

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**January 22, 2007**

The meeting of the Bethel Township Municipal Authority was called to order by Chairman David Younker at 7:05 p.m. on January 22, 2007 at the Bethel Township Community Center. Bethel PA.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

Chairman Younker called the roll:

Rufus Geesaman - present

Harold Gruber - present

Kevin Stupp - present

David Younker - present

Carl Weaver - present

Also present were John Roche of Fisher Engineering, Solicitor Terry Parish, Frank Leber, Financial Counsel and Darlene Orendo, Secretary.

**Public Comment on Agenda**

No public comment

**Approval of Minutes**

Rufus Geesaman made a motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2007. Second by Harold Gruber. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Member Report**

None

**PENNWORKS**

At this time Frank Leber, financial counsel presented a three part synopsis to members concerning the PENNWORKS settlement. He reviewed what had transpired to this point and discussed what needed to take place for settlement.

Synopsis #1 -Each member received a copy of a package sent to DCED which updated all of the process to this point and the plan of action to complete settlement on January 31, 2007.

Synopsis #2 – Each member received a copy of the loan commitment with the Commonwealth through DCED. A resolution will need to be adopted tonight by the Authority to authorize the issuance of a guaranteed sewer revenue note. Rufus Geesaman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2007-06 and have the chairman and

secretary sign the documents to approve the guaranteed sewer note. Kevin Stupp seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Synopsis #3 – A check list from DCED of requirements to close settlement was reviewed by Mr. Leber to the Authority. One of the requirements on the list is the need for one million dollars of liability insurance to be obtained by the Authority. The secretary will contact the Township to see if a rider could be added to their policy.

Mr. Leber left closing documents that need to be signed by the Authority chairman and secretary and the Township chairman and secretary. These documents will then be picked up at the Township office by courier.

### **Solicitor Report**

Attorney Parish reported of 10 new easements for Frystown that are ready to be sent out. He also discussed issuing a non responder letter stating that a response is required or court action would have to be taken. He also mentioned that he will prepare a Capacity User Agreement to be sent to Brohnwood LLC and Eugene and Carol Siegrist for EDU usage from the Frystown plant.

### **Engineer Report**

The following is the monthly engineer's report.

John Roche presented a line revision for Frystown to avoid various well conflicts. Members concurred to create an additional line revision.

The RCAP survey was discussed, with members receiving a copy of the survey form and list to be distributed to the non responder's. After discussion Rufus Geesaman made a motion to take action on the outstanding list. Second by Kevin Stupp. All approved. Motion carried. The board requested the secretary prepare the survey letters to be circulated by several members with the hopes of getting a higher response rate to meet the February deadline.

The engineering proposals requested by the board at last month's meeting will be submitted at the February meeting for consideration.

### **Unfinished Business**

Rufus Geesaman reported that the increase to his treasurer bond had been issued by the Thomas Insurance Group. He is awaiting the bond and bill.

Rufus also reported to the board that he had obtained a quote from MicroAide of Bethel for a new computer as requested by the board at last month's meeting. After discussion Carl Weaver made a motion to buy the new computer from MicroAide. Second by Rufus Geesaman. All agreed. Motion carried.

- Frystown & Bethel easement updates – previously discussed.
- Assessment Appeal - Attorney Parish reported that a pre trial hearing had been set for March 12 but he was contacted by the Chief Assessor from Berks County Assessment Office who advised him that they will grant the exemption.
- RCAP – previously discussed.
- PENNWORKS - previously discussed

Lateral inspection estimate will be discussed at next month's meeting.

### **New Business**

David Younker presented a letter from Mark Johns, 60 Rehrersburg Rd, and Igor Freint, 58 Rehrersburg Rd requesting the authorization to hook up to the Bethel Township sewer plant. They would be responsible for all pumps, pipes and pumping water to the plant. The properties are adjacent to one another. John Roche stated he would have to see plans from them in order to determine the feasibility and cost. There is also a policy issue needed to accept hook up outside the township.

David Younker mentioned to the Township Supervisors present that the Authority is required to obtain the one million dollar rider for closing January 31. Randall Haag stated he would contact Solicitor Eugene Orlando and submit it at the meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 for approval.

### **Authorization Payment of Bills**

None

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment:**

Harold Gruber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Motion seconded by Rufus Geesaman. All agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Darlene M. Orendo  
Secretary