

**HOWE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (HTMA)
300 NORTH FOURTH STREET
NEWPORT, PA 17074
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2017**

Members present: Burd (by phone), Campbell, Kessler, Sheaffer, and Turner

Members absent: None

Guests: Dave Jones, Stock and Leader, Sarah Doyle, Stock and Leader, Tim Seiber, Newport Borough Municipal Authority (NBMA)

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

Reorganization:

1. Burd moved, Kessler seconded, motion carried to elect the following officers:
Burd-Secretary, Campbell-Chair, Turner-Assistant Secretary, Sheaffer-Treasurer,
Kessler Vice-Chair and Assistant Treasurer.
2. Kessler moved, Turner seconded, motion carried to retain HRG as the Authority Engineer.
3. Sheaffer moved, Turner seconded, motion carried to retain Stock and Leader as the Authority Solicitor.
4. Turner moved, Kessler seconded, motion carried to continue to have the meetings at 5:30pm at the PinnacleHealth Building.

Regular meeting:

1. **Public Comment:** Tim Seiber, NBMA reported that they have not received a reply from USDA regarding the question of the plant being about the 500 year floodplain. This is delaying their final plans and determining cost for the plant.
2. Seiber also provided the Authority a copy of the advertisement for the joint meeting on January 30 at 6:30pm at the PinnacleHealth Building.
3. The agenda for the meeting was discussed. Jim Sharar, Chairman of the NBMA will chair the meeting.
4. Turner moved, Kessler seconded, motion passed to approve the December 19, 2016 minutes.
5. Kessler moved, Turner seconded, motion passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.
6. Sheaffer moved, Turner seconded, motion carried to renew membership in PMAA for \$200.00
7. Sheaffer moved, Turner seconded, to approve Burd attending a training session conducted by PMAA for \$95.00.
8. Solicitor Jones reported that he contacted Adam Britcher, the NBMA solicitor, regarding several topics leading up to the meeting on January 30th. Including their soft costs, the DEP/EPA requirements, the redesigning of the plant, the design of their plant relative to their system being a CSO, and the grant distribution.
9. Campbell reported that Representative Keller and Senator DiSanto are still working on options, but nothing good to report yet.
10. Sippel Development Company, Inc. has agreed to extend their bid for an additional 120 days. There has not been any response yet from the electrical contractor.

- 11. Campbell has been distributing the signed grinder pump agreements, and conferring with Josh Fox to answer residents' questions.**
- 12. Kessler moved, Turner seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 6:20pm.**
- 13. Next Meetings: Joint meeting, January 30, 2017, 6:30pm, HTMA meeting, February 20, 2017 at 5:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

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