

**Doylestown Township**  
**Public Water & Sewer Advisory Committee-Meeting Minutes**  
**February 18, 2021 @ 5:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order 5:30PM February 18, 2021 by Chairman Joe Van Houten. In attendance:

Bob Shaffer (PWSAC Vice Chairman)      Stephanie Mason (Township Manager)  
John Canterbury (PWSAC member)      Dan Wood (BOS Liaison)  
Wally Pattyson (PWSAC member)  
Jenny Kimbel (PWSAC member)

1. PWSAC January 2021 Meeting Minutes approved by unanimous consent after motion to approve by John Canterbury and seconded by Bob Shaffer.
2. Pebble Ridge and Wood Ridge update provided by Stephanie Mason:
  - i. Weekly update available on township website.
  - ii. BCWAS reported work in neighborhood should be completed by early mid Spring.
  - iii. Entire project (Almshouse, Doe Run and Militia Hill) completed by June.
  - iv. Bills will go out to residents of the project after project is reconciled, possibly by end of Summer.
  - v. John C. asked for clarification on requirement to hook up at time of sale (of home). Stephanie reminded everyone this project “Does NOT” require hook up at time of sale if the septic system is functioning properly. In addition, homeowners can hook up whenever they want once system is in place.
3. 537 Plan Update:
  - a. Nothing to report.
4. Private Well Water Testing in township:
  - a. Bob Shaffer shared his presentation outlining what a Well Water “Questions and Answer” page could look like on the township website with content such as:
    - i. Well Hygiene
    - ii. Well Testing
    - iii. Water Contaminants to test for.
    - iv. How to remedy positive test results.
  - b. Jenny Kimbel shared links to the Penn State Extension website and research she did through the site:
    - i. Jen received approval from Penn State Extension to use links to their website and the content; with the understanding Penn State Extension will be credited.
    - ii. Jen also discussed webinars on drinking water available on the website.

1. Some are PA county specific, but none for Bucks County. Group discussed reaching out to Penn State, or Delaware Valley University, to have a study performed specific to Bucks Count.
  - c. Wally Pattyson shared a DRAFT on this topic for the township newsletter.
  - d. Joe Van Houten shared links to articles on Arsenic in NJ water:
    - i. Arsenic is now on the PA DEP list of soil contaminants to be monitored.
    - ii. 2001 NJ put private well testing act into place. Act identifies 35 elements to test for. Act also mandates private well testing when a home is being sold. (NOTE: this is NOT a recommendation for Doylestown Township).
5. Township Newsletter:
- a. PWSAC wants to have an article for the next township newsletter on Private Wells. Content to come from bullet points members are to present during March meeting for building the website.
  - b. Goal is to create Educational Material on Private Wells aimed at Informing and Helping Residents understand where their well water comes from and how to Assure the Safety of their Well Water.

With no further business, the meeting was ended. The next meeting of the Public Water & Sewer Advisory Committee is March 18, 2021

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Joe Van Houten