

MINUTES

SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING

August 17, 2017

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers present were Zach Border, Dan Green, and Dennis McGee. Also present were Cindy Foster, Borough Manager; Tim Travitz, Sewer Plant Supervisor; Heath Edelman, Entech Engineering, Inc.; and resident Sue Yenchko.

2. Public Comment—None

3. Minutes from the Previous Meeting—Minutes from the July 20, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. McGee, second by Mr. Border.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Sewer Fund Budget & Financial Administration

Ms. Foster provided a review of revenues and expenses to date as well as a report on delinquent accounts and properties upon which liens have been placed.

b. Sewage Facilities

Collection system and pump station operations—Mr. Travitz reported the following:

- i. Heavy rain overwhelmed the Northside Station, but problems were minimal as once the rain subsided the backup pump functioned as expected.
- ii. The Lowther Street station had the same problem; the alarms went off but the station kept up with the flow.
- iii. There was a collection system problem at Oak/Arnold when a manhole overflowed and discharged into a nearby stormwater inlet. Response to the situation was delayed for several hours when it was discovered that Cumberland Masonry had covered two manholes, one with bricks and the other with a stone pile. The manholes were eventually cleared and the blockage was flushed through. DEP was notified shortly after the problem was discovered, and after a site inspection of the outfall at the river on Tuesday morning, we were directed to vacuum the area. Kline's was contracted to perform the work as far as their equipment would allow. With DEP's approval, our crews formed a bucket brigade to remove the sediment from the point Kline's could not access to the river, place it on the bank and treat it with lime. The entire incident was cleaned up to DEP's satisfaction by the end of the day on Wednesday. Corrective action was discussed, including increased flushing in this area. A letter will be sent to Cumberland Masonry advising them that the easement and manholes must be kept clear at all times.

Treatment Plant operations—Mr. Edelman reported that a grit separator became clogged following the Arnold Street problem. The need to increase the pumping rate when flows increase will be added to the August 24th training.

Entech Engineering WWTP Report. Mr. Edelman reported on the following:

- i. The spectrophotometer and back-up pumps have been ordered.
- ii. Several safety concerns are being addressed, both this year and in planning for the upcoming budget.

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- iii. The hauled in waste program was discussed at length. Mr. Edelman noted he has drafted an approval process and the LMA solicitor will be asked to review the policy and forms before proceeding.
- iv. Work continues on development of a spill plan and emergency action plan at the plant.
- v. Certification of the emergency diesel tank on the generator is still being researched.

c. Lemoyne Municipal Authority

- i. A joint meeting between Council and the LMA has been scheduled for Thursday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m. to hear HRG's report on the proposed sale of the sanitary sewer assets. Questions may be submitted prior to the meeting. In addition, Johnson Duffie has been asked to provide a proposal to handle the sale, similar to what McNees Wallace was asked to provide.
- ii. The Borough will have information for the LMA by its next meeting on payment for pump station maintenance.
- iii. NPDES Permit Issues—Mr. Edelman reported that there was one violation for dissolved oxygen in May and another in June for fecal coliform. The new permit has been implemented and we are following the sampling process. In addition, we are working on the hauled-in waste program.

d. Ordinances

Mr. McGee will prepare a draft lateral inspection ordinance for the Committee's review that will include right of entry to inspect at any time.

5. New Business

a. Joint LMA/Borough Council Sewer Budget Workshop

A joint LMA/Borough Council sewer budget workshop meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 26th.

b. Sewer Waiver Request—815 Riverview Road

Mr. Wonsiewicz, owner of property at 815 Riverview Road, requested relief on his sewer bill for 25,800 gallons of water used to fill his swimming pool. He expressed his dismay that the previous deduct water meter program was discontinued and felt that an exemption should be granted since this water does not enter the sewer system. The committee declined his request noting that Mr. Wonsiewicz made a conscious decision to fill his pool in this manner while being aware that sewer bills are calculated on water usage.

c. Sewer Waiver Request—350 Walnut Street, 2nd Floor

A request was submitted by Mrs. Bressler for relief of the sewer bill for the second floor of this property noting an exception was granted in the past. She reported that there are apartments on two other floors of the building, but this floor is vacant and she has no intention of ever renting it. The Committee declined to consider this request for relief as lack of occupancy is not considered an exception to the billing process.

6. Announcements/Next Meeting—None in light of the proposed meeting schedule changes discussed at the Administration Committee meeting.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.