

Howe Township
July 2, 2015

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors public hearing on the proposed On-Lot Sewage Disposal Systems Management ordinance was called to order at the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m. on July 2, 2015 by Chairman Dale Beaver. Present: Nancy Cangioli, Dale Beaver, Gary Kanaskie, Earl Solomon, Josh Fox and Cody Lytle from HRG, SEO Bob Kratzer, Solicitor Dave Jones and several residents.

The purpose of the hearing was to discuss and get public input on the establishment of regulations for the inspections, maintenance, operations, rehabilitation and administration of individual and community on-lot sewage disposal systems.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Bob Kratzer gave an overview of what was in the ordinance, why the ordinance was being considered and how the program would work. The Township would cover the SEO inspection cost and provide a list of certified pumpers. The property owner is responsible for the payment to the sewage pumper and any repairs to their systems. Systems will be inspected every 5 years, with some being done less often depending on the circumstances of the property owner.

Josh Fox talked about the Act 537 plan and DEP mandating the plan with on-lot systems being addressed by ordinance.

A resident commented on the need for more information being disseminated especially to the elderly who don't have computers or receive a newspaper. Chairman Beaver stated every one is welcome to the township's meetings each month and to please attend these meetings.

The PennVest program for property owners who do need help with repairs was explained by Bob Kratzer and Josh Fox.

Gary Kanaskie spoke as a tax payer and property owner stated and provided in writing his opinion for the record that:

- 1) He does not like mandatory, once again the responsible tax payer must pay the price for the individual property owners who are not responsible and who are not able to manage their properties.
- 2) Operations Part B of the proposed ordinance is wrong. Gray water and sewerage from residents should be separated.
- 3) The interval of pumping is complicated, if gray water is mandated by ordinance to be put into the OLDS system pumping may be required in as short a period as 1 to 3 years, if the OLDS system is functioning properly, he attached an engineered prepared survey which concluded in 1999 that the pumping interval could exceed possibly over 12 years, and also confirmed a US Public Health Survey study published in 1995 that stated a 12 year pumping interval is not unreasonably long.
- 4) The proposed ordinance requiring all OLDS systems be inspected, and thereafter all OLDS systems be pumped, is not practical. If an OLDS system is inspected and no deficiencies are not found it is not practical to pump that OLDS system. Pumping does not prevent problems that occur within the next pumping interval.

Bob Kratzer responded:

Gray water – There is no choice but to put it in the ordinance, it is mandated by DEP. The tanks need to be pumped down so he can see the components of the system.

With no other comments or questions the hearing was concluded at 6:30 p.m.



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Chairman Beaver called the business meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Cangioli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the bills to be paid. Kanaskie/Solomon. Chairman Beaver asked about the Register Chevrolet bill. Road Master Kanaskie explained the truck needed inspected, a tire needed replaced and a nut on the braking system was not correct or defected and required 2 new brake shoes. Chairman Beaver stated the truck should be taken to a certified dealer and to Smiths only in case of an emergency. The Teats Appliance bill for the HVAC unit of \$3,000 for was discussed. Chairman Beaver stated his objection to this purchase as it was not budgeted for. Kanaskie-yes, Solomon-yes, Beaver-no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vic Clegg stated for future planning all sewer lines should be maintained in the township.

ENGINEER

Cody Lytle advised a General Permit is needed for the repair work on Gypsy Hollow Rd. A motion was made to authorize HRG to prepare the General DEP Permit for the guide rail repair on Gypsy Hollow not to exceed \$2,500. Beaver/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Church Rd.-PPL has been called numerous times, no response has been gotten. Bob Hart will stop in their facility and talk to someone in charge to discuss what needs to be done for the township to do grading on the dirt bank. Cody will provide the property lines to Bob.

Haines driveway on Gypsy Hollow-the connection looks good. They will take out 2 guide rail posts and will be picked up by the township.

Bretz Court-ROW width is 50'; cart way 30', the township will need to mow 10' on both sides.

The subdivision plans for the pump out stations were distributed to the Board. The plan will be formally presented at the August meeting.

SOLICITOR

The mandatory Hook-Up ordinance is still being worked on.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2015-02 establishing regulations for the inspection, maintenance, operation, rehabilitations and administrative (including penalties for violations thereof) of municipal management of individual and community on-lot sewage disposal systems in Howe Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania. Beaver/Solomon. Motion carried unanimously.

Madcap Nightmares attorney wants to have a pre-application meeting with Bob Hart and Solicitor Jones. The Board directed Dave not to attend the meeting. Bob will notify them that he will not attend the meeting either.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

There is a meeting July 20, 2015.

ZONING OFFICER

4 permits were issued.

ROAD MASTER

Tractor has been serviced. Shoulders are being worked on.

PLANNING COMMISSION-

The Zoning meeting will be on July 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; Solomon/Kanaskie. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Cangioli