

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Sewer Committee

Minutes for the Meeting Held on January 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to order

A meeting of the Sewer Committee of the Lemoyne Borough Council was held on Thursday, January 15, 2105 at Lemoyne Borough Hall, 510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, PA. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairperson Stacy Gromlich.

2. Roll Call

Committee members Zachary Border and Suzanne Yenchko were present. Council Member Zachary Border was also present. Staff present at the meeting were Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager, Tim Travitz, Sewer Department Supervisor, Kathy Morrow, Borough Secretary and Karen Unger, Executive Assistant.

3. Public Comments

Resident David Fishel of Fourth Street read a prepared statement/letter with complaints about the condition of his neighborhood and the increase in his sewer bill. A copy of his letter was left for the record. Bob Hugger, resident of Third Street also provided financial statistics (on white board) to clarify his position on the sewer rate increases.

4. Review of the minutes from the previous meeting

Ms. Yenchko made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved.

5. Unfinished business

a. Sewer fund budget and financial administration

1. Sewer fund revenues/expenditures

Mr. Ihlein presented graphs representing revenues and expenses for 18 months as well as fund balances.

2. Accounts receivable and delinquent accounts collections and water shut offs

Mrs. Morrow reported Members First FCU foreclosed on Tim Hogg properties and some of the delinquent amounts were paid off. There is also \$13K in lien.

3. Department personnel

Mr. Ihlein is making arrangements for Council to meet candidate for the sewer treatment plant position.

b. Sewage Facilities

1. Collection system and station operations

Mr. Travitz reported that are no salvageable parts for the Plum Street station for future usage. It can be dismantled and sold as scrap.

2. Treatment plant upgrade project – completion date targeted for late March

c. Lemoyne Municipal Authority

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1. Will Hesse, member of the board of the Lemoyne Municipal Authority reported that at their last meeting on January 13, 2015 to approve the following officers for 2015:

Samuel Leach – Chairman

Dr. John Judson – Vice Chairman

Will Hesse – Treasurer

Daniel Green – Secretary

There is currently a vacancy on the board. Mr. Hesse also reported that Mr. Samuel Andes, Esq. the Authority Solicitor for almost 40 years has announced he will be retiring this June. The Board will begin a search for his replacement.

2. Review of interested candidates received for appointment to LMA
The appointment of Lori Hegedus' was moved by Dennis McGee, seconded and unanimously approved to send to council for final approval.

6. New business

- a. Concerns over commercial sewer account increases/apartments (Strategic Plan 1.1.
1. Mr. Hesse has been volunteering his time to help develop a new rate structure. He presented on possibility last month and Mr. Ihlein applied the rate to a few commercial accounts and show the results. Mr. Hesse will do some tests with residential rates.

- b. Situation with Dillsburg Excavating and Septic Company
Mr. Ihlein is writing letter to DEP for assistance in getting them to supply the information.

- c. Control I&I and work with property owners on strategic plan (Strategic Plan Priority 7)
Mr. Travitz reports the man hole lid covers have not been ordered but will be soon.

- d. Update sewer ordinance
Mr. Moll report the Borough will want to require air testing for new sewer lateral and update grease trap clean out requirement. Ordinances have been obtained from Annville, Wesleyville, Camp Hill, Hampden and Lower Allen. Further discussion was tabled until February meeting.

- e. DEP review
Mr. Ihlein requested a 60 day extension for report that was due 12/31/2014; this was granted.

- f. Increase revenue by accepting outside sewerage (Strategic Plan Priority 4)
Starting a sewerage acceptance program will be tabled until April 2015.

- g. Lab accreditation
Mr. Moll reported there are two possible paths for lab work. The first is to send all samples out to a contract lab. The second is to have someone on staff certified to do some or all of the tests. He would be willing to do the work to get the certification.

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7. Announcements –

The next meeting is February 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM

8. Adjournment

Seeing there was no further business, Ms. Gromlich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting minutes submitted by Karen Unger, Executive Assistant