

APPROVED APRIL 23, 2009



THORNBURY TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
Sewer Committee
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George Morley, Chairman
Brian MacEwen, Vice-Chairman

Jack Howley
R. Ted Jacquet
Susan Ricciuti

MINUTES
Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2009

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, March 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: 1

AGENDA

Chairman Morley reviewed the Agenda, as follows:

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2009 – Regular Meeting
- Old Business
 - West Side Sewer District – DEP’s Response to our Planning Module Submittal
 - Equalized Sewer Cost Draft Ordinance - Update
- New Business
 - Township Manager’s Report
- Next Meeting – Thursday, April 23, 2009
- Adjournment

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Howley, seconded by Mr. Jacquet, all members voted “aye” to approve the February 26, 2009 meeting minutes, as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

West Side Sewer District – DEP’s Response to our Planning Module Submittal

The following discussion took place regarding DEP's response letter of March 12, 2009 containing 18 comments:

6. Mr. Morley spoke with Pennoni this morning. The PNDI item was incorrect, however they updated it, got it extended, and included Thornhill.

10. Mr. Morley noted the Township has to make a decision.

13. Mr. Morley reported that this item has to take precedent and it will take the longest, and require at least a 30 day delay, due to the significant fees. The Department is requesting a new public notification be issued. This is not required, but it is their interpretation. Also, following the 30 day notification period if any comments are received and our response must be sent back, so the construction may now be pushed back to July because of this delay. Per Mr. Howley's question, Mr. Morley stated the tap in fee will be on the high side because of less density. Mr. Morley felt a public notice in a newspaper substitutes for now for a letter to each resident within the district. Once DEP accepts this and finds it administratively complete, possibly by the end of April or into May, a letter should go out to residents. By that time the information for #10 could be part of it. Pennoni had no comments or concerns.

Mr. Morley noted that he found an omission in the water grant submission.

18. Mrs. Ricciuti was concerned that a lot of things could come under the comparison, such as financial, according to our 529 Plan, or other components. Mrs. Ricciuti felt it should include other items; otherwise it might not look favorable if they look at financial alone. Mr. Morley clarified that it is mostly a technical comparison.

Equalized Sewer Cost Draft Ordinance - Update

Mrs. Zitarelli updated the Committee on the Planning Commission's March 25 meeting in which a motion passed to recommend approval of the draft ordinance, with the caveat that confirmation is obtained from Mr. Anderman that in paragraph 4, he intentionally wrote 120 days, rather than the Planning Commission's suggestion of 180 days, to make sure it was not a typo. Mr. MacEwen asked for clarification on paragraph 5, as he was absent at the March 11 meeting. Mr. Morley explained that the Township has no choice as it is in the original agreement the Township signed with Concord.

MOTION: On a motion by Mr. Jacquet and seconded by Mr. MacEwen, all members voted "aye" to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the Equalized Sewer Cost Ordinance draft.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Manager's Report – Mr. Morley highlighted the report: The following items were discussed:

2. Mr. Morley explained it is the public notice that has to be re-issued for the planning module.

4. Mr. Morley clarified that Mr. Rebicz has some properties on the Concord side of Mill Rd. and he is interested in hooking up.

Mr. MacEwen noted that there was a violation. Mr. Morley stated relief will be needed for phosphorous requirements.

Mr. Morley stated that he assumed the financing RFPs are out. Mr. Morley stated financing shouldn't be rushed, as some proposals are only good for 30 or 60 days, so the Township should not want to lock in too soon. Mr. MacEwen stated that once this is administratively complete is when the clock starts. Mr. Morley stated he thought 60 days in accordance with plan already submitted, plus now 30, so it will be at least till the end of June.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, April 23, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Howley, seconded by Mr. Jacquet, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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	