

EAST PENNSBORO AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Regular Meeting

6:30 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the East Pennsboro Authority was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community and Municipal Center, 98 S. Enola Drive, Enola, Pennsylvania.

Those present were: Commissioners George Tyson and Kristy Magaro, Dr. Glenn Zehner, and Randy Martin, members of the Authority; Lisa M. Coyne, Esquire, Solicitor; John Pietropaoli, Township Manager; Jared Hockenberry, Township Engineer; Ed Myers, WWTP; and Jonathan Bach, Coyne & Coyne, P.C.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Tyson. A moment of silent meditation was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION approving the minutes of the August 15, 2019, meeting was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Magaro, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.

III. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. Hockenberry made two presentations. The first presentation was on the retrofit of the East Treemont basin, a drainage area of 38.5 acres which covers a good part of Treemont development. The existing basin is about the size of a football field. In October 2015, the township, through GHD, applied for a grant from DEP in order to retrofit the basin. In August of 2016, the township received a grant for \$79,200.00, although the pollution reduction plan which required the retrofit had not been approved yet by DEP, so the township held off on doing the work. In September 2017, the pollutant reduction plan was submitted. In February of 2018, they came back with comments, which township staff met with DEP and countered a lot of their points. They said to hold off on the revisions and that any work going forward would not work towards the township's pollutant reduction plan. In May of 2018, the plan was revised and they agreed to the revisions. One of the items was to retrofit the basin, which in August of 2018 was a swamp.

In June of 2019, the township's NPDES general permit was approved which had the basin retrofit as part of the NPDES plan. Mr. Hockenberry reviewed the new design plan for the basin. The township's match to the grant was in-kind services, using FEMA rates, which amounted to \$177,000. The engineering estimate is almost 28,000 pounds of sediment removed per year, which gives it a unit cost of \$4.45 per pound of sediment removed per year. DEP performed a final inspection yesterday and it was approved.

Mr. Hockenberry also reviewed the ARCADIS fee study status report, which was broken out over the next 5-year period. Operations and maintenance is the major line item, which includes both replacing aging infrastructure and doing the work associated with the Chesapeake Bay pollutant program. Mr. Tyson noted large commercial businesses and nonprofits such as Summerdale Plaza, Holy Spirit Hospital, Highmark, Central Penn, the school district, and Norfolk Southern are entities the Authority would like to have as participants in a stakeholder group. Mr. Hockenberry also suggested religious organizations, maybe the leaders of all the churches.

Mr. Hockenberry noted the billing clerk is going to put a note in the bills that go out in October that the stormwater authority is meeting, a fee is in the works, and list the Web site address for updates. A test bill or flyer will be in the next quarterly billing after that. So the last quarter of 2019 billing will include a note, the first quarter of 2020 will be the sample bill, and the second quarter of 2020 will be the actual bill. The first year of the fee will not be a full year. PennVest will make their decision October 16.

Mr. Pietropaoli stated the township is comfortable with the billing system and it should be an easy process to add the new fee. Mr. Hockenberry is working with surrounding townships to make sure that split properties are taken care of.

Ms. Coyne stated a resolution will be prepared to work out how the application of payments are applied in the invoicing. In case someone does not pay in full, there has to be a plan of how that would be applied. Typically, the smaller fees are satisfied first and the shortfall would go to the refuse account, which would be a lienable item. Mr. Tyson suggested a list of stakeholders for consideration be sent to Authority members to make sure there is clarity.

Mr. Myers asked if the Authority was interested in taking advantage of an advertising opportunity which will come up in the next few months with the East Pennsboro Town Planner, perhaps noting on a certain month what the efforts are. Mr. Pietropaoli noted it would be a great opportunity to put something on the back to show what the Authority is doing. Mr. Hockenberry stated it would provide credit for the township's public information requirement for MS4. Since no fees are currently in place, a note could refer to the Web site for updates, and on the next town planner the fees can be explained in more detail. Mr. Tyson suggested some bullet points of what a resident can do to assist in minimizing stormwater drainage. The members were in agreement with advertising in the upcoming Town Planner. Mr. Pietropaoli also noted Mr. Myers has several articles ready to put in upcoming newsletters for public information.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. made by Ms. Magaro, seconded by Mr. Martin, and was carried by a unanimous aye vote.