

At 7:00 PM Chairman Jeff Enders called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present Jeff Enders, Ken Hoover, Jon Miller, Jeff Warfel, Carl Bohner, Jeff Gonsar and Tim Neiter. Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Engineer Justin Mendinsky, Engineer Logan Jury, Operators Jeff Grosser and Derek Grosser were also in attendance. Citizens Steve Sipe, Brad Bruner and Brian Bruner were present.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Citizen Steve Sipe shared his intentions to develop his farm into a 55+ development. Mr. Sipe was seeking information on the ability to connect the development to the water main on Peters Mountain Road. The initial inquiry was to determine if this area would be added to the water system, and if there were any plans in the works. Chairman Enders advised that there are no plans at this time. Mr. Sipe then inquired if connecting to the water main, at his own expense, would be an option. Chairman Enders asked how many residences are in the plans to which Mr. Sipe answered approximately 100. (15K SF lots). Chairman Enders advised that the current system would not be able to handle that type of volume. Further discussion was had between Mr. Sipe, Chairman Enders, Vice-Chairman Gonsar and Engineer Mendinsky regarding the sewer services which could be handled if pumped up to Million Dollar Road; private water options vs Authority water; Flow analyzation would be needed. Additional topics also touched on included size of lot required to connect to sewer system, capacity study, needing to review Township regulations, Federal regulations; private water not permitted for more than 5 properties, Community Water System possibilities as determined by DEP. Mr. Sipe shared his intention and vision of looking towards growth and helping communities without eating up land.
- B. Citizen Brian Bruner wanted to know how EDUs are determined, Commercial vs Residential. The property in question is the Boyer School House Apartments that is a multi-apartment unit property, but Mr. Bruner advised it is classified as “Commercial” property for purposes of insurance, etc. In question is the fact the property has one meter therefore Mr. Bruner’s interpretation would be that the EDU count should not be based on residential units within his Commercial property. Chairman Enders compared to Cherry Street Apartments and Union Street Apartments that are also charged per residential unit vs the property. Mr. Bruner offered comparison of units in Millersburg where EDUs are based on number of meters. (Example: 4 unit building in Millersburg with 1 line/meter, 1 EDU, 1 bill). Vice Chair Gonsar also offered an example of a unit with 1 meter and 3 EDUs.
- C. Citizen Brian Bruner also inquired about Dollar General connecting and the EDU’s might be charged for that property. Discussion ensued amongst multiple parties including Chairman Enders, Vice Chair Gonsar, both Mr. Bruner’s as well as Engineer Mendinsky and included touching on how EDUs are charged: dining facilities per seat, per number of employees, per consumption, etc. Horning’s Hardware store was also discussed with input from Citizen Brad Bruner. Brian Bruner wanted to know why the two properties were not originally included. Additional discussion occurred amongst the same parties regarding how the discussion for the sewer extension project began as many as 15 years ago starting in the area of Powells Valley Road and headed south, with different Board members, and evolved over time and plans to what it is now- the possibility that these two properties were simply missed or overlooked. It was also noted that this project was fought against strongly by many residents over the years. Offering options to connect to additional properties such as Dollar General and Horning’s is now an option. Regarding Dollar General, discussion was had regarding the possibility of connecting at Hoffman n Road vs crossing the street.
- D. On the topic of EDUs, Chairman Enders offered that many factors have been looked at over the years and the process has evolved. Factors considered include but are not limited to consumption, meterage, data available, rate studies. Chairman Enders advised the Bruner’s the HAWASA board will look further into Dollar General as well as the apartments.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Ken Hoover moved to approve the secretary’s report. Jeff Warfel seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. \$250,000.00 (5-Year) CD reached maturation date 04/2024 and was deposited on 04/22/2024 in the amount of \$272,147.59, interest earned of \$22,147.59.
- B. Motion/Approval requested to purchase a \$1,000,000.00 CD with a term of 9 months, APY of 5.35%. Carl Bahner moved to approve the purchase of a \$1 million dollar CD through Mid Penn Bank for a 9-month term at an APY of 5.35% using funds from HAWASA account ending in *7410. Jeff Gonsar seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

Carl Bahner moved to motion approve the treasure's report. Jeff Gonsar seconded the motion, carrying the motion unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. WWTP Upgrade-

1. The one-year correction period for work completed under Contracts 20-01 and 20-02 will expire June 27, 2024. HRG has been working with the HAWASA Operators to identify any issues with equipment or installation that need to be addressed during the correction period. HRG has a site visit scheduled for May 22,2024 to review/evaluate the SCADA system.

B. Sewer Extension Project-

1. On average, 6-8 grinder pumps are installed weekly.
2. Permanent pavement restoration of Township roads is anticipated to begin in June.
3. Work along Peters Mountain Road and related road closure is anticipated to begin by mid-June.
4. Notice to Connect (NTC) letters are being drafted by HRG and will be reviewed by HFS & Solicitor Kerwin. Letter creation/distribution will be coordinated between HRG & HFS offices with a call expected next week.
5. Pending receipt of the long-awaited automatic transfer switch, Lenker Estates station is scheduled to start up at the end of June, beginning of July.
6. PENNVEST Payment Request #10 is \$629,271.55 and includes interest costs, engineering fees & construction fees. Ken Hoover moved to approve PV Payment Request #9. The motion was seconded by Jon Miller; the motion was carried unanimously.
 - a. Due to numerous unresolved citizen complaints with Contractor Doli, the payment for Doli from PV Payment Request #9 is being held.

C. Halifax Commons-

1. Hydrant flow testing was completed at the end of April.

D. 5th and Armstrong Street Water Project-

1. HRG is preparing the final design drawing set for the water main replacement. The HOP submitted for this project was approved by PennDOT and returned on May 17,2024. HRG is also finalizing the project manual in preparation for bidding on the contract. Jon Miller moved for HRG to put the project out for bidding as soon as the project manual is complete. The motion was seconded by Carl Bahner and was carried unanimously.
2. CDBG Payment Request #3 is \$1899.50 and includes HRG professional services. Jeff Warfel moved to approve CDBG Payment Request #3. The motion was seconded by Tim Neiter; the motion was carried unanimously.

E. Piscioneri Vacant Lot Lateral Request-

1. Lot owner is waiting on a formal price quote which is pending pricing from the Contractor.

F. Misc Items:

1. HRG met with a local resident to review concerns regarding the installation of a low-pressure sewer lateral in the vicinity of a private stormwater collection system. Additional follow-up with the Township is needed.
2. HRG is coordinating a hosted tour of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant for HRG staff, Board members and others with lunch to follow at the fire station. Dates to be confirmed.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- A. Solicitor Kerwin is still waiting for information from Doli for a firm price quote then will coordinate with HRG to draft proposal/agreement for Piscioneri Vacant Lot Lateral install.
- B. Solicitor Kerwin has been made away of Citizen Melissa Sue Barrick who is seeking to not connect to the Sewer system, citing an agricultural exemption. The Board awaits official notice.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

- A. Operators are working with Doli & PSI on the Sewer Extension Project.
- B. Monthly & Quarterly arsenic samples drawn and reported clear; Grass has been mowed four times; Kline's/Windriver is hauling sludge; Grass has been planted at the site of two water leaks; Replaced sodash pump.
- C. Working with Truist bank on a line blockage.
- D. Two pump stations blowing fuses, working with Engineer Logan Jury to diagnose.
- E. Operator Derek Grosser inquired about an update on the hiring status, applications are being reviewed.
- F. Operator Derek Grosser provided a quote for a dumpster at the shop which was provided by Heim's at \$500/quarter. At the direction of Chairman Enders, HFS to investigate what the Halifax Borough pays for dumpster services to consider sharing the dumpster and the expense.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Tabled from 04/16/2024 Meeting: Service Truck purchase. This topic was revisited with a request from the Board for two additional price quotes. Ken Hoover moved to table this discussion until the June 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jon Miller; the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jeff Warfel moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Jeff Gonsar seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36PM. Ken Hoover seconded; the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoover Financial Services
Secretary