

APPROVED MARCH 25, 2010



THORNBURY TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
Sewer Committee
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George Morley, Chairman
Ted Jacquet, Vice-Chairman

Jack Howley
Brian MacEwen
Susan Ricciuti

MINUTES
Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2010

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010 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
Ted Jacquet
Jack Howley
Susan Ricciuti

ABSENT: 0

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 1

Chairman Morley reviewed the Agenda, as follows:

AGENDA

1. REORGANIZATION
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Oct. 22, 2009
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Guilday LPFM Plan
 - b. Sewer System Mapping
 - c. Township Manager's Report
5. NEXT MEETING – Thurs. Feb. 25, 2010
6. ADJOURNMENT

1. REORGANIZATION:

Mr. Morley noted that he would be willing to continue as chairman. Mrs. Ricciuti stated that she may consider leaving due to her busy schedule. Mr. Morley asked that she notify Mr. Seagraves.

MOTIONS: *On a motion by Mr. Jacquet and seconded by Mr. Howley, all members voted "aye" to elect Mr. Morley as Chairman for 2010.*

On a motion by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. MacEwen, all members voted "aye" to elect Mr. Jacquet as Vice Chairman for 2010.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Mr. Jacquet and seconded by Mrs. Ricciuti, all members present voted “aye” to approve the October 22, 2009 meeting minutes, as amended.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Guilday LPFM Plan**

Present: Dan Lutz, P.E., the engineer for the applicant

Mr. Lutz stated this 12.5 ac. subdivision located at the corner of Creek and Old Gradyville Rds. was currently under review by the Planning Commission. All 5 lots were tested for on site primary and secondary systems, but there were issues with grading and a floodplain on 2 lots. With close proximity to the pump station, the applicant was asked to look into public sewer (low pressure systems) for lots 1, 2, and 3, which were closest to Old Gradyville Rd and lots 4 and 5 would have on site systems. Mr. Lutz met with Mr. Seagraves and Mr. Noll who suggested he relay his information to the Sewer Committee.

After a brief discussion there was a consensus that lots 1, 2, and 3 should connect to the pump station at Old Gradyville Rd., and lots 4 and 5, as directed by DEP, possibly connected through an easement from lot 5 to 4 with both lines going up alongside lot 4's driveway.

Mr. Lutz stated that Lots 1, 2, and 3 are 2 ac. each, lot 4 is 3.7 ac, and lot 5 is 2.2 ac. Mr. Lutz stated that the 2 big issues are sewage disposal and going thru the ZHB in constructing the driveway thru a steep slope. Mr. Morley suggested funneling it along the driveway. Mr. Lutz agreed although it is 700 ft. long. Mr. Lutz noted a hydrant on Grist Mill Rd. There was a consensus that Mr. Lutz's proposal was reasonable.

b. **Sewer System Mapping**

Mr. Morley reported that in his discussion with Mr. Seagraves, there was some interest in the Board getting the SEO or maybe the Sewer Committee involved in mapping the those properties of the 162 who opt out of hooking up, as the Township needs to know the condition of each system and if it is being maintained properly. Inspections and enforcement were not discussed. Mr. Morley felt the mapping would apply to Andover, Tanguy Homestead, and possibly the Colony, Fox Lair and Highpoint. Mrs. Ricciuti felt the Act 537 Plan (2001 revision) required the Township to assess the systems of those who do not wish to tie in at this time and make sure those systems are being handled responsibly.

Mr. MacEwen stated that a GIS system would be the perfect application for this mapping. Mrs. Ricciuti felt there should only be mapping in areas where the Township purchased units, as it would not apply in other areas. There was a consensus for Mr. Morley to recommend mapping those systems within the study area that opt out of hooking up at this time.

- c. **Township Manager's Report:** Mr. Morley commented on the Township Manager's Report, as follows:

The sewer engineer's bid tabulation sheet was briefly reviewed, containing the results from 8 bids that were received. Steve Botella of Botella Construction had the lowest bid (\$620,100), based on the base design for the Brinton Lea and Thornhill Sanitary Sewer Contract #2009-04. The members were pleased with the low bid, as it is about a 35% savings and may give the undecided people an incentive to tie in. Mr. Morley noted that Mr. Botella's "Add Alternate" bid of \$143,485 was higher than expected, as he may not be equipped to do gravity lines. Mr. Morley noted that there was no contingency for hidden rock. The bid is due to be awarded sometime in late Feb. or March.

The members then reviewed the Township Manager's draft letter of 1/14/10 to the 6 residents who requested a gravity sewer. Mr. Morley noted that the Township won't commit to Mr. Botella until the Board thoroughly checks Mr. Botella's bid first. Mr. MacEwen stated that Mr. Botella could write a letter to withdraw if he felt he his bid was too low. There was a consensus that the 1/14/10 draft letter was acceptable.

5. **NEXT MEETING:** – Thurs. Feb. 25, 2010 at 7 p.m.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Mr. Jacquet, seconded by Mr. Howley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 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
Geoff Carbutt, Subdivision Coordinator	Jacqui Guenther, Assistant Manager