

**Minutes of the Meeting of August 17, 2021  
7:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Herbert Mattern, Jr. (teleconference)  
Phil Donmoyer (teleconference)  
Cullen Ketcham (teleconference)  
Barb Horst (teleconference)  
Rob Kurtz

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mark Hiester, Township Manager, NWLCA  
Assistant Secretary  
Dan Becker, Becker Engineering  
Doug Zook, Inframark (teleconference)  
Ralph Boltz, resident  
Sara Boltz, resident

Tim Hoffman, resident  
Mary Ann Hoffman, resident  
Don Hontz, resident  
Eddie Kennell, resident  
Ken Myers, resident  
Linda Myers, resident

**Call to Order- Herbert Mattern, Jr., 7:00 p.m.**

**Public Comments** – The 8 residents attending who each live on Greenridge Drive, asked the board not to extend public sewer service and public water service there. Their on-lot disposal systems, wells, and cisterns operate properly so those services are not needed. Many of them are senior citizens and landowners there. Neighboring owner John Glick may want public water but some residents at the meeting said he may rent there to a large family of 9 or more, on a lot that may have limited well water capacity. Two more people walked in the meeting but did not sign in. One other person at the meeting did not sign in either.

Becker noted that there is no obligation for the township to extend and connect public sewer on Greenridge Drive. If MAWSA (Manheim Area Water and Sewer Authority) wants to connect one or more properties where owners want public water, MAWSA may do so. If the township decides to extend public sewer service, it is obliged by the PA 2<sup>nd</sup> Class township code to connect each property within 150 of the system. The township Sewage Enforcement Officer has not reported any malfunctioning on-lot disposal system along Greenridge Drive.

Hiester noted that 665 resident Jeannie Hershey called him that afternoon to say that they want and need public sewer due to a marginal septic system. They want to sell the lot to their son. She could not attend the meeting due to another conflict but she wanted to. The survey tally may be completed by August 31, 2021 and reported to the board of supervisors at its September 13, 2021 public meeting.

**A motion by Ketcham to:**

- 1. suspend board discussion at this time,**
  - 2. review the surveys once completed,**
  - 3. recommend that the township take no further action on the matter,**
  - 4. address the results at the next authority meeting in September after the township board of supervisors had a chance to review the surveys,**
- seconded by Kurtz was approved 5 to 0.**

**Approve July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**A motion by Kurtz seconded by Ketcham to approve the previous meeting minutes was approved 5 to 0.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Kurtz carefully presented the monthly Treasurer's Reports. A motion by Ketcham seconded by Horst to approve the Treasurer's Reports was approved 5 to 0.**

## **Communications**

- **MAWSA Reports** – Horst noted that sewer rates are based on specific and attributable costs of operating the system. When people complain about having to pay more for public sewer service, including a new nonresidential waste permit program, they may not be aware that the increased costs are due to stricter mandates and to keep water clean. Those increases can be less costly overall to the system users than adding more treatment. Becker noted that the nonresidential users of the township's sewer system, before the NRW program, were subsidized by the residential users. Now the NRW program is designed for the nonresidential users to pay their proportionate costs to the system from each of their increased strength of waste.

## **Inframark Contract Operations Report**

D. Zook presented his monthly report and highlighted the following items:

- With slow DSL internet speeds at the wastewater plant affecting operations, Inframark is asking Windstream for better service options including fiber.
- The WWTP Influent Pump Station 4 is having an issue during power transfers. The Program Logic Controller does not reset correctly when power is restored. Garden Spot Electric will be installing an uninterrupted power supply to try and correct the problem until the PLC is replaced.
- Since the July 6th SOMAT sludge pump thickening system failed a new pump was ordered with an estimated delivery of mid-October. Until the replacement pump is installed, we will be unable to thicken sludge. This may result in higher than usual sludge hauling costs through October.
- Filter 2 at the WTP has developed leaks following the membrane replacement. The leaks do not affect filter operation or efficiency because they are on the raw water side of the process. Repair parts have been ordered and a catch basin is in place under the leaks.
- PADEP performed a surprise inspection of the wastewater treatment plant with no findings.
- PADEP is asking for additional testing or other remedy to high Chlorine by-product residuals in the Fruitville Pike (city) water system. We need to know what the levels are for the incoming water from the city system. Becker will work with Inframark on options.

The board discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup>-time damaged hydrant at the 286 Doe Run Road Kreider Ice Cream Plant.

**A motion by Ketcham for Becker to evaluate hydrant relocation options, seconded by Mattern was approved 5 to 0.**

**A motion by Kurtz seconded by Ketcham to approve the Inframark Contract Operations Report was approved 5 to 0.**

## **Engineer's Report**

Dan Becker highlighted the following items from his monthly report:

- **White Farm Master Planning:** BEL (Becker Engineering, LLC) is preparing a sketch detailing additional land that would be required to double the size of the existing WWTF. A meeting with a potential developer is scheduled for August 18, 2021. The developer and landowner are willing to accommodate the WWTP expansion.

**Holly Tree Road-Temperance Hill Road Intersection Project:** The Township's consultant provided draft bid documents to BEL to review on July 29, 2021. The documents did not include the sanitary sewer components that BEL had forwarded on March 30, 2021. The Township's consultant will modify the bid documents and forward to BEL for review.

**Pleasant View Retirement Community Water System:** BEL issued a water system design review letter on July 22, 2021. BEL participated in a zoom call with the development team on July 30, 2021. BEL will review the design resubmission upon receipt.

- **WWTF Dissolved Oxygen & Effluent Flow Metering:** BEL met with Inframark and Authority staff on June 16, 2021 to review the final design of the project. As a result of that meeting, BEL developed alternatives to incorporate future solids dewatering equipment. BEL will review the alternatives with Authority staff and Inframark.
- **MAWSA Meeting:** BEL and township staff met with MAWSA on July 14, 2021. We discussed the timing and cost of the water systems interconnect and other common projects.
- **Nonresidential Waste Program Permits**

The Shack, 662 South Oak Street: BEL noted the permit would start on August 17, 2021 and run for five years through August 16, 2026.

**A motion by Kurtz seconded by Ketcham to approve the Shack permit was approved 5 to 0.**

Rettew Notary, 1050 Lancaster Road: BEL noted the permit would start on August 17, 2021 and run for *four* years, to August 26, 2025, because Rettew had performed one year of quarterly lab test results up to this point.

**A motion by Ketcham seconded by Horst to approve the Rettew permit was approved 5 to 0.**

- **WWTF Control Building Modifications:** The Authority awarded the construction contracts to Wagman Construction (Contract 1), A.N. Lynch Co. (Contract 2) and Garden Spot Mechanical (Contract 3) at the June 2020 Authority meeting. Construction contracts have been returned by each of the contractors and a preconstruction conference took place on July 15, 2021 via Zoom. A coordination meeting is being scheduled soon.
- **Dan Ranck Sanitary Sewer, 1530 Lancaster Road:** The Authority approved the sanitary sewer design for this project at the December 2020 Authority meeting. BEL attended a preconstruction meeting for the project on April 14, 2021 and has reviewed the sanitary sewer facility shop drawings. Construction is scheduled to commence the week of August 9, 2021.
- **1540 Lancaster Road:** The Authority approved the sanitary sewer design at the July 2021 Authority meeting as outlined in BEL's June 17, 2021 review letter. BEL notified Keystone Custom Homes in June and August 2021 that shop drawings are required to be submitted and approved before sewer construction starts. But none have been submitted.
- **GIS Mapping:** BEL provided the sanitary sewer and water facility GIS files to the Authority for incorporation into the CS Datum database.
- **Buchdale Drive Stormwater Project:** BEL assisted the Township with sanitary sewer facility location to facilitate a Township stormwater project. BEL will review a video inspection of the gravity sanitary sewer facilities and will revise the Authority's sanitary sewer record drawings as necessary.

**A motion made by Kurtz seconded by Mattern to accept the Becker Engineering Report was approved 5 to 0.**

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Horst seconded by Ketcham was approved 5 to 0 at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Hiester, Assistant Secretary