

## MINUTES

**SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP  
520 PARK DRIVE  
BOILING SPRINGS, PA 17007**

**JOINT MEETING  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & SMTMA  
AUGUST 12, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Ron Reeder, Bryan Gembusia, Tom Faley; Richard Mislitsky, Barbara Wilson, Brian O'Neill, Sandy Quickel, Robert Kissinger, Terry Rickert, Randy Watts, Ron Hamilton, Richard Snellbaker, Max Stoner.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Tom Faley.

### **ACT 537 PLAN (Special Study Results):**

SMTMA Manager, Bob Kissinger, stated that the special study was completed in June. SMTMA applied for an \$8.3 million grant to cover a large portion of the \$12.6 million projected upgrade. The study was performed due to a requirement of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative. Part of the plan is to reduce nitrogen & phosphorus & the actual treatment options have been selected. The Authority is in the process of preparing requests for proposals from banks which will be reviewed for possible advertising in September. Tom asked if the customer's rates will be increased if they do not receive the grant. Mr. Kissinger replied that there have been only 2 rate increases over the years. However, the rates may be increased to cover capital expenses.

### **CARLISLE PLANT UPDATE:**

Bids were opened in April for the plant update. SMTMA's portion is approximately \$1.8 million. Carlisle Borough has received a \$5 million grant. The project is expected to be completed by September, 2011. Brian asked if there will be sufficient capacity for the Heritage Village plan. Mr. Kissinger replied that he did not know yet since he has not seen any plan designs & does not know where the pumping station will be built. Ron Reeder questioned whether the Municipal Authority could request developers that want capacity to pay up front for their usage. Mr. Kissinger stated that the Authority has a Reservation of Capacity Agreement form for developers to sign if needed.

### **Returning to ACT 537:**

Brian explained the process to submit the ACT 537 plan to DEP. He and Bob Kissinger have worked on the plan. Brian stated that the Township plans to submit the draft plan by September 30<sup>th</sup> to comply with the requirements of the draft NPDES permit. The draft plan will also be submitted to several outside agencies for review. Mr. Kissinger stated that he has not received a response from DEP as to whether or not a public hearing is required before September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rickert suggested getting a copy of Monroe Township's ACT 537 plan to review. Max Stoner, Glace Associates, showed a map with the sewage service areas on it.

(Ron Hamilton & Randy Watts arrived at this time)

**MONROE TOWNSHIP CAPACITY UPDATE:**

Bob Kissinger stated that Monroe Township is not seeking an increase in allocation. They have indicated that they will stay with their current allocation of 200,000 gpd.

**SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP PLANT UPDATE:**

See Special Study results.

**DICKINSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY ISSUE:**

Ron Reeder stated that the Township is proceeding with dissolving the Municipal Authority. He said that the water customers on Alexander Spring Road will become customers of the Township. Ron would like to see a regional authority in the future. He said he is not sure what Mt. Holly Springs Borough's plans are. Mr. Snellbaker asked when the authority will be dissolved. Ron said in September. Mr. Snellbaker said that an amendment to the intermunicipal agreement will be needed. Ron stated that Dickinson Township will still maintain & bill the customer base.

**FILL VACANT BOARD POSITIONS:**

Randy Watts has submitted his resignation from the Municipal Authority Board (term expires 12/31/2011) effective once a replacement has been found. Ron Hamilton will resign once a replacement is found to fill his term (term expires 12/31/14) Plus Gerry Christopher's term expires on 12/31/10. The Board would like candidates to have either engineering or accounting skills. Randy Watts feels the pay per meeting should be increased from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Terry feels the Municipal Authority needs a full-time engineer. The engineering position could also be an Assistant Manager. Randy feels that a consultant should review the structure of the organization. They should also have on staff someone that has Human Resources capabilities. This person could act as a liaison between the Municipal Authority & the SMT Board.

The issue of the Township & SMTMA merging was discussed. The Township would be responsible for the Authority's debt. Barb suggested forming a committee to research this issue. Bryan cautioned that there would have to be a really good plan to follow.

**FURNACE ISSUE:**

Randy does not feel the Municipal Authority should own the furnace. He feels the Township should own it through the Park & Recreation Department, as well as owning all the land around the lake. Barb stated that Duff Manweiler feels a preservation society should own & protect that area. Tom agreed with Randy that it should be owned through the Park & Recreation Department. Barb noted that if the economy is bad, the P&R Department has no funds coming in to be able to restore it. Terry feels that each section around the lake, such as the bubble, furnace, lake, etc, should be looked at being owned as a group. He added that this issue should be discussed with the Fish & Boat Commission.

**OTHER ISSUES?**

**PROPOSED WATER STORAGE TANK**

Bob Kissinger stated that the Authority is considering the construction of a 2-million gallon water storage tank in the area of Well #3. Brian stated that this will require conditional use approval. The tank style will be low to the ground and will be equipped with booster pumps to maintain system pressure. Brian added that waivers may be needed because of the Wellhead Protection Area Zone #1, but that it is not prohibited. The Supervisors gave their consensus to proceed with the project.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There was no public input.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Sandra A. Quickel, Township Secretary

**SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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Thomas E. Faley, Chairman

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Walter G. Reighard, Vice Chairman

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