

ONTELAUNEE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES

November 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by the Chairman, Michael Schwenk.

An Executive Session was held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm regarding litigation and personnel.

In addition to the Chairman Michael Schwenk, the attendees were Vice Chairman Romao Carrasco, member Richard Reilly, member Melvin Bailey, member William Klein, Engineer William McMullen and Attorney Elizabeth Magovern.

The delinquent and lien reports were provided to the Board.

Visitor(s):

Atty Mark Koch and Scott Sweigert were present on behalf of Forino Company. They were present to ask about updated regarding the connection ban on Pump Station #7.

Atty Mark Koch was present to question the fines charged to the Ontelaunee Orchards due to the strong waste surcharges. Mr. Koch stated that Spotts Stevens & McCoy were hired to dye test and televise the lines. He stated that based on the results from SSM, the strong waste was not coming from the processing facility. A formal report from SSM could not be reviewed as it had not yet been completed. OTMA had asked for a bench to be poured in the manhole so that ground water could not rise and possible contaminate the testing samples. The manhole does not have a bottom and when the water table rises, the ground water could be contaminating the sampling. Mr. Pohl from Ontelaunee Orchards has not complied with OTMA's request to pour the concrete bench.

Atty Mark Koch and Scott Sweigert were questioned about the connection fees for the developments. Mr. Koch stated that they had searched for a document but were unable to produce one. Mr. Sweigert stated that they put in the sewer line to the Harvest so why should they have to pay for a connection fee. It was also stated that things ran smoother before when there were handshake deals. A letter will be sent to Forino Company asking for the balance of the connection fees pertaining to permit #15-121. The Connection fees as outlined in Resolution 2015-1 should be \$3450.00 for Water and \$1500.00 for Sewer.

Mr. Robert Leshar was in to ask for a reduction on his current invoice for properties located at 5307 & 5309 Pottsville Pike. He is currently trying to convert the two family home into one large home. There are 2 EDU's that run with the property. The OTMA Board offered for him to release the 1 EDU back to OTMA at a value of the current balanced owed on his account. The value is not to exceed \$3,000.00 which is his current outstanding balance. Mr. Leshar was going to think it over and contact the OTMA secretary to accept or decline the offer within a couple of days.

There was no one present from Leesport Borough Authority.

Resolutions: N/A

Correspondence:

A letter was received from John Pia regarding the 23 unused EDU's which run with the property located on Pottsville Pike. Mr. Pia is willing to return the EDU's to OTMA with no money exchanged. Mr. Pia accepted the fact that he would not be entitled to any monies should the EDU's be sold to another party.

A RTK request was received from Koch & Koch for maintenance info on PS#7. The request was granted and a response was sent via postal service on November 9th.

A letter will be sent to the resident of 269 Gernant's Church Road regarding repairs the sewer lateral cleanout located in the swale next to the Pump Station. The clean-out needs to have the riser raised to be above ground level.

Correspondence Cont.:

A check in the amount of \$500.00 was received from Koch & Koch for the Ontelaunee Orchards fine in reference to the compliance order. The fine was paid under protest and an Appeal will be filed by Koch & Koch on behalf of O.O.

A letter was sent to Mr. & Mrs. Dejesus on November 4, 2015 for payment of the excess water usage which was to be included with their November payment. The amount of \$39.65 was to be paid by November 10, 2015.

Motions:

A motion was made by Romao Carrasco stating that OTMA will take back the 23 EDU's at no charge. For the record OTMA will not be refunding any of the prepaid tapping fees if the EDU's are resold to another party. Upon return of the EDU's, the current lien will be canceled of record and no further monthly charges will be applied. Michael Schwenk seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Michael Schwenk to begin the DJ Action against the following properties who have delinquent accounts:

1. Foster – 68 Loose Lane 2. Greiser – 345 Kindt Corner Road 3. Tavares – 35 Berkley Park Road
Richard Reilly seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Romao Carrasco to accept the snow plow proposal from Irish Creek Excavating for the 2015/2016 snow season. Richard Reilly seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Misc:

- The proposed drawings from Ryder Truck have been received for review.
- The Dicharge Permit No. 01-2015-R1 was received from Brenntag.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Melvin Bailey to approve the minutes from the meetings held October 8, 2015 and October 20, 2015. William Klein seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0.

Solicitor's Report: John Pia Agreement re: 23 unused EDU's

Inspector's Report:

- LOT #220 – Willow Glen – sewer & water

Engineer/Operator Report:

- The Water Meter and Rate schedule are being reviewed for a possible update.
- Connection Bans – A corrective action plan was submitted for PS1, PS3, PS4, and PS7.
- Infiltration issues were noted at PS7 – The manhole with noted I & I has been sealed. When the water tables rise, the manhole will be re-inspected for infiltration.
- The additive PROKA900 has been added twice a week to the wastewater system for the 90 day trial.

Plumber's Report:

- Hydrant Flushing & PA One Calls are completed as needed
- BCIU meter was replaced
- 2 meters were installed at Morganrail.

Expenditure's

- A motion was made by Michael Schwenk to approve the payables in the amount of \$52,022.11, ratify the payables in the amount of \$699,132.02 and the Board payroll in the amount of \$500.00 for November 12, 2015. William Klein seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Romao Carrasco to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52pm. Michael Schwenk seconded the motion. The motion was carried 5-0.

Minutes submitted by: Kelly A. Burdick