsible for repairing their own laterals. Viscome and Remphrey told the Board that the Authority itself cannot compel homeowners to repair their laterals and that this directive must come from the host municipalities. Viscome was directed to talk with West Donegal Township to see if they support issuing an order to have the homeowner repair their leaking laterals.
- B. Remphrey informed the Board that the Koser Land Development Plan (8-10 lots) has been reviewed and approved subject to the submission of a developer agreement which will outline certain conditions of development such as guarantee and escrow amount and special assessment fee.

New Business

- A. Viscome discussed his inquiry from the owner of the former Ridge Run Campground. The owner wants to develop this site as tiny homes. Discussion on the method of billing a campground use occurred. The Board wanted to see the water calculation generated by each home. Viscome and Remphrey will bring additional information to the Board at the next meeting.
- B. Remphrey explained that a 2nd payment application has been received by PSI, the contractor upgrading the Bossler #1 station. This pay application is for \$39,323.47. **It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by Sollenberger to approve the pay application. Motion carried.**

Engineer Report

Remphrey reported on the following:

1. Bossler #1 upgrade.
2. Miller Road Station – needs wet land delineations at two locations. **It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by Sollenberger to approve a contact for this work. Motion carried.**

3. Hondru Chrysler Dodge Jeep - plan to connect to the Westbrooke subdivision for public sewer service.
4. Wenger Feed Mill – trying to recapture service capacity for the numerous properties that have been removed.
5. 282 Maytown Road (rear) – sewer service has been installed.
6. A final payment application for Custer Excavating for the sewer line replacement project on Turnpike Road. The close out payment is for \$6,701.90. **It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Shaffer to approve this pay application. Motion carried.**

Treasurer Report

Shaffer compared this year's revenue/expenditures with last year's revenues/expenditures. He also discussed the difference in sewer rentals as received this year. The system's largest user has used \$80,000 less this year than last year. The residential sewer rentals are ahead of last year at this point in the year. Shaffer reviewed the revenues/expenditures compared to budget report. The operating revenue is 99% of budget where the operating expenditures are at the 94% level. **It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by O'Connell to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.**

Bills Payable

It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Snyder to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$71,332.67. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.