

Lewis Township Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 6, 2016

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:00 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those present were Supervisors Willard Murray and Jay Douglas Bomberger and Duane M. Blakeney, Solicitor Benjamin Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and 39 guests.

Chairman Willard Murray announced that the meeting would be recorded for minute taking purposes.

The Chairman also announced that an executive session was held on March 17, 2016 regarding legal issues.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2016 regular monthly Supervisors meeting.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the amended February 2016 Financial Report and the March 2016 Financial Reports as presented. (The amendment was made to the Lewis Township State Fund February 29, 2016 Balance: \$ 30,957.75, Total State Accounts: \$42,719.94 and Total Account Balances: \$288,793.62.)

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Comments

Township Reports

Supervisors/Roadmaster

The road work season has begun. The road crew has been out filling potholes and plan to do drainpipe work in the near future.

Solicitor

Solicitor Benjamin Landon briefed the Supervisors on the Hearing that was held earlier that morning with James Yannacone regarding the Zoning Ordinance. Judge Saylor will be issuing a written decision in the near future.

Ben also reminded the Supervisors of the execution of the Sheriff Sales for Miller and Applegate to be held June 16, 2016.

Engineer

A letter of resignation was submitted by Engineer Todd Pysher effective March 31, 2016. A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to accept Todd's resignation.

Treatment Plant Operator

Treatment Plant Operator Victor Derr reported that there were no violations for the month of March. At the main plant, D.O. levels were less than one. There were high flows at both the main plant and the small flow plant due to significant rain events. The UV sensor was repaired. New wasting valves were installed.

Secretary/Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported that the following:

- ✚ The RCT-900 Tax Report was filed through PURTA on March 31, 2016.
- ✚ The State Liquid Fuels Audit for year ending December 31, 2015 was performed on March 30, 2016. An official audit report will be submitted to the Township Supervisors.
- ✚ The Financial Statement year ending December 31, 2015 was submitted to the Supervisors. A copy is on file at the township office.

Planning Commission

A copy of the minutes from the March 24, 2016 Planning Commission was submitted to the Supervisors. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Fuller Subdivision based on the review by Engineer Todd Pysner and Comments and Signatures provided by Northumberland County Planning Commission.

Old Business

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to award Eastern Industries, New Enterprise and Lime Co. the Aggregate Bid. Please see the attached bid tabulation document.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to award Superior Plus Energy the Fuel Bid. Please see the attached bid tabulation document.

The District Magistrate Hearing regarding Enos Byler is scheduled for April 22, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. Mr. Byler has five days prior to the hearing to contest.

Regarding Hanson Aggregates, Willard Murray sent an email to the main headquarters in Heidelberg Germany to see if the township would be able to get a response.

New Business

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the Harry M. Hoffman and Robert L. Kilgus and Susan M. Kilgus Preliminary Final Minor Subdivision.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to approve the Leon L. and Linda J. Fuller Preliminary Final Minor Subdivision on condition of the review provided by the Township Engineer's review and comment and signature of Northumberland County Planning Commission and signatures of the Lewis Township Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to engage in services provided by Herring Roll and Solomon, P.C. to audit for year ending December 31, 2016. The fee for that service is \$4,000.00.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Willard Murray and passed to authorize payment of bills for the month of April 2016.

Chairman Willard Murray at 7:40 P.M. excused himself and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Duane M. Blakeney to facilitate.

Duane M. Blakeney introduced Thomas Levine, P.E. of Levine Engineering, LLC for the Township Wastewater System.

Tom presented to the Board of Supervisors the Feasibility Study for the Lewis Township Wastewater Treatment Plant and gave a presentation to the Board and the public.

The purpose of the Feasibility Study was to “determine the most cost effective, environmentally sound solution to increase the hydraulic and organic capacity of the L.T.W.T.P, evaluate feasibility of incorporating biological nutrient removal components to this plant upgrade in advance of this requirement. And the study was formulated from the assessment of the operational difficulties at the plant and anticipation of Land Development of a Consolidated Elementary School on the Middle School/High School Campus proposed by the Warrior Run School District.”

The Feasibility Study outlined the opinion of probable cost for five treatment alternatives. See the attached document for the five alternatives.

At the end of the presentation, Tom shared with the Board of Supervisors his recommendations based on the information presented in the study as well as conclusions outlined in Section XVIII on pages 43 and 44 of the study. Please see the attached document for the recommendations presented.

Questions and comments were entertained at the conclusion of the presentation.

Robert Yoder, township resident and sewer customer, commented on several points in the presentation.

- Flows shown between Noon – 1:00 P.M. from the school district would be lunch time
- 20 housing units in 20 years – There are not 20 possible vacant properties for growth
- Did the township receive offset credits for the abandonment of on lot systems? If not, when would that likely happen? Mr. Yoder recommended getting those credits.
- If any alternative other than nothing is selected and there is an upgrade to the plant if the school district decides to develop, how long will it be until another upgrade would be required?
- Agreed that the township should implement the ordinance not only on the school district but all others on the system as well.

William Michael, Delaware Township Secretary/Treasurer had several questions for the engineer and the Board of Supervisors.

- What sewage treatment facilities (if any) will be required to accommodate students from WRSD elementary schools at the Middle/High School?
- If additional sewage treatment facilities will be required to accommodate students from WRSD elementary schools at the Middle School/High School, how much will these additional facilities cost, and who will be responsible to pay for the cost of these additional facilities?
- If additional sewage treatment facilities will be required to accommodate students from WRSD elementary schools at the Middle/High School, will operation and maintenance costs increase?
- If operation and maintenance costs will increase due to any required additional sewage facilities, who will be responsible to pay for the increased operation and maintenance costs?
- Will required additional sewage treatment facilities be subject to Act 537 Planning? If so, how long will it take to obtain Act 537 Planning approval from PA DEP?
- Will required additional sewage facilities be subject to PA DEP permitting? If so, how long will it take to obtain the required permits?
- If additional sewage treatment facilities will be required to accommodate students from WRSD elementary schools at the Middle/ High School, how much will it cost to plan, design and permit these additional facilities, and who will be responsible to pay for the cost to plan, design and permit these additional facilities?
- Do the Supervisors believe it is appropriate to treat sewage discharges from the Middle/High School as residential sewage or non-residential sewage?
- Is grease from the WRSD a problem at the existing sewage treatment plant, and if so, what is being done to address any grease problem from WRSD.
- What is the status of the I/I study of the WRSD, and when does the Township intend to enforce its Ordinance regarding I/I from WRSD?
- Do the Supervisors believe that Supervisor Willard Murray has a conflict of interest with respect to issues involving WRSD and Lewis Township, and if so, what does the Board intend to do about the conflict of interest?

Lee Beiber, township resident, asked how long will small treatment plants like Lewis Township's, continue to exist before having to merge with larger facilities.

Gary Truckenmiller, Delaware Township Supervisor, talked about regionalization not looked at in the study presented.

- If everyone cleaned up their issues would it bring the system into compliance?
- Gary also mentioned future development between McEwensville Borough and Milton and would there be any opportunity there to connect a sewer line.
- A concern was shared that the \$40,000 in extra operating costs would fall on current current customers who are already paying close to \$86.00/month.

John Kurelja, Superintendent of the Warrior Run School District, asked several questions:

- What has changed from the time the plant was renovated (after the township purchased the plant from the school district) to now? In terms of design regarding renovation to a municipal plant vs. a private plant.
- What is the current capacity and how close is the plant to full capacity?
- WRSD is proposing to move fourth grade to the middle school which would be about 110 students. Since the plant was purchased and renovated the enrollment is down 67 students. Due to that, there would really only be a difference in enrollment of about 43 students.
- How has the character of the waste from the school district changed since the purchase of the plant and renovation? Does the township have the ability to determine what comes from the school district vs. other residents on the system and how is that determined?
- If I/I issues are remedied, will that change the \$1,000,000 it would cost to move the fourth grade?
- The school district is scheduled to have a smoke test performed on April 10, 2016 to determine I/I issues in the drainage system.
- Will the school district have access to the full document after the meeting?

Robert Lynn, Turbotville Borough Councilman, asked for clarification of a few points:

- When the plant was built a number of years ago, it was built to handle the degree of treatment appropriate at that time and since then has changed due to amount of flow and requirements set forth by PA DEP.
- As far as capacity, issues are not due to design parameters but by inflow changes and PA DEP regulations.

Lee Beiber asked how long it would be until the township will implement the Sewer Ordinance on the school district.

Attorney Michael Whiley, Solicitor for the Warrior Run School District School Board, asked when the full report will be available to the school district as well as a copy of the power point presentation.

Donald Reed, township resident and sewer customer, asked if the roof drains have been taken care of yet at the school district?

Robert Yoder pointed out that looking at the flow charts that were presented and flows being less on the weekends, it's clear that school is not in session and calculations would be able to be easily made unless there is rain the difference in flow the school district makes.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to accept the Feasibility Study presented by Thomas Levine of Levine Engineering and the recommendations given. Please see the attached for those recommendations.

Public Comment

Roads included in the proposed road project

Request was made to grade Keefertown Road

Question: Were funds able to be reimbursed back into the general fund from the sewer project?

A request was made by Randy Hull for permission to use aluminized pipe vs. aluminum pipe due to the cost difference and would it be acceptable for the township to take over the road in Hullcrest Estates.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger

Lewis Township Secretary