

CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY
MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of JUNE 9, 2009
Meeting No. 236

The 236th meeting of the Chadds Ford Township Sewer Authority was held on this date in the Chadds Ford Township building.

Present: Chairman Keith Klaver, Vice-Chairman Roland Martin, Treasurer Jim Egan and Secretary Amanda Konyk.

Also attending were J. Michael Sheridan, Esq., Authority solicitor; Joseph DiMatteo, Delcora foreman; Evan Andrews, Authority engineer; and Valerie Hoxter.

Chairman Klaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Klaver reported that the Board held a joint informational meeting on 5/26/09 with the Board of Supervisors. He also reported that prior to this meeting, he, Egan and Konyk met with Sheridan to discuss a legal matter.

RIDINGS SPECIAL STUDY

1. Klaver informed the Board that he has had numerous conversations with the Board of Supervisors and that their conclusion seems to be that the conversion project is not feasible for at least two reasons: the financial challenges of relocating up to 80,000 gallons per day to Turners Mill, and the operational challenges we would have given the need for equalization at both pump stations. The Supervisors will discuss their opinions formally at their next regular meeting on July 1, 2009. Klaver indicated that the Authority, however, must make a formal decision regarding the conversion project.
2. Klaver asked Andrews what the next steps will be should the Board determine they will not move forward with the Ridings Plant conversion. Andrews indicated that the DEP should be notified immediately. Prior to exploring this possibility, the DEP had just issued letters that the two Permit applications (one for the EQ and screen and one for the filter) were administratively complete. Therefore, the next step would be for the DEP to begin to look at the technical aspects of the application. Andrews indicated that if the DEP is called immediately, it would likely be approximately one month before receiving a permit.
3. Andrews reminded all that the Consent Order & Agreement's next date after issuance of the Part II Permit is 6 months to start of construction. Klaver indicated the Board would want Andrews to immediately start developing the bid package including more detailed specification of the electrical requirements, assuming major electrical upgrades at Ridings will be necessary. Andrews informed all that the last Consent Order date is to complete construction within 15 months from issuance of the Permit. After discussing the timing involved, Sheridan suggested that the Board begin the bid process immediately. Klaver agreed. Upon motion and second (Konyk/Egan) the Board unanimously agreed to discontinue examining the Ridings conversion project and move forward with compliance with the Consent Order.

SIEMENS DISC FILTER

1. Klaver reported that the Part II permit on file assumes the Board is keeping the Siemens filter. The Board must consider this aspect at this time. DiMatteo gave an update on the status of the filter, and informed the Board he believes they must keep the disc filter and the sand filter in order to stay in compliance. Martin commented that we have some time

to get some items regarding the Ridings filter in shape, including possible housing around the filter, etc.

2. Klaver informed all that he had some discussions with Corley at Siemens regarding possible leasing if the Board decided to go the route of the Ridings conversion. Siemens agreed, in concept, that they owed something to the Authority in terms of compensation for their inabilities, the cost that the Authority has incurred with Pennoni, and fine costs in benefit of up to \$30,000. They also believe the Authority owes something to them for having the use of the filter for free. Klaver believes Siemens will be pleased if the Authority keeps their filter. Upon motion and second (Martin/Konyk) the Board unanimously authorized Klaver and Barakat to negotiate conditions with Siemens to purchase their filter at the lowest possible cost.
3. Klaver asked DiMatteo and Andrews to contact Siemens to get them here to discuss some issues. He also asked Martin to attend that meeting. Klaver clarified with the Board that the Authority will go forward with the disc filter as well as retain the sand filter. Upon motion and second (Klaver/Egan) the Board unanimously authorized Andrews to revisit the estimate, review the engineering for the electrical, and start the process of bid definition.

RELATIONSHIP WITH PENNONI

1. Klaver introduced Dave Pennoni from Pennoni Associates. He asked Dave about Pennoni's commitment to quality control and working with the Authority. He also informed him that the Board wants to ensure it will receive the time of his staff as our projects move ahead. Pennoni gave some brief background information on the firm, and answered questions from the Board regarding quality control. Klaver mentioned that the Board is going to be demanding more of our Engineer going forward, and asked that Pennoni work with Andrews to be sure he has the resources necessary to respond to the Authority's needs.

OTHER

1. Andrews distributed and reviewed a sewage planning capability drawing for Turners Mill. After discussion on how the size of the Route 1 force main will affect capacity, Klaver indicated that it was necessary to get the information Andrews provided to the Supervisors immediately for their review as it relates to the 537 Plan. This information will also significantly affect the Board's user fee project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Klaver informed the Board that Delcora is holding its annual board meeting on June 16th, and has invited Board members to attend.
2. Klaver informed the Board that he met with Egan and Hoxter on June 9, 2009 to discuss problem receivables. We will discuss this at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting on June 16.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Egan and a second by Konyk, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Hoxter
Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer