

BOROUGH OF SOUTHMONT
148 Wonder Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Special Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2015

The pledge of allegiance was conducted and the scheduled January 13, 2014 special meeting was called to order by President Danyluk at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Attorney Michael Carbonara, Borough Manager Richard Wargo; Sec./Tres. Amanda Layton, Council President Ed Danyluk; Council Members Robert Morgan; Gregory Paolini Herb Ewald, Kevin Pile and Sheree Speicher; Engineer Todd Banks

Absent: Council Members William Kory, Mayor Mark Yonko

Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve Resolution 2015-01, which executes a consent order and agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding elimination of sanitary sewer overflows. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0). A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to affirm the vote made by Council at the December 8, 2014 council meeting approving the Consent Order and Agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding elimination of sanitary sewer overflows. Motion seconded by Mr. Ewald. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

Todd Banks of Stiffler McGraw reviewed a list of questions regarding the upcoming sanitary sewer projects as follows:

What is the time table for the local bank loan? We anticipate permits for Phase 1 project to be submitted in April 2015. Approximate cost for this work is \$300K. Phase 2 permits are scheduled to be submitted in July 2015 with an approximate cost of \$300K. With the proposed project schedule, the bank loan should be in place by March or April 2015.

What is the time table for PennVEST? The PennVEST applications will be submitted after permits are received for the project. The current schedule projects submission of the Phase 1 funding application in July for the November meeting. The Phase 2 application will follow.

How much money will be needed from the borough's sewer fund before the line of credit kicks in? We anticipate \$300K in Engineering expenses to complete the Phase 1 design by April and an additional \$300K to complete the Phase 2 design by July 2015. Approximately \$200K of the sewer fund will be needed assuming the Loan is in place by March.

What type of permits will be needed prior to construction? PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit, Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan (County), DEP General Permits for Stream Crossings, DEP Part 2 Water Quality Management Permit, DEP NPDES Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activities.

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Will we need to replace the full system or can we replace until we meet the 625 gal/minute? The CO&A requires submission of an Abatement Plan which will outline the formal plan Southmont Borough intends to implement. I believe we can address this issue in the abatement plan. I suspect the entire public system along with private laterals in poor condition will need replaced to meet this requirement.

What type of procedure will we use during installation? Trench, slip line, cured in place, pipe burst or a combination? The project will more than likely include a combination of the various types of construction methods mentioned. The majority of the project will be replaced via trenching methods with trenchless options utilized in areas trenching does not make sense.

Can we test the flow readings during construction to find when we meet 625 gal/minute? This is a possibility we could implement during construction, however we will need cooperation from Mother Nature to provide ample sizeable storm events.

Can we have our own inspector on site? I will not rule this option out completely. A municipality that provides their own inspector is not the standard for large scale projects, however it has been done in the past. The DEP Part 2 Water Quality Management Permit require the Engineer to sign and seal a Certification after the project is completed. The Engineer certifies the project was constructed in accordance with the approved permit conditions and meets the minimum DEP construction standards. With that said, an alternative inspector must have experience with the type of project that we intend to construct and have the necessary qualifications/certifications.

What will be the procedure for televising private lines? I anticipate the private lines will be televised after construction of the main lines is completed. As previously discussed, after the mains are constructed each property will have an observation stack that will allow access to televise the private lines. At one of the public meetings that will be held, the Borough can put the word out they intend to offer a televising service at a reduced rate compared to private contractors.

When do we get a person certified for televising? The best case scenario is televising of private lines could be in June 2016. This will more than likely be the Fall of 2016. Any time prior to the Summer of 2016 would be fine for getting someone trained to operate the push camera.

When do we buy the camera for televising and who from? The camera can be purchased any time prior to the Summer of 2016. I would recommend purchase this Fall to allow ample time for the operators to become accustomed to the equipment. You may find a push camera system through COSTARS. I would check there first. If not COSTARS, I would start with LB Water.

What about notifications to the public on our procedures; when and how? After the Consent Order is executed, we will have a more clear direction on how the project will proceed. A public meeting will be warranted after the CO&A is executed. Throughout the project, there will be a series of public meetings.

Can we televise the private lines when we are doing the main lines? I would not recommend the Borough televise the lateral lines while the Contractor is installing main lines. This could open up the door for the Contractors to request delay claims. However, the Contractor may televise at least a portion of the lateral lines for location purposes. This is worth further discussion as we get further into project design.

What will pay down to the Engineer be? Assuming the schedule does not change, draw down will be approximately \$100K per month from now until July to complete design of Phase 1 and Phase 2 in accordance with the Agreement.

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What is the cost/resident, end of project fee, year on loan and debt service on JRA?
(See attached amortization calculations), Total Project Cost: \$16,106,313; Total EDU's: 1130; Cost/EDU: \$14,253; Assuming 30 Year 1% Loan (No Grant) Debt Service: \$45.84/Month/EDU; JRA Flat Fee: \$24/Month; Total Sewer Rate: \$69.84/Month/EDU

A motion was made by Mr. Ewald to re-appoint James McDonnell as member at large for the Greater Johnstown Water Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Morgan. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Wargo reported the deadline to order a 2015 dump truck is nearing and requested approval to commit to purchasing a 2015 dump truck before they are all gone. A motion was made by Mr. Morgan to approve committing to purchase a 2015 dump truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Role call: Mr. Paolini, Mr. Ewald, Mr. Pile, Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Danyluk in favor. Motion carried (6-0).

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Morgan for adjournment of the January 13, 2015 meeting at 4:55 P.M. Motion seconded by Mr. Pile. Mr. Kory absent. All in favor, motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda D. Claycomb
Secretary/Treasurer