



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

Jack Howley  
R. Ted Jacquet  
Susan Ricciuti

**MINUTES**  
**Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 22, 2008**

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Chairman MacEwen called the meeting to order.

**PRESENT:** George Morley Ted Jacquet  
Susan Ricciuti

**ABSENT:** Brian MacEwen Jack Howley

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:** 7

**AGENDA**

Vice-Chairman Morley reviewed the Agenda, which included:

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2008
- Old Business/New Business
  - Review of Jeff's Report
  - Discussion of Survey Results from the Residents along the State Roads in the Thornhill and Brinton Lea Districts
- Next Meeting - June 26, 2008
- Adjournment

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice-Chairman Morley asked for public comment on issues not on tonight's Agenda.

Anne Caywood, 448 Glen Mills Rd., did not receive any information that the installation of public sewers was being investigated in the Township. Mr. Morley said that parts of Thornhill and Brinton Lea and some homes on Brinton Lake and Glen Mills were being investigated as to interest in public sewer. Mr. Morley stated that when selling a home those homeowners will be required by DEP to tie in, if their home's septic system certification fails and the line runs within 150 ft. of your property.

Jan Creitz, 1314 Cedar Ave., East Earl (formerly 448 Glen Mills Rd.), asked if her mother's system and her neighbors' systems function fine, would they be forced into public sewer. Mr. Morley explained that there would be no reason to run the line if most of the homeowners don't want it.

Pat Spangler, 443 Glen Mills Rd., prefers gravity flow to a pump, as they are too expensive and do not last. Mr. Morley stated that a planning module will be submitted to DEP and everyone will get a last chance to decide whether or not to tie in. A decision from DEP is anticipated by the end of summer and then it would go out to bid. The Township is hoping the final project will be cheaper than finding an alternate location and installing a new on-site system.

Pat Voorhees, 445 Glen Mills Rd., asked about the \$15,000 assessment. Mr. Morley stated that \$15,000 is your share of the pipe that goes past your house. Also, there is the reimbursement to developer, which is still being negotiated, as well as some fees, but it does not include the cost of running your own connection. The cost also depends on gravity or low pressure. Gravity is more expensive but then you are done. Low pressure up front is cheaper and does not tear up your lawn as much. Also, you need to be high enough to hook up to a gravity line.

Mrs. Ricciuti explained that if everyone wanted gravity, many pump stations would be needed. Mr. Morley stated that installing pump stations would be quite expensive and not appropriate. The topography will determine a low pressure or a gravity system.

Christine Roberts, 449 Glen Mills Rd., asked who determines a failed system and when will the Township make a final decision. Mr. Morley stated certification is only required when you sell your home and it is up to the homeowner to hire someone. The Township does not certify systems. Mr. Morley stated that a decision will probably be made by mid-summer. Everyone involved will be contacted. You will either receive a letter or someone from the Sewer Committee may knock on your door to determine your interest. Once the design is determined, there will be another mailing explaining the financing.

Ed Scheivert, for Bill Burkholder (Tiffany Lane Development) would like to run a low-pressure 2.5" line down Tiffany La. to the line in Creek Rd. Mr. Morley stated that he should have an engineer put a proposal together for Jeff Seagraves and/or Jim McCann and Lloyd Knoll. The neighbors should decide if they want to connect, as it is a private road. As long as Mr. Burkholder has title to the road and a ROW, he just has to satisfy DEP and Pennoni Associates.

There were no further comments from the public.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Jacquet, seconded by Mrs. Ricciuti, all members voted “aye” to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2008 meeting, as corrected.

### **OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Review of Jeff's Report**

Concord sent back their version of the agreement and the issue will be resolved. Thornbury received comments from Mr. Chew and ball is in their court.

#### **Discussion of Survey Results from the Residents along The State Roads in the Thornhill and Brinton Lea Districts**

Mr. Morley spoke with some homeowners on Glen Mills Rd. and most are not interested in public sewer, but would like to have a better idea on the costs. For purposes of the planning module, Mr. Morley suggested that the 2 State road lines be eliminated. Mrs. Ricciuti stated that the prevailing attitude was that the homeowners preferred not to hook up. Mr. Morley stated that some areas could be eliminated. Mrs. Ricciuti's concern was that there are 11 extra EDUs. Mr. Jacquet stated that there was a concern about a 20' wide easement to get equipment in there and several people said they don't want it or can't afford it. Mr. Morley stated that once the design, costs and fees are finalized, then we need to obtain definite commitments. There was a consensus that Mr. Morley would inform the Board that after solicitation by members of the Sewer Committee, there was a lack of interest on Glen Mills, Dilworthtown, and Brinton Lake Roads and the Sewer Committee suggests these roads be removed from the final design.

There was a consensus for Mr. Morley to draft a letter (for approval by the Board of Supervisors) to those on the above State Roads, with updated cost estimates, giving the homeowners one last chance to inform the Township of their desire to connect to public sewer. Based on this letter, the Township could ask Pennoni to fine tune the cost estimate. Mr. Morley will present a proposal of this letter to the Board in June.

Mr. Jacquet was concerned that some costs would rise with the elimination of the State Roads. Mr. Morley stated the cost would also depend on topography.

Mrs. Ricciuti felt the Sewer Committee should meet more frequently to respond quicker and not hold up people while waiting for comments from the Board.

**NEXT MEETING - June 26, 2008**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Jacquet, seconded by Mrs. Ricciuti, 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	