

West Hanover Township Authority Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 6th, 2021 at 6:30

16 Total in attendance including board, staff, solicitor, engineer and public

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

2. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Geppert and Ms. Zimmerman absent

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

a. Monthly meeting minutes from September 22nd, 2021

b. Budget workshop minutes from September 22nd, 2021

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. Moved by Mr. Shradley, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier. Motion passed.

4. **CORRESPONDANCE:**

The board discussed an email from Sharon Swank on 10/3 regarding the new warehouse and if a commercial property qualifies for the non-urbanized credit. The properties in question do lie in the non-urbanized area and qualify for the 25% credit. The non-urbanized area is determined by the census bureau, not the Authority. The stormwater fee is based off the impervious area not the use of the property. The Township's stormwater management rules do not differentiate between commercial and residential, based solely on impervious area and location of property. There may be a legal issue differentiating between residential and commercial. Mr. Fowler will provide a written response to Ms. Swank.

5. **BOARD COMMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please send in credit applications to be reviewed before the December 1st meeting

Mr. Steinmeier asked Mr. Gossert about money coming to the state to be used for environmental purposes. Mr. Gossert stated the potential is there, but they have not determined how and where the money is going.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Enck – 7112 Hillside Road

Requested a copy of the proposed budget for the workshops. Mr. Enck asked if the 2020 census will affect the 2021 rate? Mr. Fowler responded it depends on when we receive the census information. If it is received before we finalize the 2022 bills, we can make that adjustment. If we don't have the information in time, then it would go into effect in 2023.

John Meehan – 7150 Sandy Hollow (Agape Fellowship Church)

Commented on the difficult and expensive process of applying for the peak flow attenuation credit. Suggested future applicants with approved stormwater management plans starting at a certain date should automatically qualify for the credit. Mr. Meehan also commented on the formulas in the rates, rules, and regulations being updated as some have been superseded. Mr. Fowler commented the board is in the process of reviewing the credits.

Dave Reckner – 1352 Appleby Court

Asked if he needed to reapply for the rain barrel credit every year. Mr. Fowler confirmed the credit runs through the permit cycle.

Mike Kreiser – 483 Hershey Road

Would like the board to take into consideration his opposition of the tier billing structure.

7. PRESENTATIONS, STAFF & BOARD REPORTS:

a. Administration

- i. Alexis' activity report for September
- ii. Stormwater complaint log

b. Public Works

- i. Bumgardner (Sinkhole) - \$1,635.31

Mr. Greenly confirmed this was a Township pipe located in an easement where the joints separated and created a sinkhole. It is not a residential property.

- ii. Maplewood (Replace Failed Cross Pipe) - \$4,622.51
- iii. Chestnut Ave. (Replace Failed Cross Pipe) - \$3,499.80
- iv. Sterling Rd. & Westford Circle (Repairing Rotted Pipe and Collapsing Box) - \$5,005.52

Mr. Gossert confirmed these are completed projects.

c. MS4 Projects

- i. Rettew update as of 9/24/21

Mr. Shradley informed Rettew has finished the draft survey base maps.

- ii. Update on COE

Mr. Gossert announced an agreement is being finalized and should be ready for the next meeting. It will be approved and signed by the Township and the Authority will reimburse them.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Shradley stated the Mid Penn bank balance as of 10/1/21 is \$914,003.89

- a. Approval of invoices totaling \$14,391.63 (HRG, Keystone Collections, Rettew, Light Heigel)

A motion was made to approve the invoices as presented. Moved by Mr. Steinmeier, Mr. Shradley abstained. Motion passed.

- b. 2021 Collections report from Keystone

We have 4,454 accounts that pay a stormwater fee. About 86% of parcels are paid in full or in collection with installment payments. 12% remain unpaid, representing 28% of the dollar value of the 2021 fees.

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

- a. Gloria Zimmerman – n/a
- b. Mike Geppert – n/a
- c. Max Shradley - None
- d. Don Steinmeier – Would like to see a fee reduction

- e. Robert Fowler – We need to keep in mind anytime we look into rate changes, we need to make sure they meet the legal requirements. We will need to add a November workshop as the rates need to be adopted by the December meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn. Moved by Mr. Shradley, seconded by Mr. Steinmeier. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:14 pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

October 13th, 2021 @ 6 pm: Budget Workshop (Revenue)

November 3rd, 2021 @ 6:30 pm, Monthly Meeting