

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Sewer Committee

Minutes for the Meeting Held on July 16, 2015 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to order

A meeting of the Sewer Committee of the Lemoyne Borough Council was held on Thursday, July 16, 2105 at Lemoyne Borough Hall, 510 Herman Avenue, Lemoyne, PA. Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chairperson Stacy Gromlich.

2. Roll Call

Committee Member Suzanne Yenchko was present. Dennis McGee was absent. Staff present were Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager and Karen Unger, Executive Assistant.

3. Public Comment

Business owner Paula Kostick (Classic Dry Cleaners) voiced her concerns about the sewer rates negatively affecting her business on Market Street. Ms. Gromlich read a letter from resident Matt Eisenhour about the rates. Resident Robert Huggler stated he would like to see the new proposed rates go forward.

4. Review of the minutes from the previous meeting

Ms. Yenchko made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2015 meeting as amended. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

5. Unfinished Business

A. Sewer Fund Budget and Financial Administration

1) Review of Sewer Fun Revenues/Expenditures

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

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

Mr. Ihlein reported that collection efforts are behind due staffing shortage. The top five delinquent accounts are with the Borough Solicitor and work is in progress.

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3) Department Personnel – Verbal Update

Mr. Ihlein reported that Tim Travitz and Charles Moll were at the plant this evening testing the equipment. There will need to be an executive session to discuss revising job descriptions and compensation matters.

B. Sewage Facilities

1) Verbal Report on Collection System and Pump Station Operations

The collection system is working properly and is in compliance.

2) Verbal Report on Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

Dr. John Judson expressed his frustration with Buchart/Horn on the delayed completion of the plant. Current projected completion date for the electrical work is mid-August 2015.

3) DEP Review

There was no update on this item.

4) Situation with Dillsburg Excavating and Septic Company

Mr. Ihlein said that he spoke with the office manager and they are working on a solution. Payments are still behind, but they are paying on a regular schedule. Going forward the Borough could decline to take deliveries as an option until they are caught up.

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

This program is on hold for now and is being taken off the agenda. It was recommended to discontinue the program.

C. Lemoyne Municipal Authority

1) Report on meeting held Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Dan Green reported that the Authority selected Coyne & Coyne as the new Solicitor for the LMA. The Authority has also received Joseph Katcosin's proposal for his new construction on Peach Street. It is unknown at this time whether it is feasible with current sewer lines in place. An operational punch list from Tim Travitz and Charles Moll was presented.

6. New Business

A. Concerns over sewer account increases/apartments (public meeting July 6, 2015 – discussion from public meeting)

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It was reported that the meeting went well, attendance was limited. General opinion from the residents in attendance was that the new rates are a positive step forward. Dr. Judson asked if some the Sewer Cash Reserves can be used to pay down part of the debt service. Mr. Ihlein will check with Diversified Technologies if they can include an announcement of the new rate structure in the next bill mailing.

Ms. Yenchko made a motion to recommend the new rate to Council with a one month waiting period. This would then be voted on at the September Council meeting. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Yenchko made a motion to send a letter from Council to the LMA proposing to investigate and gather interest from regulated entities for the possible sale or lease of the sewer plant and related assets. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- B. Update sewer ordinance – request air testing on new sewer laterals and grease trap clean out requirements – Annville – Update from attorney

This item was tabled.

- C. Increase revenue by accepting outside sewage – starting a septage acceptance program

This item was tabled.

7. Announcements

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 7:30PM.

8. Adjournment

Seeing no further business a motion was made by Ms. Gromlich to adjourn at 9:32PM. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting minutes submitted by Karen Unger, Executive Assistant