



Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority Minutes

March 9, 2021

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: John O'Connell, Dave Sweigart, Roger Snyder, Al Sollenberger and Ken Shaffer, Rick Erb. Also present were ERSA Manager, Nick Viscome; Engineer, Byrne Remphrey and Solicitor, George Alspach.

It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by Sollenberger to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- A. Viscome explained that the wording of the 2021-1 Resolution establishing sewer rates needed to be changed to reflect quarterly commercial charges rather than monthly charges. The updated wording should be: \$135.00 for the first 15,000 gallons plus an additional \$13.00 for every 1,000 gallons over 15,000 gallons per quarter. Mount Joy District: \$135.00 for first 15,000 gallons used plus an additional \$11.25 for every 1,000 gallons over 15,000 gallons per quarter.
It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by Sweigart to approve the amended Resolution 2021-1 as stated above. Motion carried.
- B. Remphrey and Viscome discussed the 4 townhome units at lot 131 Masonic Drive. These units will be rented and owned by one owner. The developer has requested sewer capacity for these units.
It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Sollenberger to grant capacity for the units on lot 131 conditioned on the Borough's approval. Motion carried.
- C. Remphrey and Viscome discussed a request received by the Hershey Developers for 1925 Sheaffer Rd. This development will contain 377 EDUs. Remphrey explained that he needs to study the lines leading to the Schwanger Road station to see if the mains can handle the flow from a 377 unit development. Additionally, the former Meyer farm on Campus Road will contain 485 units so coordination of sewer access and capacity needs to be studied. Remphrey and Viscome will be meeting virtually with the engineer of the 377 unit development.
- D. Based on the discussion of potential development on the Campus Road and Schwanger Road, Viscome asked the Board if we should consider updating our connection fee. The fee is currently \$2,914. In 2018, Remphrey recalculated the fee and came up with a figure of \$3,339 which was never adopted. The Board agreed to have Remphrey recalculated the tapping fee for the March meeting.
- E. Viscome told the Board that the Forino developers' group has purchased lots 1,3,4,5 & 7 from the Koser Brothers located on Newville Road. A developers agreement needs to be written which acknowledges an improvement guarantee of \$151,483.95. These lots also carry with it a \$5,000 per lot fee to develop sufficient sewer capacity at the Turnpike #2 pumping station.

It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Sollenberger to approve a developer's agreement with Forino. Motion carried.

Engineer Report

Remphrey highlighted a number of items in his monthly report to include:

1. The PLC, the "brains" of the Schwanger Road station have been replaced. This board tells the operators how and what the station is doing. This is expected to cost around \$12,000.
2. Bossler Road No. 1 – ERSA is also in receipt of a change order request from the contractor for approximately \$13,000 resulting from unforeseen conditions at the site. Specifically, the existing force main being connected to onsite was about 5 feet deeper than indicated on the Authority's records, requiring more extensive excavation and trench safety measures.
3. Miller Road Station expansion - CDM Smith is proceeding with the force main design and associated permit applications. As a start, the Authority is in receipt of the PennDOT HOP and PADEP GP-5 and WQM permits. CDM Smith received additional comments regarding the NPDES permit, for which they are currently preparing responses. To date, ERSA has not received comment regarding its application for an Army Corps permit. In addition, CDM Smith was recently notified by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission that the Childs property is listed on its register of historic sites. CDM Smith is currently pursuing the possibility of performing a Phase 1 archaeological survey along the proposed force main alignment.
4. Infiltration/ Inflow –The last of the leaking laterals in the Newville Road area has been repaired.
5. Miscellaneous Development – Approval letters have been issued for the Raffensberger tract.
6. Nolt Road – Recently draw down tests were done on the Nolt Road station. This was following the recent replacement of the pump impellers. The draw down test indicated that this station could accommodate 12 more EDUS proposed by Jack Garner.
7. Remphrey reported that the most recent Chapter 94 report will be ready to review next week.

Treasurer Report

Shaffer reviewed his revenue and expenditure budget performance report. He pointed out that total revenues are running 99.9% of budget while the total administration expenses are 92.1% of budget. Shaffer also discussed the largest of the line items expenses for wastewater treatment charges. Remphrey told the Board that a bill was just received from the Borough. The amount of the last quarter was approximately \$166,000 which is under budget. The total cash position for February is \$9,036,882.

It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by Sweigart to approve the Treasures report. Motion carried.

Bills Payable

It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by O'Connell to approve the monthly bills payable in the amount of \$89,598.03. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.