

**HOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (HTMA)  
300 NORTH FOURTH STREET  
NEWPORT, PA 17074  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
June 30, 2016**

**Members present:** Burd, Campbell, Sheaffer, and Turner. Kessler by phone.

**Members absent:** None

**Guests:** Sarah Doyle, Stock & Leader, Josh Fox, HRG, and Earl Solomon

**The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Campbell.**

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

- 1. The meeting was properly advertized in the News-Sun.**
- 2. Josh Fox provided a recap of the newest revision of the pump station that has been approved by DEP.**
- 3. HRG tried to place the pump station at as advantageous of a location for both Mr. Smith and the HTMA.**
- 4. The first request to move the pump station was done at Mr. Smith's request for ingress and egress of their fuel transport. And also possible future relocation of their underground fuel tanks.**
- 5. HRG re-engineered the location to move the proposed location further away from the building and closer the Juniata Parkway.**
- 6. It cost \$4,500-\$5,200 to re-engineer the first time. Also there was the cost of approximately \$800 for the surveyor to stake out the location for Mr. Smith's consideration.**
- 7. To move the location again if possible would require reapplying for WQMII and River Crossing Permits with DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. And renegotiations with Norfolk Southern.**
- 8. The engineering cost would be \$7,500-\$13,000 without the assurance that all the necessary permits would be granted again.**
- 9. Also this would delay the project a minimum of 6-8 months.**
- 10. To move would also require more fill and other site preparation costs including additional paving of approximately \$2,700.**
- 11. Campbell & Burd started negotiations with Mr. Smith in February of 2015.**
- 12. By June of 2015 Mr. Smith erected a canopy on the proposed pump station site to sell nursery stock. This structure covers the area that was supposed to allow for ingress and egress of their fuel transport.**
- 13. Sarah Doyle with Stock and Leader estimated the legal fees to this point at \$1,000.00.**
- 14. Campbell reported that Peter Ruth with Stock and Leader estimated additional legal fees of \$5,000 to \$7,500.00 to complete the condemnation process.**
- 15. There would also be the amount of the just compensation for the property.**
- 16. The proposed pump station foot print is 0.14 acre, the size of the Smith Property is 3 acres.**
- 17. The Authority then went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.**
- 18. Tuner moved, Burd second, Resolution 2016-2 passed unanimously, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE**

**LANDS FOR PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF PORTIONS OF THE PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.**

- 19. This is done in accordance with the Eminent Domain Code of the PA Municipal Authorities Act.**
- 20. Turner moved, Sheaffer seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 6:36 PM.**
- 4. Next meeting: July 18, 2016**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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