

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

**September 6, 2017**

Council President Noble called the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Water and Sewer Committee meeting to order at 3:00 PM, Wednesday, September 6, 2017 in the Hanover Borough Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA.

**Attendance:** In attendance were Water & Sewer Committee Members Baumgardner, Noble & Roth; Council Member Rupp; Staff Members Water Distribution Supervisor Ault, Manager Bowersox, Water & Wastewater Supt. Mayers, Finance Director Miller, Secretary Neiderer, Water Meter Dept. Supervisor Sherman, Water Filtration Plant Supervisor Sterner, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Thomas and Administrative Assistant Wyatt; Gannett Fleming Engineering Consultant Mehaffey.

**Approval of the Minutes:** It was moved by Mr. Roth, seconded by Ms. Rupp to approve the minutes of July 19, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

**Hanover Foods Rate Reduction Request:** Mr. Matthew Garber and Kenneth Stark, from McNeese, Wallace & Nurick LLC were present to review the large volume of water used by Hanover Foods and a proposal for a fee reduction. Hanover Foods would like to increase their water usage. Mr. Mehaffey noted that any rate changes would need to be approved by the Public Utility Commission, and any rate changes could be included in the next rate case. Hanover Borough has no water rate increase on the table at this time, and no defined schedule when that may occur. The Committee had no opposition to discussing options which make financial sense to both parties. President Noble thanked Mr. Garber and Mr. Stark for their attendance and concerns.

**Water & Sewer Committee Project Schedule:**

- **Sheppard Myers Dam** - Mr. Mehaffey noted the design phase for renovation has begun; the permitting could be targeted for the second quarter of 2018; and construction should begin by the first quarter of 2019. The wetlands were investigated for bog turtles and there were none.
- **Well Permitting** - Mr. Ault noted the wells were located and pricing is forthcoming from Mr. Reichart.
- **Slagle's Run - Water Line to LBS Dam** - Mr. Mehaffey noted that an evaluation and planning phase needs to come first along with discussions about routing options and permitting costs with DEP involvement. The Committee noted the quality of water in Slagle's Run is much harder than the water in the reservoirs.

- Game Commission – Sheppard Myers Dam – The proposal is forthcoming.
- Opening Spring Heads – Mr. Ault and Mr. Mehaffey discussed the possibility of increasing water flow by the mines. DEP may consider a stream restoration project in relation to this proposal.
- MS4 Progress – Mr. Mains met with Ms. Morningstar and they are in the process of scheduling a kick-off meeting. Looking at the possible implementation of stormwater fees in mid-2018.
- Infrastructure Upgrades – President Noble stressed the importance of improvements on Chestnut Street. Mr. Ault noted that cement lining should be done prior to street restructuring.
- Alter PUC Consumer Deposit Agreement – Changes must be done with rate study, possibly fourth quarter of 2018.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Mehaffey noted he was recently contacted regarding our new water allocation permit that we submitted to DEP in 2012 as they have begun their review process.
- Mr. Mehaffey summarized the progress of the Water Filtration Plant upgrades. Pump 1 and Filter 7 are to be placed online in the coming weeks. The generator has been relocated. The most critical portion of the project with respect to water and power redundancy has been completed.
- Mr. Mehaffey reviewed the new pricing for the I & I meters which will be \$5,000 per meter; these meters are less than half the price of the meters on the previous quotation. The Committee agreed the meters are well worth the cost in order to narrow down the problem areas for repairs and reduce infiltration and inflow. It was moved by Mr. Roth, seconded by Ms. Rupp to place the item for the purchase of the meters on the Finance & Personnel Committee agenda for consideration. Motion carried.
- President Noble asked if the upgrading of our water meters to a remote read system should be addressed. Manager Bowersox stated this is a goal for the future. Mr. Sherman noted there are many different systems and pricing options on the market.

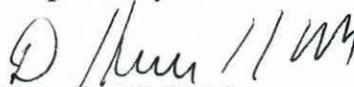
4:22 PM: Mr. Baumgardner exited the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Wastewater Plant Supervisor Thomas noted a new automated polymer feed unit for the centrifuge could reduce the cost of polymer by thirty (30%) percent. The unit itself costs \$46,000; but the company will let us try the unit for a forty-five (45) day free trial period. The unit would be an automated polymer feed system, but would still require an operator to oversee. The same unit that was installed for testing, could be kept if we decide to purchase it. It was moved by Mr. Roth, seconded by Ms. Rupp to forward the matter to the Finance & Personnel Committee for consideration to approve the forty-five (45) day free trial period to analyze the cost savings further before purchasing the unit. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. Neiderer  
Borough Secretary