

## MINUTES

### JOINT MEETING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & S.M.T.M.A. JUNE 25, 2009

**PRESENT:** Rick Reighard, Ron Reeder, Jim Baker, Tom Faley, Brian O' Neill, Sandy Quickel, Solicitor Mislitsky – SMT, Terry Rickert, Bob Kissinger Randy Watts, Craig Wilson, Gerald Christopher, Ron Hamilton, Solicitor Snelbaker - SMTMA; Jennifer Garcia & Paul Davis – Dawood Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Terry suggested that the two boards meet more often, & that will help with the relationship between the two boards.

#### **FUTURE OF FORGE – Tom Faley:**

Tom noted that the Township's Parks Foreman noticed that the grating at the Iron Furnace was bent & needed repaired. Also, he discovered that there are major structural problems with the furnace that will cause a safety hazard. It will also need to be pointed. It was suggested that the Boiling Springs Civic Association could look into this problem. Terry agreed that the furnace is in need of repair, & that some things that the Municipal Authority owns should not be owned by them. He added that the Municipal Authority cannot apply for grants, but suggested looking at funding possibilities. He feels that the Parks Department should be on the look-out for items that need future maintenance. Jim asked if the Township could apply for a grant if they do not own the property. Mr. Mislitsky replied no. Terry suggested checking to see if another entity could seek funding. Tom suggested sharing ownership of the property with the Municipal Authority, if possible.

#### **PLANT CAPACITY ALLOCATION DISCUSSION:**

Terry explained that under prior resolutions, (514-90-1 & 2) which were repealed in December, 2008, a developer has 2 years to utilize the requested capacity, or the capacity could be revoked by the Authority. A lot of the developers have let them expire. What needs to be established is what is available, what is needed now & for the future. Tom questioned whether the Supervisors should ask developers if they have approved capacity before moving forward with their plans. Terry said that this issue was just discussed at their Board meeting whether the Board should ask this question at the conditional use planning process. The planning modules are done at the preliminary plan stage. It was suggested to add a requirement to the conditional use to show proof of capacity. Bob said that the Authority can charge a developer up to 60% of the user fee for reservation capacity, or the current charges being \$42.29 for sewer & \$21.24 for water per quarter. There are several developments not built out that the Municipal Authority is not receiving money from. It was suggested that if the final plan is not brought in after the first year after approval, capacity allocation could be rescinded. Developments that want capacity now should be locked in. The plant will have to be built larger due to the requests for capacities. Tom stated that there are approximately 3,200 approved building lots. He asked if the possibility exists that these homes may not have capacity. He was told yes. Mr. Mislitsky feels that this issue can't be addressed until developers respond as to their needs. Terry stated that currently the plant is at a capacity of 750,000 gpd, & an expansion would increase the capacity to 1.5 million gpd. In the past, calculations were based on the 750,000 gpd for analysis. However, the 1.5

million gpd calculations were used in discussions by the previous plant manager. Mr. Mislitsky said that an estimate is needed as to how much capacity is left & how many developers have responded to the letters. Ron Reeder feels that if the plant size is increased to 1.5 million gpd, residents should not have to pay for the expansion – it should be the developers. Mr. Mislitsky suggested sending letters to all developers with preliminary plan approvals for their capacity needs. Jim asked if the size of the facility will depend on how many people apply, or does the number of edu's depend on the size of the plant. Terry said that the plant will be at 1.5 million gpd if DEP approves. Terry said that the Authority cannot charge tap-in fees up front, but can charge a percentage of the rate. It was suggested that developers sign a document at the plan approval process stating their capacity needs. Mr. Snelbaker said that the capacity at the plant is at a finite capacity. Terry requested that the Supervisors call Bob or Municipal Authority Board member if they have questions, & not to discuss this issue in meetings with outside engineers/developers.

It was suggested to plan another meeting at the end of July. No date or time was set at this time.

**OTHER ISSUES:**

None were discussed at this time.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There was no public input.

Bob noted that he & Brian O'Neill will meet next week to discuss the Act 537 plan. It should be completed by next spring.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Sandra A. Quickel, Secretary

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