



## Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority Minutes

July 13, 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, Roger Snyder, Ken Shaffer, Rick Erb, Dave Sweigart and Al Sollenberger. Also present were ERSA Manager, Nick Viscome; Engineer, Byrne Remphrey and Solicitor, George Alspach.

**It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by Sweigart to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. Motion approved.**

### Unfinished Business:

- A. Phil Rudy and Shawn Carl delivered a year end financial report. The report is incomplete because the pension plan portion of the report was missing due to problems at the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) office. Rudy said that ERSA had a very good financial year and made \$921,935.14 in net income. A discussion of ERSA's escrow fund occurred and it was agreed that ERSA should collect developer money that is owed.
- B. Viscome read an email from Representative Dave Hickernell that explained the reason that our pension plan report is late. PMRS transitioned to a new computer system and it did not go well – only recently have the old and new systems merged.

### New Business:

- A. Remphrey explained his report on the Hoffer tract which contains 377 EDUs. The report studied the conveyance system to the Schwanger Road pump station and the station itself. The report also explained how much capacity we have in the Borough's treatment plant using conservative values, the number of available EDUs is listed below:
  - Schwanger stations - 790 EDUS
  - Kiwanis interceptor – 901 EDUS
  - Treatment plant – 3,976 EDUSThe problem is that the existing sanitary sewer system tributary to Schwanger Rd station does not have sufficient capacity to support the flow from the Hoffer tract 4,240 feet of sewer needs to be enlarged at an estimated cost of \$1,070,000. The developer would like to meet to discuss this issue.
- B. Remphrey also discussed the Campus Rd station (1336 Campus Rd) which is proposing 480 EDUS. Recently, the developers paid an escrow of \$9,500 to have Remphrey look at ways to study their land. Remphrey said that this development is likely to build a pumping station and discharge to serve Schwanger Rd or Kiwanis interceptor. Remphrey will probably have this report by our next meeting.
- C. The last plan Remphrey discussed was the Garner subdivision plan located at Harrisburg Ave and Nolt Rd. The subdivision will be low pressure sewer and will contain 12 lots. It is likely that Mr.

Garner will pay \$45,552 in tapping fees to reserve the EDUS and later pay \$5,328 per EDU for the Miller Rd station. **It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Snyder to grant Mr. Garner 12 EDUS of capacity. Motion carried.**

Engineer Report:

- A. Bossler Rd No. 1 – CDM Smith has prepared final closeout paperwork and issued it to the contractor. Contractor and pump manufacturer representatives have performed the vast majority of the punch list and change order work, and CDM Smith and ERSA staff anticipate closeout later this month.
- B. Miller Rd – 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, WQM and NPDES permits. CDM Smith completed its hydraulic evaluation of the site floodway and resubmitted the application for the Army Corps Joint permit on 5/14/21. CDM Smith also submitted a package to West Donegal Township in May, which included zoning and code review applications. It appears Township representatives will authorize the project upon receipt of the Joint 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.
- C. Raffensberger property – CDM Smith and Authority staff met with representatives of potential 90 unit subdivision on the Raffensberger property in Mount Joy Township. As a result, the developer is now considering a low-pressure sewer design that would convey sewage to the Schawnger Rd Pumping Station in lieu of the originally-proposed dual pumping station concept. CDM Smith provided requested information for the developer's sewer planning module. CDM Smith reviewed preliminary plans and issued comments. CDM Smith will review revised plans upon receipt. The Authority is also in receipt of a planning module for the project, and CDM Smith will assist with furnishing requested information to complete it.
- D. Lancaster Landfill – CDM Smith conducted an inspection of the Lancaster Landfill pre-treatment facility currently operated by Waste Management (formerly Veolia) on 6/8/21, and landfill representative coordinated additional wastewater testing. The landfill's waste discharge permit is to be renewed in July 2021, and CDM Smith and ERSA staff have authorized operation under the old permit while the Landfill addresses comments.

Treasurer Report:

Shaffer reviewed his summary which showed that revenues were 98.3% of budget but expenses are only 92% of budget. ERSA's ending cash balance after 5 months stands at \$9,405,347. **It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Snyder to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.**

Bills Payable:

**It was motioned by Snyder and seconded by Sollenberger to approve the bills payable in the amount of \$281,130.96. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned 7:40 PM.