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**March 6, 2007**

**CONEWAGO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

The Conewago Municipal Authority Board held their regular meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 2007. Those present were:

Greg Hill  
Norman Miller  
Matt Cichy, HRG  
Kim Bloom, DTMA

John Rochat  
Peter Henninger  
Russ McIntosh  
Joel Buckley

Galen Shelly  
Ralph Luttrell  
Paul Gross, B & H

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hill at 7:00 PM. The following items were discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – **Joel Buckley** – He asked a question about the Grinder Pumps and the deletion of PENNVEST Funding of Grinder Pumps cost of \$70,000. McIntosh stated the \$70,000 cost was estimated, this was not a bid item. The total cost was \$145,000 if we had to give a full credit. There are around 39 Grinder Pumps and some of those were dual Grinder Pumps. The Grinder Pumps will be handled the same as Phase I, individual homeowners will be given a credit. This will be discussed later in this meeting.

**MINUTES OF February 6, 2007** – A motion by Shelly second by Luttrell to approve the minutes of February 6, 2007 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ENGINEERS REPORT** – **Phase II Sanitary Sewer Project** - Cichy stated HRG prepared the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Firm Utilization Report and transmitted it to Mazzuca Enterprises for their review and completion. Mazzuca Enterprises will fill out their portion and upon receipt of the completed report, it will need to be executed by the Authority and submitted to DEP. The Authority will do this 4 times a year, once each quarter as a construction project procedure.

A motion by Shelly second by Luttrell to authorize signature of the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Firm Utilization Report prior to the next meeting. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT, Continued** – HRG has prepared for the Authority's consideration a Draft Press Release identifying the latest details regarding the Phase II Sanitary Sewer Project. A copy of the Press Release will be edited and sent to Kim Bloom to place in the newspapers.

**PENNVEST Assistance** – Settlement of the PENNVEST financing was completed on March 1, 2007. McIntosh explained that the general counsel revised a number of forms and classification of the money and project income. There is a one time fee of \$6,000. to connect to the system which is approximately \$700. more than current connection fees in Derry Twp. The Capacity fee paid to DTMA is \$1,500 for treatment, and \$4,500 for collection. Users will pay same fees as Phase I, and people with grinder pumps will receive a minimum of \$4,400. credit.

PENNVEST Application for Reimbursement Request No. 2 is presented for the Authority's execution. The application is to pay DTMA capacity fee, administrative fees, engineer's fees and interest during construction in the amount of \$365,699.17. A motion by Rochat second by Luttrell to authorize submission of Request No. 2, which will be an amendment to No. 1 request. Motion carried.

HRG is working with Solicitor Henninger regarding the developer's contribution agreements for those developers wishing to purchase capacity in the Conewago Phase II Sanitary Sewer lines. Solicitor Henninger has a copy of the Draft Contribution Agreement for the Board and DTMA to review and it is not a public document at this time.

Chairman Hill asked McIntosh to discuss how the money would flow for the Authority's Bank Accounts. McIntosh stated he discussed the function of bookkeeping service with Ralph Watters, DTMA to track the Authority's expenditures on accounts for the Board to sign. The Authority will need 2 bank accounts: the one account would put all money from PENNVEST into a non-interest bearing account which is a requirement of PENNVEST; the second account would be for money that is being reimbursed to the Authority for prepaid expenses for contractors payments would go into an interest-bearing account, and be transferred back to the non-interest bearing account as needed to make project payments. McIntosh said Watters will come back with suggestions of what the procedure would be if DTMA were to handle the accounts.

**DTMA'S REPORT** – Kim Bloom reported the contractor started March 5, 2007. The contractor planned to start on McCorkel Rd., but when they opened the ditch on Jacob's Creek Drive manhole they found a lot of water. They had two pumps running constantly; the water table was high because of the weather. They left McCorkel Road section and jumped over to the Hershey Trust Right-of-Way. There was an issue with Vozzella's property and she felt they were on her property and they didn't get a right-of-way. Bloom checked with the contractors to make sure they stay on the right-of-way on Hershey Trust land. Letters were not send out by DTMA because of the delay with PNNVEST settlement. The next round of stakes will be Old Hershey Rd., Rt. 743 or Ridge Road. Bloom said DTMA will have a Job Conference, March 15, 2007, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8:00 AM. The Authority is welcome to attend. These meetings will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month.

**DTMA'S REPORT, Continued** - Rochat talked with Bloom regarding an email from 116 Laurel Drive, if the Authority deals with sewer issues in Conewago. In Laurel Woods there are some resident in Conewago who have already hooked up years ago. When Phase I came through it was mandatory on the Conewago side that the remainder of Laurel Woods area had to hookup. The resident said her grinder pump went out and she only had it 3 years. She also said she knows of 4 other pumps that failed. Her second pumped burned up, but it turned out to be an electrical problem. Bloom said DTMA is following up on this problem, they sent crews out to check, but no other residents have reported their pumps failed. You need to remember that some of the pumps are at least 15 to 20 years old. DTMA will let the Authority no the outcome.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Solicitor Henninger said there is an amended Debt Ordinance that needs to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their 3-14-07 meeting. Chairman Hill asked the Solicitor if the tax exemption for Mazzuca was resolved. Solicitor Henninger said it was approved and signed. The Authority is protected, because this is a saving within Mazzuca's bid.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Luttrell met with John Payne and said he would help to get funding for a water authority, and that we could use the Sewer Authority for the Water Authority. Fred Weaver setup a meeting a few months ago with PA American Water and met with businesses on Rt. 743. The water company took a poll for businesses to sign up for a lateral to hookup for water before sewage was completed. Rochat said the water company needs 85% participation and 1.5 million contribution. Rochat stated we have to see what PA American Water plans to do with water hookups.

Russ McIntosh stated it would take approximately 3 years to get the feasibility study and other studies completed in order to attempt to receive funding from PENNVEST. He further stated the only chance of having water before paving is complete for the sewer project would have to be funded privately.

Chairman Hill said Buchart-Horn dropped a new set of specs for Phase II Sewer Final Plan of final documents and construction speculation, and they are available for review in the Township Office.

A motion by Miller second by Hill to adjourn at 9:06 PM. The next meeting is April 3, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary