



## Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority Minutes

February 8, 2022

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

**It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Snyder to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.**

General Business:

- A. A Representative for the Hershey Developers was present to discuss the Sheaffer Road project. A memorandum written by the developer's attorney, Frank Micarelli, was distributed to the Board. Remphrey and Viscome recently learned that Phases 2 & 3 of the development could drain across Campus Road to the Catalyst development which the sewage could be pumped up the hill to Groff Ave and then flow by gravity to the Kiwanis interceptor. Since 125 EDUs of capacity was already granted for phase 1, the Hershey Developers wanted to know the Board's posture on them pumping up the hill instead of sending all three phases to the Schwanger Road station. The Board decided that the idea of sending the last 2 phases of this development to the Kiwanis interceptor was acceptable. An agreement between the Hershey Developers and Catalyst would have to be developed.
- B. The Westmount Development proposed for Harrisburg Avenue is seeking capacity approval for 150 units. This sewer would cross Rt 230 and travel to Ridge Run Road to reach the Schwanger Road station. Remphrey studied the Ridge Run sewer line to determine whether or not the line can carry the flows. Remphrey said it could handle the flow. **It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Snyder to approve 150 units of capacity provided that the sewage is pumped to Ridge Run Road. Motion carried.**
- C. Viscome reviewed the conditions that need to be fulfilled before the sewer line on the 8 Newville Road lots can be accepted as public sewer. Viscome told the Board that very few conditions have been met to date.
- D. Remphrey and Viscome discussed a meeting that was held by the Forino group with Anthony Forino present. Since the Sheaffer Road development is not going to be utilizing the sewer line flowing to Schwanger Road Station, the enlargement of the line must be accomplished by the Forino group for the Phase 5 development. The cost of the improvement may be too much for the 180 EDUs planned for Phase 5. Remphrey and Viscome discussed ways to reduce the cost of these improvement and found four ideas
  1. Have Forino make the improvement without the prevailing wage cost instead of having ERSA make these improvements at the developer's cost.

2. Review each section of line that needs to be enlarged and eliminate the section that have good slope and replace only those “flattened” sections.
3. Consider granting a number of starter EDUs so construction can begin.
4. Use the pipe busting option which sends a larger pipe through the existing pipe and busts out the original pipe in favor of the enlarged pipe.

The Board was amendable to all the options except the developer constructing the line without prevailing wage. It was felt that the Authority could be in jeopardy if we skirt these regulations.

#### Engineer Report:

Miller Road Project – CDM Smith is proceeding with the pumping station and force main design. The Authority has been in receipt of the PennDOT HOP and PADEP GP-5, WQM and NPDES permits. PADEP and the Army Corps (ACOE) issued the Joint permit in late October 2021, and it appears that the agencies are not requiring a Phase 1 archaeological survey along the proposed force main alignment at this time. CDM Smith also submitted a package to West Donegal Township in May, which included a zoning and code review applications. Township representatives have issued the permits.

Campus Road – CDM Smith reviewed preliminary plan for the proposed onsite sewer facilities and issued comment on 1/11/22. CDM Smith will review revised plans upon receipt.

Tiny Estates- After discussion with the owner regarding construction of a new meter pit designated to the proposed Tiny Estates, it now appears that the owner is satisfied with the previously discussed 3:1 ratio for EDUs and user billing.

#### Treasurer Report:

Shaffer presented his summary report. He showed that for net ordinary income, after 1 month, we have a positive balance of \$38,094 with regard to tapping fees, we are 9.5% ahead of budget and our ending cash (all cash & investments) is \$346,397 more than projected. This will be greatly reduced when the Miller Road project begins. **It was motioned by Sweigart and seconded by Snyder to approve this report. Motion carried.**

#### Bills Payable:

**It was motioned Sollenberger and seconded by Snyder to approve the treasurer report and bills payable in the amount of \$110,070.26. Motion carried.**

#### Executive Session:

The Board agreed to hire attorney Steve Hahn as a consultant for all sewer matters as needed.

The meeting was adjourned 8:30 PM.