

NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
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369 McClelland Road
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MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2015

8:15 AM

Officers:

Chairman:

Paul Minner

Vice

Chairman:

Patrick J. Suhrie

Treasurer:

John Lechner

Secretary:

Bob Gregory

Rec Sec'y:

Karen Shipton

The Authority meets the second Wednesday of each month at 8:15 AM in the County Commissioner's Meeting room at the Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer, PA.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14, 2015 AT 8:15 AM

ATTENDANCE

Bob Gregory, John Lechner, Paul Minner, Roger Shaffer, Pat Suhrie, Jerry Johnson, Dan Goncz, Karen Shipton, Walt Darraugh, Debbie Plant.

The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the U.S. Flag at 8:15 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 08/12/15 MEETING AS PRESENTED

****A motion was made by Pat Suhrie and seconded by Bob Gregory to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

Board

Members:

Mercer

County:

John Lechner

Coolspring

Twp:

Paul Minner

East Lack

Twp:

Robert Gregory

Findley Twp:

Patrick J. Suhrie

Mercer Boro:

Jerry Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Lechner reported the following: Citizen's Account: Previous Balance 06/30/15: \$8371.54. Expenses: \$1834.50. Income: \$0. Ending Balance 07/31/15: \$6537.04.

****A motion was made by Jerry Johnson and seconded by Pat Suhrie to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Project Status Report

A. Sewage Facilities Project Status Report

The construction job conferences for the Sewage Facilities Project were conducted on 8/27/15 at the Mercer County Courthouse and the offices of Gannett Fleming. The next job conferences are

scheduled for 9/24/15 beginning at 9:00 am at the offices of Gannett Fleming. Meeting minutes are on file with the Authority. A copy of the construction schedules are attached to this report.

Contract No. 1: Klinginsmith Enterprises is continuing to work along Butler Pike and Thompson Road. Construction activities will progress toward Shaffer Road and the bore across Neshannock Creek to the sewage treatment plant site. There are two crews working on-site.

Contract No. 2: J.S Bova Excavating is working on Lamor Road. A second crew completed work along Dogwood and Applewood Drives. Construction activities will be moving toward State Route 62 and the Mercer-Pulaski Road. There are three crews working on-site.

Contract No. 3: the additional 100 grinder pump units were delivered to the County property at the Interchange.

Contract No. 4: Mortimer's Excavating will continue to identify the location of each grinder pump unit with each property owner. In August, a few service laterals were installed along Wright Street.

Contract Nos. 5 & 6: Construction activities on the pump station contracts are anticipated to begin in September. The access road is complete to the Interchange Pump Station.

Contract Nos. 7 & 8: Jack Gibson Construction has installed the road to the sewage treatment plant site and has performed some of the site work at the plant.

Rights-of-way exhibits were revised for the Bochy Property, Brandy Springs Park and Mercer Area School District. The Bochy and Brandy Springs Park easements were signed. The Mercer Area School District easement is pending. The purpose of the revisions was for changes in the pressure sewer line locations that were requested by the property owners.

The project milestone schedule has been updated and is attached to the Engineer's Report.

We received One (1) new grinder pump installation agreement. The updated grinder pump agreement status report is attached to the Engineer's Report.

A copy of the Construction Observation Services Budget Report is attached to the Engineer's Report.

B. Project Funding

Requisition No. 22/\$259,090.29/Mercer County State Bank Loan.

**A motion was made by John Lechner and seconded by Bob Gregory to approve payment of Requisition No. 22 in the amount of \$259,090.29. Motion carried unanimously.*

Requisition No. NW-1/\$720,515.38/Northwest Savings Bank Loan.

****A motion was made by John Lechner and seconded by Pat Suhrie to approve payment of Requisition No. NW-1 in the amount of \$720,515.38. Motion carried unanimously.***

A copy of the Project Cost Summary is attached to the Engineer's Report.

Reimbursement to the Authority of MCSB in the amount of \$71.98.

****A motion was made by Pat Suhrie and seconded by Bob Gregory to approve the reimbursement of \$71.98. Motion carried unanimously.***

Northwest Savings Bank Checking Account

****A motion was made by John Lechner and seconded by Jerry Johnson to open a checking account at Northwest Savings Bank with a requirement of (2) signers on the account. Motion carried unanimously.***

There was discussion on whether to keep the MCSB account open and if we could avoid being charged minimum balance fees. John will look into this and the Board will discuss it again at the next meeting.

Community Development Block Grant – Property owner interviews are scheduled for September. The interviews will be held on September 10, 2015 at the East Lackawannock Township Municipal Building; and, on September 15, 2015 at the Findley Township Municipal Building. Property owners may attend either day and at a time that is convenient for them between the hours of 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm; and 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Roger reported that he had a discussion with Mercer Borough Solicitor Ray Bogaty and the importance of keeping Mercer Borough a member of the Authority. Ray was going to present the Authority's case to the Mercer Borough Council at their meeting that night. Jerry Johnson reported that the MB Council would not do anything to harm the progress on the current sewage project. MB Council tabled their discussion on withdrawing from the Authority at the present time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion of possible interest with Springfield Township re-joining the Authority.

****A motion was made by John Lechner and seconded by Pat Suhrie to appoint the Chairman and Treasurer of Neshannock Creek Watershed Joint Municipal Authority as the authorized signers on the Northwest Savings Bank Checking Account. Motion carried unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

****A motion was made John Lechner and seconded by Pat Suhrie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen B. Shipton
Recording Secretary