

Chairman Eugene “Gene” Neidermyer called the **June 13, 2019 meeting** of the **Earl Township Sewer Authority** to order at 6:54 p.m. Present were Gene Neidermyer, Jim Leonard, Earl Kenepp, Floyd Grove and Tony Gay, Also present were Jerry Brackbill (Operator), Gary Martin (Engineer), William Cassidy (Solicitor) and Tom Plitt (Township Supervisor).

Jim made a **motion to approve the May 9, 2019 minutes**, with a correction in the first paragraph, which shall state “...Authority to order at 6:30 p.m.”. Floyd seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Russel Samuels was present on behalf of Luke Martin the owner of 978 West Main St. In May sewer backed up into the garage. Mr. Samuels presented an invoice in the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Dollars and Ten Cents (\$2,140.10) for the cost of cleanup. Mr. Samuels asked if this would be reimbursed by the Authority. The Authority directed Mr. Samuels to contact his homeowner’s insurance, He Stated that he has no interest in doing so; and feels this will cause his insurance premium to increase. The Authority stated that they would investigate the issue and respond back to him.

An Executive session was held at 7:12 to discuss potential litigation regarding the overflow in the garage at 978 West Main St. Regular session reconvened at 7:18 pm. The Authority directed Linda to contact the ETSA insurance agency to inquire about a claim for the matter.

The Authority was given a copy of the 2018 Audit. After some discussion Linda was directed by the Authority to have a representative from Maher Duessel be present at the July 11, 2019 meeting.

EAST EARL ROAD SEWER LINE CLEANING PROJECT:

Total expenses paid to date: Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars and Thirty One Cents (\$8,979.31).

WWTP UPGRADE:

Linda reported that the WWTP expenses paid to date total Ten Million One Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Forty Eight Cents (\$10,183,575.48).

MANHOLE REHAB:

Linda reported that the Manhole Rehab expenses paid to date total Six Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$682,482.32). WVA has reimbursed to date a total of Two Hundred Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six Dollars and Thirty Two Cents (\$294,626.32).

Sewer Operators Report presented by Jerry Brackbill:

Plant effluent was within all permit limits for May.
Sam Ringler Trucking hauled 99,000 gallons of bio-solids in May.
Jerry reported PA DEP had a surprise inspection and all went well.

Jerry questioned if ETSA is responsibility for the interceptor pipe conveying wastewater from the flow meter at Millcreek Mobile Home Park to ETSA manhole number 34. After discussions it was determined that this interceptor pipe was not dedicated or part of ETSA collection system and was Millcreek Mobile Home Park’s responsibility to maintain.

PA DEP conducted an inspection of the Wastewater treatment plant on 6/12/2019. There were no violations.

Jerry reported that there was a low-pressure sewer lateral repaired at 127 Maple Drive. The ETSA will be getting a bill from Earl Township for backhoe and truck use.

An Executive section was held at 7:30 to discuss personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m. Floyd made **a motion to evaluate and recommend pay increases at normal raise time.** Earl seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Engineer's Report presented by Gary Martin:

1. **East Earl Road Sewer Cleaning and Lining:** Project underway. Several interesting obstacles to completing the work including a collapse pipe (photo emailed to Board). Final cleaning scheduled for Monday June 17th with lining to be done on Tuesday June 18th. Payment Request #1 received, reviewed and approved in the amount of \$6,129.00. However, documentation from contractor did not reflect that value and payment will be deferred until documentation matches the request. No payment this month. Jerry also had to follow up with PA DEP on the spill from the work conducted by Mr. Rehab. This will need to be reported on the DMR report as a non-compliance spill.
2. **Notice of Termination for Stormwater NPDES Permit:** Coordination with Township Engineer and with Stormwater Engineer completed to address changes to close out the NPDES permit. Awaiting response and schedule from Quandel and their subcontractor to complete the final grading.
3. **WWTP Upgrade Guarantee Period Closeout:** Final odds and ends still to be addressed by contractors. Working with contractors to address these issues. Final grading and seeding tied to the completion of the stormwater NPDES permit close-out.
4. **LTH Natural Foods:** Waiting for startup for flow and discharge quality information. Linda was directed by the Authority to have a reimbursement of Professional Services signed by LTH Natural Foods.
5. **Robert Martin Property:** Preliminary design meeting held at Becker office on February 5, 2019. Site follow-up meeting held on June 12, 2019. Awaiting next Preliminary Plan submission.
6. **Open House Dates:** Potential dates still dependent upon the basin correction and follow-up seeding. Tentatively looking at moving it back to October at this point.
7. **PRIL Maintenance Guarantee:** Expires today. Operators completed an end of Maintenance Period inspection on May 21st. No items to address at this time and the Maintenance Guarantee can be closed out.
8. **NRB Maintenance Guarantee:** Will expire on August 8, 2019. Operators to do close out site review.
9. **Umble Maintenance Guarantee:** Will expire on September 12, 2019. Operators to do close out site review.
10. **Petra Church farmhouse apartments and barn connection from WVA:** Module and submission to PA DEP completed for WVA on April 4, 2019. To be submitted by Petra's consultant to East Earl Township for approval. Still no activity this month through Engineer's office.
11. **Audit input for Annual Cost Sharing Letter to WVA.** Final copy of the 2018 Audit values received at the end of last week. Letter was drafted pending Audit values. Letter to be issued this month. Reminder to Linda that 2009 Loan required copy of Audit to banks within 180 days of the end of the fiscal year – remember to send a copy when final copy received. Linda reported 2018 Audit was sent to Ephrata National Bank and PNC Bank.

Project 1:

1. **Monthly Flows to New Holland:** Average daily flows for May: 48,700 gpd (compared to April's 41,900 gpd and March's 43,300 gpd).

Project 2/3:

1. **MEMHP:** Average daily flow for May: 15,100 gpd (compare to April's 14,900 gpd and March's 15,100 gpd). One clog noted on May 30 - again noted as "wipes" (2nd month in a row with a wipes clog). Reading was approximately 25,000 gallons higher on that one day.
2. **GSV:** Average daily flows for May: 64,800 gpd (compare to April's 60,700 gpd and March's: 58,500 gpd). Average daily flow above guaranteed 62,869 gpd so no Guarantee of Capacity Fee assessed for May.
3. **Monthly STP flows:** Reported average daily flows for May: 292,800 gpd (compared to April's 297,700 gpd and March's 326,300 gpd).
4. **Flows from WVA:** Average daily recorded flows for May: 130,400 gpd (compared to April's 135,800 gpd and March's 130,800 gpd).
5. **Connection and Permitting Tracking:** One (1) permit issued in this reporting period (Lot 63 in the Landings at Garden Spot Reserve). For 2019, a total of 7 EDUs has been purchased for 7 different properties.
6. **The Landings at Garden Spot Reserve:** 19 Permits issued to-date and 14 connections completed to-date.
7. **GSV Phase 4:** Review of GSV proposed private sewer (grinder pump, laterals and connection) completed for compliance with ETSA standards and letter issued. New submittal received on June 7, 2019 – to be reviewed by operators and Becker.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Cassidy reported on the 131 Cindalyn Drive account delinquency, When the Estate is opened, the ETSA will need to file a claim for the delinquent sewer service and Professional Services with the Lancaster County Register of Wills.

Authority directed Solicitor Cassidy to send collection letters to 823 West Main Street and 229 Summitville Road, regarding their delinquent accounts.

The balances for the delinquent accounts were:

Project #1 - \$ 4,578.34

Project #3 - \$ 26,456.65

The May receipts were:

Project #1 - \$ 903.29

Project #3 - \$ 41,342.89

Floyd made a **motion to approve the disbursements of checks #3130 - #3135 for Project 1 in the amount of \$ 6,013.58 and checks #5835 – #5856 for Project 3 in the amount of \$ 95,987.61.** Earl seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Linda A. Marburger, Appointed Asst. Secretary/Treasurer