

**APPROVED MARCH 26, 2009**



**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY**  
**Sewer Committee**  
6 Township Drive  
Cheyney, PA 19319-1020  
[www.thornbury.org](http://www.thornbury.org)

George Morley, Chairman  
Brian MacEwen, Vice-Chairman

Jack Howley  
R. Ted Jacquet  
Susan Ricciuti

**MINUTES**  
**Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2009**

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Chairman Morley called the meeting to order.

**PRESENT:** George Morley, Chairman  
Brian MacEwen, Vice-Chairman  
Jack Howley  
Susan Ricciuti  
Ted Jacquet

**ABSENT:** 0

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:** 4

**AGENDA**

Chairman Morley reviewed the Agenda, as follows:

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2009 – Regular Meeting
- Old Business
  - Draft Ord. on Equalized Costs
  - Pennoni Follow-up Design on Gravity vs. Low Pressure Costs for Brinton Lea
- New Business
  - Township Manager's Report
  - Joint Meeting with Planning Commission
- Next Meeting – Wed., March 11, 2009 – Joint Meeting with Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 26, 2009 – Regular Meeting
- Adjournment

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Jacquet seconded by Mr. Howley, all members voted "aye" to approve the January 22, 2009 meeting minutes, as corrected.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Draft Ord. for Equalized Costs** – Mr. Morley stated this was discussed in early 2008. Mr. Anderman updated it in March 2008 and it has been dormant until the last meeting. The draft ordinance needs to be approved and it is the subject of a joint PC/Sewer Committee meeting on March 11, with the final product given to the Board of Supervisors. Be prepared to discuss it at the joint meeting.

Mr. Morley George suggested the following addition to the draft ordinance: Once a homeowner pays their fair share of the assessed infrastructure going past their home, the ordinance should also say that upon payment, the homeowner has the ability to tie in the next week or a year later, due to the Township reserving 162 EDUs, and this capacity is reserved for some duration.

Mr. Ricciuti (Planning Commission) stated that Mr. Kynett (PC Solicitor) noted that even though capacity is reserved, Concord is not required to give it to the resident, however the chance is very slim. Mr. Morley stated that he could see only short-term situations, such as water infiltration or plant malfunction that could temporarily hold things up, but could not see any other circumstance in which the EDUs would be lost. This should be discussed at the joint meeting. Mr. Ricciuti stated that Mr. Kynett suggested the language be changed to say if capacity is reduced then the residents should be able to get their tap-in fee back. Mr. Howley asked that the cost factor also be discussed at the joint meeting. Mr. MacEwen noted that if a dwelling is more than 150 ft. from the sewer main, under state law they are not required to connect. Could that home be charged infrastructure costs?

**Pennoni Follow-up Design on Gravity vs. Low Pressure Costs for Brinton Lea** – Mr. Morley hoped that the Sewer Committee would be able to make a recommendation to the Board. There was a neighborhood meeting at Ricciuti's house with 6 or 7 people from Woodridge and Stoneridge Roads who fit into the gravity design and should get it, but the problem is where do you cut it off? If you run it everywhere, it creates higher costs. Pennoni was conservative and put the line up Stoneridge and Woodridge and added houses on both sides. If you cut it off at cost, then you need to give neighbors who would pay more an opportunity to decide if they wish to go in. Mr. Morley suggested that they talk to Mr. Brillman, Fitzberger, Marx, and maybe Hahneman about the extra cost, then go to Levins and Steinmetz, Bradley, and Huff who would not be included in the original group. Perhaps it should be separated into 3 cost groups, the first 6, then the next 3 or 4.

Joseph Brillman, 29 Woodridge Rd., thanked the Sewer Committee for looking into gravity for those homes, but would not participate in the higher cost.

Mr. Morley stated it would be difficult to cut out the Huff home, as they have a failed system.

Mr. Ricciuti passed out papers to the members regarding the meeting at his home. If 6 tie in and the 7<sup>th</sup> would have to go thru an easement, so we broke it up to say only 6, and incrementally, what it would cost to add the 7<sup>th</sup> house? It was determined that it would take 250 ft. and 2 man holes to add the 7<sup>th</sup> house. The members discussed the cost per resident within a table Mr. Ricciuti handed out. The individual cost for 6 residents is only \$7,600 and to tie the 7<sup>th</sup> house in is to as the 6 residents to pay an extra \$2,300. Mr. Ricciuti was not in favor of adding the 7<sup>th</sup> house and felt if the 7<sup>th</sup> house wanted to tie in they should pay the extra cost.

The line size (2 in. or 3 in.) for Timber Lane was briefly discussed

Mrs. Riciuti stated that it is not a good idea to use an easement unless it serves a alot of homes. Mr. Morley stated it will serve Buckley, Huff, Briley, and Morley. Anyone upstream would be at their own additional cost. Mr. Morley stated he would talk to Huff, Bradley, Levins, and Steinmets to see if there is enough interest. Mr. Morley will talk to Marx, and Fitzberger to see if they would pay the extra cost.

There was a consensus to do the gravity sewer in the public ROW to serve those 6 homes. Mr. MacEwen's concern was who would be willing to pay an additional \$2,300 to use the easement and run gravity up there? Mr. Morley stated that the option should be offered.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the costs in Pennoni's documents.

Mr. MacEwen asked if the compensation for the easement was a free hook up. Mr. Morley stated it was a short hook up, but it was free. Mr. Jacquet requested the latest estimate on low pressure and the breakdown of the total costs from Pennoni. Mr. Morley assumed low pressure costs \$75/linear foot.

***MOTION:*** On a motion by Mr. MacEwen and seconded by Mr. Jacquet, all members voted "aye" to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Township provides a gravity line for the 6 residents in Pennoni's first design estimate, minus the sewer main proposed thru Buckley's easement (see sketch attached to letter from Pennoni to Township Manager, dated January 9, 2009).

A brief discussion ensued regarding how this would be bid.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Township Manager's Report** – Mr. Morley highlighted the report: The H2O Grant was submitted to DCED and included information from our meeting, public

hearing minutes, and residents' comments. The planning module was submitted to DEP for review. Mr. Jacquet asked when the RFP will be ready? Mr. Morley stated that the Board is waiting for the results of the H2O Grant. Mrs. Ricciuti noted that phosphorus limits will be imposed which will require STP upgrades and asked if the Sewer Committee could be in on the process, as this could potentially cost a lot of money. Mr. Morley will ask Pennoni to copy the Sewer Committee on this process as well as the Chapter 94 Reports. Mr. Howley asked about the letter to the Tanguy Homestead regarding the installation of low pressure sewers. Mr. Morley stated that we have not yet received the final determination of how the Homestead will operate. They have our thoughts, but they haven't asked us to write the regulations. Hopefully, we will see the final draft.

**Joint Meeting with Planning Commission** – Mr. Morley stated it will be on Wed., March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** – Wed., March 11, 2009 – Joint Meeting with Planning  
Commission, 7:30 p.m.  
Thurs., February 26, 2009 – Regular Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Jacquet, seconded by Mr. Howley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zitarelli

Sewer Committee Secretary

cc: Sewer Committee Members	Ted McCandless, Code Administrator
Board of Supervisors	Lloyd Noll, Township Sewer Engineer
James McCann, PE, Township Sewer Engineer	Robert P. Anderman, Esq.
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager	Suzanne Howat
Elizabeth Geoghegan, Subdivision Coordinator	