

**NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**  
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**369 McClelland Road**  
**Mercer, PA 16137**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 9, 2011**

**Officers:**

**Chairman:**

Paul Minner

**Vice**

**Chairman:**

Patrick J. Suhrie

**Treasurer:**

Jerry Johnson

**Secretary:**

Brian Belder

**Rec Sec'y:**

Karen Shipton

The Authority meets the first month of each quarter on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner's Conference Room at the Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer, PA.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011 AT 8:15 AM**

**Board**

**Members:**

**Mercer**

**County:**

Brian Belder

**Coolspring**

**Twp:**

Paul Minner

**East Lack**

**Twp:**

Robert Gregory

**Findley Twp:**

Patrick J. Suhrie

**Mercer Boro:**

Jerry Johnson

**ATTENDANCE**

Dick Potter, Robert Gregory, Joe Kurtanich, Jerry Johnson, Paul Minner, Pat Suhrie, Dan Goncz, Karen Shipton.

\*The Meeting Opened at 8:15 AM With the Affirming of the Pledge to the U.S. Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2/9/11 MEETING**

A motion was made by Pat Suhrie and seconded by Jerry Johnson to approve the minutes from the 2/9/11 meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of 2/28/11: \$13,283.14. A motion was made by Jerry Johnson and seconded by Pat Suhrie to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Joe Kurtanich reported that Mercer Borough has submitted the revised final Act 537 Plan to DEP. The resolutions required from each municipality involved were included in that. Mercer Borough has also scheduled a meeting with PennVest to discuss financing for the project.

Dan Goncz reported that in the resolution(s) passed by the municipalities, the rate of \$29.00/mo./edu that's associated with the treatment plant. That is one step closer towards what we need to do with this Authority as far as moving it forward into the project. We need to determine what the monthly sewer user fees are going to be for the customers in Findley and East Lackawannock Townships. Dan took the initiative and contacted Rural Development/Linda Thomas and based on the 2000 Census, the project would be eligible for grant money. There are a couple steps that need to take place. First, a pre-application process where there are several documents that need to be filled out. Rural Development then conducts a pre-eligibility determination. This allows them to come back and say we are eligible for a certain loan/grant amount based on several factors. Then they will formally "invite" us to make a "formal" application which includes an environmental report. Dan is recommending that we move forward in this direction. The pre-application process can be prepared and submitted to Rural

Development for \$2700.00. The final application process and environmental report can be completed for \$4300.00. We still have the inter-municipal service agreement between this Authority and Mercer Borough that needs to be worked out as far as operation and maintenance costs, but we need to get going on the pre-application because we may have to wait for a couple years for grant money. Dan does not believe PennVest will work for us. There was a question as to whether Mercer Borough was ready to accept the new sewage when we are ready. Joe stated that when the up-grade is completed, they would be ready. Under the consent order, they have until 12/2012 to get it completed.

A motion was made by Pat Suhrie and seconded by Jerry Johnson to permit Dan to move forward with the pre-application process. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Brian Bader wanted to make sure the County is added into the 537 Plan to extend sewers out to the interstate exchange. They can add this in, but they cannot use Rural Development for funding since it is not a residential area. Dan has a couple calls in to Larry Reichert but hasn't been able to reach him yet. He will update him on the project and he can help add the interchange back into the Plan. There was discussion on the tax status of Avalon Springs. Dan will scan and send a copy of the Avalon Springs preliminary duplex plan. Karen will forward it on to the board members.

### **ROUNDTABLE**

Joe stated that Mercer Borough is having a hard time getting the municipal boundary map corrected. They discussed this with FEMA. They (Joe) will send letters of agreement to Coolspring and East Lackawannock Townships to be signed to correct this problem.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Brian Bader and seconded by Pat Suhrie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 AM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen B. Shipton  
Recording Secretary