

Doylestown Township Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2018 5:30 PM
Doylestown Township Municipal Bldg.

In Attendance:

Members: Joseph Van Houten, Chairman, John Canterbury. Vice Chairperson, Gary Munkelt, Rod Stone. Absent: Wallace Pattyson, Joseph Krumenacker, James Dowling

Township Supervisors: Richard Colello

Staff: Andrea Susten, Doylestown Twp. Special Projects Coordinator Consultant: Valerie Liggett, Boucher & James

Guests:

Mr. & Mrs. Toll, 69 Willow Lane

Chairman Van Houten called the meeting to order. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. & Mrs. Toll asked questions regarding the schedule for the sewer work in the Pebble Ridge/Woodridge neighborhood. Also questions were asked about the specifics of the loan offered to residents for the sewer installation. Chairman Van Houten explained that all loan details were published on the Doylestown Township website. The term of the loan is 20 years and the monthly payment will be a separate line item on the residents' bill.

Chairman Van Houten and member Joe Krumenacker met with the Executive Director of Franconia Public Water & Sewer, George Witmayer to discuss common operational procedures.

Discussion was held regarding the potential of requesting approval of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors to add a member of the BCW&S to the DTPW&SA Committee. No decision was reached. Supervisor Colello provided his thoughts on the benefits and challenges of adding that type of position.

Gary Munkelt reported on his research regarding property values and the effect of public sewer and/or water. His data was anecdotal and showed that generally the listing price of homes in Doylestown Township was higher if the home had public sewer and/or water. There was discussion regarding sharing this information with residents in areas where the addition of public water and/or sewers was being considered.

Chairman Van Houten reminded the committee members that the purpose of the committee is to review data, determine needs, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Van Houten led a discussion on the use of the online mapping application showing conditions in Phase 2 & 3 properties. Many suggestions were made concerning limiting the "factors" displayed to highlight the most significant factors. A recommendation was made to prepare pdf maps for display on the website along with appropriate explanations.

Next regular meeting: 7.19.2018 5:30 pm Doylestown Twp. Municipal Building.

Prepared by Rod Stone, Secretary

**Special Meeting with Bucks County Water & Sewer personnel: Aug 1, 2018 9:00 am
Doylestown Township Municipal Building**

Approved: July 19, 2018