

**MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH  
WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 19, 2017

Chairman Reichart called the meeting of the Hanover Borough Water & Sewer Committee to order at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA, as advertised.

**Attendance:** In attendance were Water & Sewer Committee Members Jim Baumgardner, Dan Noble, Bill Reichart and Jim Roth; Staff Members Dale Ault, Michael Bowersox, Tim Mayers, Sam Miller, Dorothy Neiderer, Rick Rorrer, Bill Sherman, Zach Steckler, Terry Sterner, Tony Thomas and Cindy Wyatt; and Mike Mehaffey from Gannett Fleming Engineering.

**Approval of the Minutes:** It was moved by Mr. Roth, seconded by Mr. Noble to approve the minutes of May 17, 2017 as written. Motion carried.

**Chesapeake Bay Plan Update:** Mr. Steckler explained the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for implementation of the New Regional Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP) to meet the 2018-2023 MS4 Permit requirement has now been finalized for approval by the County and forwarded participating municipalities for final adoption. Municipalities that choose to participate in the implementation of the CBPRP must advertise the Intergovernmental agreement and adopt it by ordinance. The ordinance can be advertised and placed on the Council agenda for August 23<sup>rd</sup> in time to meet the submission deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Hanover Borough's annual contribution would be \$102,490, as referenced in Attachment A of the ordinance. The Committee agreed to place an item on the July 26<sup>th</sup> Council agenda for approval to advertise the ordinance for approval at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

**Stormwater Program:** Mr. Steckler stated a proposal is being formulated for a cost study and a draft fee structure, to analyze current and future costs with ongoing infrastructure improvements and upgrades. Manager Bowersox reiterated that the stormwater fees are being imposed on residents to cover the costs of the program which is mandated by DEP. An authority will need to be set up to impose said fees, until legislation is passed to impose fees directly by the municipality. The fees are determined by mapping and calculating an average of impervious surfaces. Mr. Mehaffey noted that Ms. Morningstar has already set up much of the area in the GPS system. It was moved by Mr. Roth, seconded by Mr. Noble to move forward with the study. Motion carried.

**I & I Study:** Manager Bowersox stated it is better to be proactive to locate and repair leaks in sanitary sewer lines to save costs by reducing the burden on the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Steckler addressed the proposal to purchase or lease meters to better

identify the areas in need of repair (*see attached chart*). Mr. Mayers noted the I & I department has identified the next several thousand feet of piping that should be repaired, but have not scheduled the repairs due to lack of funding. Finance Director Miller stressed the importance of discussing an increase in sewer rates to finance the cost of the repairs. Mr. Reichart would like to see a sewer rate increase in 2018 to help cover the costs. The Committee agreed that since the I & I department has identified known problem areas that they should be corrected first, and then the Committee could approve purchase of the meters in the future.

4:30 PM: Mr. Steckler exited the meeting.

**Water Treatment Plant Phase II Update:** Mr. Mehaffey stated the project is moving along well; crews are working on putting the new pumps into service. Crews are relocating the generator on site. Looking to a January or February 2018 time frame for completion.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Noble and the Committee addressed options for alternate water sources:
  - Well testing at the quarry in the existing wells.
  - Water line installation between the Water Filtration Plant (Slagle Run Connection) and Long Arm Dam; Mr. Mehaffey noted an estimate was provided which would exceed one million dollars for this project.
  - Water line installation with pumping directly from Slagles Run to Clear Lake; water hardness could be a potential problem.
  - All options would require DEP permitting.
  - The connection with York Water in West Manheim Township operates under a verbal agreement, and cannot be considered a viable connection, since York Water would address their own system's emergency water needs prior to guaranteeing water allowance to Hanover. They have declined to sign any written agreement for this water source.
  
- Mr. Mehaffey stated the concept plan for Sheppard Myers Dam was presented and accepted by DEP. The design phase and permitting phase has begun, and once the permit application is submitted, the review process will take approximately six (6) months. The Gannett Fleming contract for design and permitting was signed after formal Council approval. Gannett Fleming's prior and ongoing knowledge of Hanover's water system and previous research on the dams allows for significant cost savings.
  
- Mr. Baumgardner asked about the justification of cost sharing for the Wellspan water line/fire service on Willow Court. Mr. Baumgardner emphasized that all costs are routinely paid for by the developer, and the developer should pay all

costs on all future projects. Mr. Bowersox added that the policy of reimbursing developers for water installations under Consumer Deposit Agreements cannot be changed until it is written into our PUC tariff (for properties outside the Borough) which will be addressed along with the next water rate increase.

**Public Comment** – None was presented.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Mr. Reichart, seconded by Mr. Roth to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. Neiderer

Borough Secretary