

**MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING**

**December 13, 2018**

Council President Reichart called the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Water and Sewer Committee meeting to order at 6:00 PM, Thursday, December 13, 2018 in the Hanover Borough Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA.

**Attendance:** In attendance were Water & Sewer Committee Members Pranses and Reichart; Council Member Lockard; Mayor Ojo; Staff Members Water Distribution Supervisor Ault, Manager Bowersox, Secretary Felix, MS4 Coordinator Morningstar, Meter Dept. Supervisor Sheely, EIT Steckler, Water Filtration Plant Supervisor Sterner; and WWTP Supervisor Thomas; Gannett Fleming Engineering VP Mehaffey; Stormwater Authority Member Benfield.

**Approval of the Minutes:** It was moved by Ms. Pranses, seconded by Mr. Reichart to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018, with correction as noted on page 1, line 5 - the words "*stormwater ordinance*" are changed to "*sanitary sewer code.*" Motion carried.

**York County Stormwater Authority:** Council President Reichart welcomed Felicia Dell, York County Planning Commission Director, and Pam Shellenberger, Chief of Long Range Planning, to discuss the York County Stormwater Authority, as it relates to the Borough and the MS4 permit, mandated by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency which oversees the PA Department of Environmental Protection. She distributed several handouts (attached). In 2017, the Borough elected to participate in the York County Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP) with other municipalities in order to coordinate efforts, and achieve the most cost effective and efficient use of resources. Forty-five (45) participants together will contribute \$12 million over 5 years. Certain Best Management Practices (BMPs) are designed to control stormwater, improve water quality, and are required to be implemented as part of a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). BMP projects require capital expenditures, and in some cases significant capital expenditures, so participating collectively is a benefit. The parties commit to cooperate to implement a regional plan that identifies and funds cost effective BMP projects to meet the required reductions of nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment entering the waters of the Commonwealth in York County, Pennsylvania as efficiently as possible. The York County Stormwater Authority would oversee these efforts, as targets would be at the County level. Counties are in the best position to make a difference at the local level through extreme effort of coordination. County efforts are already collaborative and they know all the relevant stakeholders, and will help reach current goals and plan for next steps, as well as helping to track and get credit for current and planned efforts.

Ms. Dell noted the target is shifting from sedimentation removal to nitrogen removal. This current permit will stay focused on sediment removal, but it is not definite that it will stay this way in the future, according to PA EPA and PA DEP. The requirement for tracking farms to be permitted is likely in the near future. Currently there is not a system to track those that have permits, but this would be a goal if the York County Stormwater Authority was formed.

She outlined the potential federal or state penalties for non-compliance, measurable goals of the authority, budgets and rate calculations.

She stressed the importance and accuracy of water quality monitoring and testing. A budgetary item is to install these stations.

There will be twenty-seven (27) members, three (3) from each watershed, on an advisory subcommittee. The committee will recommend nine (9) members, one (1) from each watershed, to be on the Authority board as well as two (2) additional members, chosen by the County Commissioners, to be on the board for a total of eleven (11) board members.

The timeline for possible implementation for the York County Stormwater Authority is the beginning 2021 if the voting is favorable in 2019. President Reichart thanked Ms. Dell and Ms. Shellenberger for their informational presentation this evening and both parties look forward to working collaboratively.

**Sheppard Myers Dam** – Mr. Mehaffey provided a timeline from the original notification of rehabilitation of the dam to the present to Mr. Noble and staff.

**LBS Dam / Water Allocation Options** – Mr. Mehaffey discussed the evaluation of water supply options, i.e, the pipeline from Slagles Run to LBS dam; pump station for Clear Lake, and the possibility of DEP well permitting #4 & #5. Mr. Mehaffey has been in contact with Mr. Tom Yeager from DEP and he feels DEP would consider a permit for the existing wells #4 & #5 for testing and related studies, relative to sink holes, etc. Although DEP would prefer a well not in close proximity to the mines. Further information and discussion to follow.

#### **Committee Goals & Project Schedule:**

- **Water Meter Upgrade Plan** – Mr. Bowersox and Mr. Sheely met with the 2 vendors; ongoing communication, with more information to follow.
- **Source Water Protection Plan** – Mr. Sterner reported a meeting will be set for January.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Heritage Committee submitted a request to enter our watershed property to locate a road formerly known as "Horse Thief Lane" that dates back to the Civil War. Township residents used the road to hide their horses from the Confederates. The request was approved by the Committee with a stipulation to enter at their own risk.

**Hunting Season:** The last day will be January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:** None was presented.

**Adjournment:** Council President Reichart thanked all for their attendance this evening. It was moved by Mr. Lockard, seconded by Ms. Pranses to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy C. Felix  
Borough Secretary