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Sewer Committee

Minutes for the Meeting Held on June 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to order

A meeting of the Sewer Committee of the Lemoyne Borough Council was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Lemoyne Borough Hall, 510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, PA. Meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM by Chairperson Stacy Gromlich.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Suzanne Yenchko and Dennis McGee were present. Staff present were Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager, Tim Travitz, Sewer Department Supervisor, Charles Moll, Lead Plant Operator and Karen Unger, Executive Assistant.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment. Mr. Ihlein introduced Heath Edelman from Entech. He is the backup sewer plant operator.

4. Review of the minutes from the previous meeting

Ms. Yenchko made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2015 meeting as amended. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Sewer Fund Budget and Financial Administration

1) Review of Sewer Fund Revenues/Expenditures

Mr. Ihlein provided a monthly report explaining the sewer billing decrease. The monies were deposited, just not on the GL at this time.

2) Report on Accounts Receivable and Delinquent Account Collections/Water Shut Offs

Mr. Ihlein provided a report and it showed that there are still two large amounts due from lien upset sales.

3) Department Personnel Update

It was announced that Mr. Travitz and Charles Fox passed the operator's exam. A consideration of a pay rate raise was discussed for Mr. Fox, but there is no room in the collective bargaining agreement at this time. Work is needed on job descriptions for plant employees. Mr. Moll suggested

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that in lieu of a pay raise, a yearly bonus could be considered as an alternative.

B. Sewage Facilities

1) Report on Collection System and Pump Station Operations

Mr. Travitz gave a verbal report on various activities related to the system. There are no problems to report at this time. He also reported that the liners are working properly, but due to time constraints, no new installs have been done. There was concern on how to unclog the line of the north side pump station. PennDOT will re-grout the line off of the old pipe under Lowther Street.

2) Report on Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

Mr. Travitz reported the plant is mostly complete and that a tour of the plant is still on schedule for September 2015. Mr. Moll reported that the line installed is not big enough to run the centrifuge at full speed. Mr. Ihlein suggested that the LMA consider filing for liquidated damages against the contractor for not having the work done on time.

3) DEP Review

There could be a possible fine for exceeding the construction time frame allotted. If fines are incurred, the contractor should pay them.

4) Situation with Dillsburg Excavating and Septic Company

Mr. Ihlein reported this is still ongoing.

5) Control I&I and work with property owners on Strategic Plan

Mr. Travitz reported there is not much progress on this issue. Borough Council approved to bring Entech on board. Mr. Ihlein provided a list of primary tasks for the new operators.

C. Lemoyne Municipal Authority

1) Report on meeting held Tuesday, June 9, 2015

The LMA issued two substantial completion certificates from the Quandel and Eshenours. They are also checking on the current time lines for the third contractor and the rest of the completions. The LMA has had nine responses to the solicitor's RFP's. They are interviewing four possible candidates.

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6. New Business

- A. Concerns over sewer account increases/apartments (public meeting July 6, 2015, July Committee meeting, August Council meeting)

Will Hesse presented calculations for the new sewer rates. Resident Robert Huggler also provided input on the new proposed rate structure.

- B. Update sewer ordinance – request air testing on new sewer laterals and grease trap clean out requirements – Annville, Camp Hill, Hampden Township, Lower Allen and Wesleyville

This is under review with special counsel at Saltzman-Hughes. They have not responded at this time. This item is tabled until July 2015.

- C. Increase revenue by accepting outside sewage

Mr. Ihlein stated the time table for this is still good, no changes.

- D. Sewer billing concerns about only 18 days between cycles.

This is an average date range and is being removed from future agendas.

- E. Invoices from Associated Products for pumping septic tank at 531 Lowther Street

The Borough will pay this one time but going forward, the resident will have to make their own arrangements for pumping out their failing septic system.

- F. Sewer lines to the 500-600 blocks of Lowther Street

Mr. Ihlein stated that the LMA will investigate the cost of putting in a main line for the residents of this area. This matter will be tabled until September.

7. Announcements

The next meeting will be held on July 16, 2015 at 7:30PM.

8. Adjournment

Seeing there was no further business a motion was made by Ms. Gromlich to adjourn at 9:43PM. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting minutes submitted by Karen Unger, Executive Assistant