

**HOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
319 NORTH FOURTH STREET
NEWPORT, PA 17074
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2015**

Members present: Burd, Campbell, Sheaffer, Solomon, and Turner

Members absent: None

Guests: Josh Fox, Engineer, Dave Jones, Solicitor, Tom Fitzpatrick, NBMA

The meeting was called to order at 5:32PM by Chairman Campbell

There were no public comments.

- 1. Solicitor Jones started the meeting with an explanation and update on the discharge by the NBMA and concerns about taking on unneeded fines.**
- 2. The \$136,500 in fines was not because of discharge, but assessed for not reporting. There is automatic calling procedure for wet weather discharges, but not for dry.**
- 3. Tom Fitzpatrick stated that former wastewater treatment plant operator Dennis Wilson now works for Todd Mace. NBMA is contracting with Mace to operate the plant.**
- 4. Chairman Campbell delivered a statement at the NBMA meeting on March 12, 2015. A copy is attached.**
- 5. Solicitor Jones will draft a more detailed letter to NBMA which will include a request for their corrective action plan.**
- 6. Jill Hoover with Oliver Township has been contacted and will be provided with the letter.**
- 7. Solicitor Jones will review the Inter-Municipal Agreement regarding how fines and penalties are addressed.**
- 8. HTMA congratulated Jones on being appointed head of Stock and Leaders Municipal Services Department.**
- 9. Secretary Burd presented the minutes or the February 16, 2015 meeting.**
- 10. Solomon moved, Turner seconded, motion passed to approve the February 16, 2015 minutes.**
- 11. Treasurer Sheaffer presented the February and March Treasurer Reports.**
- 12. Burd moved, Solomon seconded, motion passed to approve the February treasurer report.**
- 13. Solomon moved, Turned seconded, motion carried to approve the March treasurer report.**
- 14. Burd moved, Turner seconded, motion carried to approve request #7 from PennVest for HRG. Request #8 in April will include permit fees.**
- 15. Engineer Fox reported that the WQM Part II permit application was not submitted yet. The river current is now too swift to allow for required survey.**
- 16. There have been three meetings with Rob Smith regarding the location of the pumping station at the service station. There has been an alternate location presented to DEP. There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of exercising eminent domain. When DEP rules on the alternative site, Fox will contact the Authority to see if a special meeting will need to be held regarding how to proceed.**
- 17. The Newport Borough Water Authority (NBWA), Fox is working with them, they may be drilling under the river at the same time. This would save some money having the equipment on site at the same time for two jobs.**
- 18. Turner moved, Sheaffer seconded, motion carried to sign the Railway Occupancy Permit for Norfolk Southern.**
- 19. The permit fee of \$2,000 will be paid by HRG, then reimbursed by PennVest.**
- 20. The Authority will need to have a liability insurance policy for the life of the line under the railroad.**

- 21. Fox reported that the representatives with Cedar Reality were comfortable with the pumping station location. They also need to dedicate the lines they have along W Shortcut Road. They are reporting to Corporate for final approval.**
- 22. Campbell is to check with Howe Township Tax Collector and the County to get contact information for the owner of 132 Juniata Parkway East where the proposed pumping station is to be located.**
- 23. Burd motioned, Solomon seconded, motion carried to extend HRG contract for financial services not to exceed \$6,600.**
- 24. RACP grant application, HTMA endorses growth, infrastructure, capacity, and development. HRG to supply wording for submission.**
- 25. Fox and Burd met with Randy Kessler regarding the extension of the sewer line on W. Shortcut Road. It was decided to put the extension on hold.**
- 26. Solomon moved, Turner seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 7:02PM.**
- 27. Next meeting April 20, 2015 at 5:30PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Charles Burd, Secretary
Howe Township Municipal Authority**