

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

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Sewer Committee

Minutes for the Meeting Held on August 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to order

A meeting of the Sewer Committee of the Lemoyne Borough Council was held on Thursday, August 20, 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 Members Suzanne Yenchko and Dennis McGee were present. Staff present was Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager, Tim Travitz, Sewer Plant Manager, and Charles Moll, Plant Operator.

3. Public Comments

- A. Resident John Craley - South 7th Street – Mr. Craley is trying to work with the Borough on his sewer bill. Stated that the Borough will not work with him on his balance. It was suggested that he meet with Mr. Ihlein on this matter.
- B. Resident Phil Heisley – 527 Bridgeview Drive – Mr. Heisley stated his mother has resided at 58 N. Tenth Street for the last 66 years and endorses the proposed new rates.
- C. Resident Pat Lyons - 808 Michigan Avenue – Mr. Lyons has a pool and irrigation system on his parcel. The proposed rates will have a negative impact on his rates as the water used by these two systems does not go through the sewer system.
- D. Resident Frank Lama – 25 Indiana Circle – Mr. Lama has questions about how the new rates are generated.
- E. Resident Dennis Dolan – 809 Michigan Avenue – Mr. Dolan wanted to know how the Lemoyne Borough rates compare to other municipalities in the area.
- F. Resident Karen May – 503 Ohio Avenue – Mrs. May wanted to know why there is not an incremental block sewer rate.
- G. Resident Audra Spilewski – 508 Walton Court – Ms. Spilewski brought to the Council's attention that there is an error on slide #26 of the public meeting presentation.

4. Review of the minutes from the previous meeting on July 16, 2015

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Ms. Yenchko made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 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 distributed a report for review.

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

Mr. Ihlein distributed a report for review.

3. Department Personnel – Verbal Update

There was no report.

B. Sewage Facilities

1. Verbal Report on Collection System and Pump Station Operations

Mr. Travitz gave a verbal report on recent operations. There were no blockages this past month. The church at Fifth and Apple Streets was assisted by the Borough with the new lateral as part of their ongoing renovations. Three new monitoring systems were recently installed; two more are scheduled in the near future. The North Side Pump Station needs to have the grease cleaned out of the force main.

2. Verbal Report on Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

Mr. Travitz and Mr. Moll gave verbal reports on current status of the construction. The plant is at 95% completion. Scheduled completion date is now the end of September. Utility pumps are still needed. One pump has been rebuilt, the second needs a new impeller. A quote is needed to install all. Mr. Moll also has described issues with the plant design and quality of installation.

3. DEP Review

The plant was assessed a \$350 fine from an incident in May 2015 where the plant exceeded the limit of fecal coliform. There was a recent surprise inspection and the plant passed without incident.

4. Situation with Dillsburg Excavating and Septic Company

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There are no new updates on this line item.

C. Lemoyne Municipal Authority

1) There was a report on meeting held Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

The residents of the 500-600 block of Lowther Street have septic tanks that are too small. At one point in time, a resident was having their tank pumped out by the Borough at no cost to the resident. There were questions on what to do for these residents going forward. Mr. Ihlein is to research how many other properties on Lowther Street are affected.

Mr. Travitz stated the sewer plant is 98% completed. The electrical contractor has submitted a change order for \$650,000. This is due to a delay in the setting up of mechanical equipment.

6. New Business

A. Concerns over commercial sewer account increases/apartments – any discussion before Council

See public comments for concerns about proposed rate changes. The Committee wants to move the proposed rates to Borough Council for adoption. The Committee wants to see if the new rates could be adopted by November instead of January 2016.

B. Update Sewer Ordinance – want to require air testing for new sewer laterals and grease trap clean out requirement – Annville – Update from attorney

This item was tabled.

C. Increase revenue by accepting outside sewerage – We will be starting a septage acceptance program in the near future.

Mr. Moll added another hauler this past month. His goal is to add one new hauler per month.

D. Waste Water Treatment Plant

There is a need for a standard operating procedure and operating and maintenance program. This is not included in the upgrade contract project. Entech Engineering has been asked to put together a proposal to do this work.

7. Announcements/Next Meeting – September 17, 2015 at 7:30PM

8. Adjournment

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Seeing no further business, Ms. Gromlich motioned to the adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM

Minutes were taken by Mr. Ihlein, Borough Manager and transcribed by Karen Unger,
Executive Assistant.