

**WARREN TOWNSHIP SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
WORK/PUBLIC MEETING June 17, 2015**

STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Municipal bulletin board, a copy to the Township Clerk, The Courier-News, The Star Ledger and the Echoes-Sentinel all on February 19, 2014 as prescribed by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call Mr. Paolella , Mr. Valenti, Mr. Vetter, Mrs. Garafola, Mr. Mosquera, Mr. Checchio

Executive Session: Resolution #15-47

A. Administrative Communications- Attorney-Client Communications

Mr. Godsell added three more items at this time:

The Wrestling Facility, Sleepy Hollow Ln sewerage and a Township potential ligation issue.

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Public Comment-Amanda Bush of 7 Sleepy Hollow Lane present to express the interest of obtaining sewer connections in her area of town. She sent out letters to homeowners on Sleepy Hollow, Gentry Dr, and Stardust Dr and received strong support and interest on sewer connections, she is now here asking how the Township will or can assist in this. She said that in this 21st Century we should have sewers.

Mr. Goodsell, Authority legal counsel, explained the background of the Hill Hollow Pump Station and said that this was constructed by the Township as part of a special assessment. He explained that the Sewerage Authority would then take over after the construction was done. Mrs. Garafola asked Mr. Goodsell to explain the special assessment to the audience. Mr. Goodsell said this is a project that benefits a specific area and then if the Township agrees to treat them as a special assessment or local improvement, the town will take on the engineering for it, the construction and the initial cost and then will assess the homeowners for a specific time and this will be spread out in your property taxes. He mentioned the Hillcrest Road special assessment and the sewer lines being installed there. He said that project was started by the homeowners and then they went to the town for help with the special assessment. Historically, with the Hill Hollow project they did do some surveys of the neighboring streets to see if there was any interest at that time. Mrs. Bush said

they did not approach her home because they are on the opposite side of the street. She did attend a meeting a few years ago to get something going then, but now about 15 people are interested. How do we go about this, she asked as she does not know how to do this. She is asking for guidance on who she should speak to to get this in her area.

She senses about 20 people are interested in her area, and they are asking about costs and how to get this moving. The special assessment includes all properties that are affected by this, not only the people who want it, stated Mr. Goodsell.

They end up being assessed even if they are not in favor of or taking part in the project.

Mr. Goodsell suggested that she meet with PS & S and identify the properties and they can identify what the issues will be and then decide if you want to form a group yourself or go to the Township. The special assessment comes at the end of the project design, said Mrs. Garafola, the Township will not walk you through the bidding process, and Mr. Goodsell explained different scenarios that have been undertaken in the town. There are a couple of people who have been through this process, Mrs. Garafola mentioned Ron Berry, then she mentioned that Canterbury Crt was the first street and homeowner Bonnie Plotkin was one of the leaders of that. She said they float a bond and bill everybody for over 20 years. The town does not put in sewers. Mrs. Bush wants to know how to get from A to Z, where does she start. Mr. Checchio said you have to start with an engineer and see how you can get that sewer from point A to B. Mr. Checchio said that she should come in and see Debbie and see where you can pick up a sewer connection point.

Mr. Mosquera suggested that she meet with PS & S for guidance. Mr. Wancho said that some studies will need to be done along with some environmental issues

He can give some high level starter points to consider and guidance but ultimately we (PS & S) are the Authority's engineer and you would have to get your own engineer.

Mr. Goodsell said to contact Deb and she will give you PS & S information, so use Debbie as the contact person.

Mr. Checchio said to contact Debbie for information so they can move forward. A homeowner asked about recommendations for engineers, Mr. Goodsell said he could not make recommendations.

Mrs. Bush said she would call Debbie.

Ron Anastasio - Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority (SRVSA)

Ron thanked the board for being invited. As a background, he said two years ago he met with Debbie and Kathy Corcoran about this. This can affect our Authority in getting TWAs in the future. The issue has to do with conveyance capacity. They are looking at a solution to convey sewerage under all conditions. They are meeting with and have already met with the DEP, and he will be leaving reports with Debbie that have been submitted to them.

He introduced Mr. Cosgrove to give a presentation. He is the engineer handling the project.

Mrs. Garafola said that Ron is doing a great job as he took over Executive Director of SRVSA.

Mr. Cosgrove distributed a power point presentation of this project. He will give a quick overview and the problems along with the next steps. He said that too much water is entering the system. The biggest issue is in Somerville and he explained that to the board. During wet weather conditions waste water is escaping the system and the real issue is if SRVSA can't demonstrate that they have sufficient conveyance capacity then they are not allowed to sign off on new connections. This could be a huge problem for future development.

At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Cosgrove asked what measures the WTSA was taking for I and I. Debbie had said that there was an extensive investigation done in the Middlebrook area and areas that need remediation were identified in an extensive report by HMM. She will forward that report and what measures we are taking now to SRVSA so they can advise the NJDEP we are one municipality that is working on the I and I (Inflow and Infiltration) problem and addressing it. He will be asking all the municipalities for this information that will be presented to the NJDEP.

Minutes: April 15, 2015 Public and Executive minutes

May 20, 2015 Office meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Mrs. Garafola, second by Mr. Valenti

Roll call: Mr. Paoletta, yes, Mr. Valenti, yes, Mr. Vetter, yes, Mrs. Garafola, yes, Mr. Mosquera yes, Mr. Checchio, yes.

Plant Report- Peter Kavalus, Applied Water Management

The complete reports for the months of April and May are included in the member's packets. No questions were asked.

There was one situation report that states a spill occurred at the Stiles Rd pump station on April 3 a Sunday night. The cleanup of the spill occurred a week later and was reported to the NJDEP. This spill wasn't noticeable until it was reported by a homeowner who lives in the area. Russell Reid was called in and cleaned.

The 2015 budgeted items are being addressed. Scott Rose has also been repairing the areas in Middlebrook that were identified in the investigative report.

Engineer's Report- James Wancho PE - PS & S

A complete report was submitted in the packets. The NJEIT projects have all been approved by the NJDEP and pre construction meetings held. The interim funds will be closed on June 25.

Applications- Mr. Wancho

1. Appl #051515-CIU-12
108 Hillcrest Rd
Mr. Ke-Chiang Li
Block 200 Lot 6.03

Recommending approval for the conversion of a single family dwelling to a church seating capacity for 96 in the worship area.

This property is located in the Stage I/II area which flow is to Berkeley Heights and is included in the Schedule A properties. An E-1 pumping system will be utilized and the septic system on site will be abandoned.

The church is assessed at 2 EDUS of capacity.

2. Appl #050715-SC-10
Dan Gallic
Block 97 Lot 55, Block 96 Lots 37 and 38.01, Block 101, Lot 4.04
24 Plainfield Ave.

Recommending approval for the sewerage of the proposed subdivision of the above referenced properties in the Stage I/II sewer service area.

3. The Pingry School
Martinsville Road, Bernards Township
Block 190 Lots 12, 26 and 27

Recommending approval for the construction of a proposed new multi- purpose athletic building and associated site improvements at the school site.

Mrs. Garafola asked if this would increase the number of EDUS assessed. Mr. Wancho said no according to the DEP criteria that uses the number of students for flow. The student population has not changed. The Pingry School is constructing a new sewerage pumping station on the school site with an NJDEP TWA approval and the WTSA approval under resolution 13-51. There was metering done and they are not allowed to exceed the flow limit of 69 GPM. The onsite pumping station is under construction now and PS & S will inspect the construction to confirm that it is constructed in conformance with the Authority's approval and various conditions, including rates and flow metering.

All proposed sanitary construction is under the jurisdiction of Bernard's Township. The Authority does have the discretion to increase the number of EDUS based on annual water records or the dowering metering data from the pump station.

4. Appl#052215-P-14
9 Geiger Lane
Block 71 Lot 74
Bulldog Builders

Recommending preliminary approval for a sewer extension to service a proposed single family dwelling with one EDU in the Middlebrook sewer service area. This property was originally included in the Township assessment of the activation of the dry lines and building of the Kraushe Road pumping station.

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Resolutions No. 15-48 through 15- 57 were submitted to the Sewerage Authority for review and may be adopted by one motion. These resolutions are listed on the agenda for review and a complete copy made available in the Warren Township Sewerage Authority office.

Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 15-48 through 15- 57

Motion to adopt: Mr. Checchio

Second: Mr. Mosquera

Roll Call: Mr. Paolella, yes, Mr. Valenti, yes, Mr. Vetter, yes, Mrs. Garafola, yes, Mr. Mosquera, yes, Mr. Checchio, yes.

Resolution #15-48	Resolution authorizing payment of operation expense from Account #056253 for a total of \$ 262,330.37.
Resolution#15-49	Resolution authorizing payment of escrow bills in the amount of \$12,971.25.
Resolution #15-50	Authorizing payment of certain invoices from the construction fund by Bank of New York Trustee and paying agent of the series 2006 bonds
Resolution #15-51	Resolution authorizing the 2014 audit.
Resolution #15-52	Resolution authorizing return of remainder of escrow in the amount of \$5173.19.

Resolution#15-53

Resolution of the Warren Township Sewerage Authority determining the form and other details of note relating to the interim financing trust loan program of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) to be issued in the principal amount of up to \$3,655,000 and providing for the issuance and sale of such note to the NJEIT and authorizing the execution and delivery of such note by the Warren Township Sewerage Authority in favor of the NJEIT , all pursuant to the NJEIT interim financing SFY 2016 trust loan program.

Resolution #15-54

Resolution granting conditional preliminary and final approval for the application of Ke-Chiang Li for a change of use and for the connection with two EDUS of capacity for a proposed church at Block 200 Lot 6.03 located at 108 Hillcrest Road a designated Schedule A property located within the Berkeley Heights wastewater treatment plant sewer service area.

Resolution #15-55

Resolution granting preliminary and final approval for the application for a single family connection for a proposed new single family home on a proposed new block 96 Lot 37.01 in the Stage I/II sewer service area.

Resolution #15-56

Resolution granting preliminary and final approval to the applicant Bulldog Builders for the construction of proposed sanitary sewers to serve Block 71 Lot 74 located at 9 Geiger Lane in the Middlebrook sewer service area.

Resolution #15-57

Resolution approving the construction of a new athletic building and related infrastructure at the Pingry School.

Mr. Goodsell pointed out that an additional resolution will be memorialized at the July meeting. The Warren Wrestling Association application was briefly discussed and it was decided that the additional escrow for inspection services from the WTSA will be waived along with the connection fee. However the annual sewer use fee will remain in place with the understanding that if the water use is above the 1 allocated EDU then additional fees will be assessed. This will not set precedent as the township owns the land that the wrestling facility is leasing.

Office Report:

A full report is included in the packets. Debbie asked the members their opinion on changing the annual billing to two payments a year. After discussion and review it was decided to leave it at 4 payments per year.

Debbie stated that the interim funding for NJEIT closing will occur on June 25, 2015.

The part time employee from NSU has not been selected as of today. Pete will review the numerous applications with NSU HR Department.

Mr. Goodsell mentioned that a memo regarding the modifications to the Rules and Regulations was included in the packets. He ask that the board contact him in the coming weeks with any additional comments as he would like to finalize the changes and present this at the August meeting. Once the Authority has adopted the modifications a new version will be circulated and posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned with no further business to address.

I, Deborah Catapano, Authority Board Secretary of the Warren Township Sewerage Authority in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, do hereby certify That the above resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by The Authority at its work/public meeting of June 17, 2015.

Deborah Catapano, Authority Secretary