

West Hanover Township Authority Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022 at 6 pm

19 in attendance including board, staff, solicitor and public (9 in person, 4 Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. ROLL CALL: Mr. Shradley absent, all other board members present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the monthly meeting minutes from March 9, 2022 as presented. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Kreiser. Motion passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Fowler presented an email that was sent to Mr. Gossert with notice of completeness from DEP on the UNT Beaver Creek.

On 3/16, the Authority received a letter from Hamilton and Musser confirming a clean audit.

5. BOARD COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Fowler stated the stormwater bills were mailed out by Keystone on 3/14/22. There were approximately 40 parcels that had a negative balance due to a combination of the rate reduction, extended covid refund and additional credits applied. Those parcels were mailed a letter and informed the credit would be applied on their 2023 stormwater invoice. The appeal period ends 5/14.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charles Bissot – 7935 Devonshire Heights Road

Spoke to the board regarding an ongoing complaint of stormwater on his and neighboring properties. Mr. Bissot would like the board to reconsider the project that was previously reviewed by HRG, Mr. Steinmeier and Mr. Harman.

Bob Shifflet – 7745 Devonshire Heights Road

Mr. Shifflet spoke in opposition of any project on Devonshire Heights Road. Believes it is a waste of taxpayer money and is not willing to sign easements.

Don Steinmeier – 11 N. Fairville

Mr. Steinmeier spoke about his previous involvement with the complaint on Devonshire Heights Road. The project was eliminated due to an estimate of \$325k from HRG back in 2019 and only benefited a few residents.

The board would like to further review the history and possible solutions with a cost benefit analysis of this project.

James Bailey – 7439 Manor Drive

Mr. Bailey reiterated his stormwater management practices on his property over the years.

Richard Enck – 7112 Hillside Road

Mr. Enck questioned how there were parcels with a negative balance. Mr. Fowler responded that due to the new 35% (all parcels received this), the extended covid credit (parcels only received that one time) and additional qualified credits, it brought some parcels to a negative balance. Mr. Enck also commented on the use of the street sweeper by the public works staff.

Dianne Allen - 7400 Fishing Creek Valley Road (submitted via email)

Ms. Allen asked why cumulative credits are capped at 50%? Especially to those residents who are paying higher fees, have acreage and have impervious surfaces that do not impact the stormwater system or streams? Mr. Fowler answered that West Hanover has one of the highest caps at 50% whereas most other communities are capped at 30% or 40% and we offer a lot more credit options than others. The reason there is a cap is because there is a cost associated with the Township's program compliance and administrative costs with EPA. It has nothing to do with the stormwater that comes off an individuals' parcel; its more to do with the filings, engineering, administrative costs, etc. All parcels impact stormwater whether it be by volume, sediment, nutrients, etc. Also, part of the stormwater system involves all Township roads that all residents use, and there is a cost to treating / dealing with those roads. This is the result of the unfunded mandate.

7. PRESENTATIONS, STAFF & BOARD REPORTS:

a. Administration

- i. Alexis' activity report for March and April
- ii. Stormwater complaints with HRG recommendations

The board discussed the stormwater complaint at 7945 Devonshire Heights Road in the public comment section. They would like to research the stormwater complaint for 7960 & 7985 Rabbit Lane to see who is responsible for the swale. The complaint for 7733-7701 Hillcrest Avenue can be alleviated by cleaning out sediment from pipes.

b. MS4 Projects

- i. Rettew update

Both projects are in process, and everything has been filed with the state, now we wait for DEP.

c. Public Works

- i. 7732 Franklin: replaced rotten pipe
- ii. 7731 Trent Street: repair collapsed pipe
- iii. 1433 & 1432 Mumma Road: replaced cross pipe
- iv. 320 Baumgardner: Restoring yard and reseeding from 2020 project fix
- v. Street sweeping and inlet cleaning throughout Township

The board requested to have labor cost added into the Public Works project reports. Currently, the project reports show material cost and labor is billed separately through the Township. Alexis will reach out to Mr. Houck to see if this is possible.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Stewart stated the Mid Penn bank balance as of 5/9/22 was \$1,235,440.71. The \$112k for Army Corps. Of Engineers has not been transferred to the Township yet, who paid the upfront cost. That \$112k is on the February invoice from WHT so Mr. Houck can code it correctly.

- a. Approval of invoices totaling \$198,394.80
 - i. WHT (January) - \$18,475.23
 - ii. WHT (February) - \$129,997.81 (Includes \$112k COE transfer)
 - iii. WHT (March) - \$49,921.76

A motion was made to approve the invoices as presented. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman. Motion passed.

Mr. Stewart announced the following Keystone collection totals:

March - \$227,563.65

- 2020 - \$200.20
2021 - \$6,301.63
- 2022 - \$221,061.82

April – \$258,511.20

- 2020 - \$1,077.26
- 2021 - \$2,167.48
- 2022 - \$255,266.46

Mr. Fowler also informed The Authority received correspondence from Hamilton and Musser confirming a clean audit.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Fowler announced the delinquency collections provided by Keystone Collections. 3.4% is still delinquent from 2020, about 9% delinquent for 2021. The Authority has 10% budgeted for delinquencies. Mr. Fowler confirmed the Authority does have the ability to lien.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Appeals

- i. A22-01, 259 Buckley Drive. Recommendation: Denial, impervious area assessed appears to be correct.

A motion was made to deny appeal A22-01. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Kreiser. Motion passed.

- ii. A22-02, 1020 Pheasant Road. Recommendation: Approval, adjust from Tier 5 to exempt parcel. Impervious coverage should be billed to Texas Eastern Transmission.

A motion was made to approve appeal A22-02. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman. Motion passed.

b. Ratify approval to refund negative balance credit to parcel that requested it

- i. Kathy Newcomer – 7878 Rabbit Lane, negative balance of \$74.48

Alexis confirmed this refund has already been sent to the resident. A motion was made to ratify the approval of the refund. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Kreiser. Motion passed.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Steinmeier – 11 N. Fairville

Asked if the Authority has received any updates on the next permit cycle? Mr. Fowler confirmed they have not. Mr. Steinmeier also commented on the pollution in the Susquehanna River from the city of Harrisburg and the city of Lancaster, the PSATS conference he attended with stormwater seminars, potential grants, and parcels installing pervious driveways and sidewalks.

Richard Enck – 7112 Hillside Rd.

Mr. Enck asked if he could see the draft plans of the stream restoration projects. Mr. Fowler advised it was ok to share them with him. Mr. Enck then commented on public works and how many staff are at

each project. He also asked if the Authority reviews stormwater plans. Mr. Fowler answered that HRG, and Ms. Hardman are responsible for that.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- a. Gloria Zimmerman – Feels like we are defeating the purpose. West Hanover complies but other areas don't. She will not be attending the June meeting.
- b. Mike Kreiser – Joked about the length of the meeting now that Mr. Fowler is back from vacation
- c. Tom Stewart – Announced that school taxes will not be raised this year.
- d. Max Shradley – n/a
- e. Bob Fowler – No comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Kreiser. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 7:34 pm.

Upcoming 2022 Meeting Dates:

June 8th

July 13th