



THORNBURY TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY
Sewer Committee
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Brian MacEwen, Chairman
George Morley, Vice-Chairman

Jack Howley
R. Ted Jacquet
Susan Ricciuti

MINUTES
Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2008

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Vice-Chairman Morley called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Brian MacEwen, Chairman
George Morley, Vice-Chairman
Ted Jacquet
Susan Ricciuti
Jack Howley

ABSENT: 0

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 5

AGENDA

Chairman MacEwen reviewed the Agenda, which included:

- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2008
- Old Business/New Business
 - Locksley Road Sewer Service
 - Township Manager's Report
- Next Meeting – July 24, 2008
- Adjournment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Maurice Koningstein (500 Thornton Rd.) reported a sewage smell coming from the Township's sewage treatment plant (STP) on Thornton Rd. for the past 10 years. The odor has increased over the years as more and more developments connected to it. The odor is at its worst between 5 and 6 p.m. Mr. Morley stated the following developments have tied into the plant: Thornbury Hunt, Coblestones, Locksley Crossing, Hawthorn, Tall Trees, and Greenbriar. In the past, the Township asked Cheyney University to tie into their plant, but the Township was unsuccessful.

Ann Satterthwaite (500 Thornton Rd.) reported that for the past 4 years she has complained about the odor and air quality from Township's STP to Jim Raith and then Jeff Seagraves, via phone calls and emails. Ms. Satterthwaite was

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emailed June 9 by Jessica Hartley (DEP) that the plant operator suggested a dome cover over the tanks.

Mr. Howley informed the residents that the Township installed a dome over one tank and a filtration system. Mr. Morley stated that the tank that was felt to cause the offensive odor was capped. Mr. Morley highlighted Mr. Seagraves' report. Mr. Morley noted that the odor control pump was recently out of service, but other work has been done. Either the dome is not the solution or the operators are doing their job. Mr. Seagraves has assumed the role of the sewer manager and has been very busy with all the sewer issues. In the past the problem was thought to be caused by the equipment running at less than capacity, and now that it is at capacity, there should not be an odor.

Leeann Avelino (496 Thornton Rd.) reported the offensive odors are most prevalent in the morning and the evening.

Henry Blair (496 Thornton Rd.) noted the offensive smell is a health concern and it has lowered the property value of the surrounding homes.

Mr. Morley noted that Cheyney University recently appointed a new President and perhaps discussions can be re-opened with them concerning the use of their sewer plant.

Mr. MacEwen arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Shaw (226 Parham Rd., Springfield) wants to acquire 46 Broomall Lane and tie into the 8 in. sewer line which is 2 lots away. Mr. Morley said to provide the Sewer Committee and Mr. Seagraves with a design for recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Morley stated he would discuss the on-going odor problem with Mr. Seagraves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Jacquet, seconded by Mrs. Ricciuti, all members voted "aye" to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2008 meeting, as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Locksley Road Sewer Service

The members discussed Pennoni's 6/3/08 letter regarding Locksley Road Sewer Service. The members confirmed that up to 20 homes could be serviced by a 2

in. force main in the Locksley Road vicinity. A brief discussion ensued regarding whether or not residents would have any interest in this service. The members recommended that the 2 in. line would be suitable; and it is up to the owner of 137 Locksley Rd. to follow up and determine the interest in the vicinity.

Township Manager's Report

Mr. Seagraves' report was reviewed. Mr. Morley noted that the Committee recommended to the Board removing Dilworthtown, Brinton Lake, and Glen Mills Roads from the planning module lay out due to lack of interest. Residents could hook up through easements. Also, a letter could be sent to those 30 home owners indicating the Township's intention. The Board felt that there should be no change to the EDUs. The Board agreed to reduce the first planning module to the design of the interior roads. Mr. Morley got the impression that the number would not be a problem, because the agreement said if the design is done and not everyone hooks up, leaving outstanding EDUs, they can be paid after the deadline. The agreement will be loose enough to handle another 26 EDUs. The Board discussed finances with a few banks, but nothing definite has resulted from their discussions.

NEXT MEETING – July 24, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Jacquet, seconded by Mr. Howley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zitarelli
Sewer Committee Secretary

cc: Sewer Committee Members	Ted McCandless, Code Administrator
Board of Supervisors	Lloyd Noll, Township Sewer Engineer
James McCann, PE, Township Sewer Engineer	Robert P. Anderman, Esq.
Jeffrey Seagraves, Township Manager	Suzanne Howat
Elizabeth Geoghegan, Subdivision Coordinator	