

Doylestown Township Public Water and Sewer Advisory Board
Amended Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2018 9:00 am
Doylestown Township Municipal Bldg.

In Attendance:

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

Township Supervisors: Kenneth Snyder

Staff: Stephanie Mason, Twp. Manager; Andrea Susten, Doylestown Twp. Special Projects Coordinator

Invited Guests: Benjamin Jones, BCWSA CEO; John Butler, BCWSA, COO; John Swenson, VP Carroll Engineering; Genevieve Kostick, Supervisor, BC Dept of Health; Brendan O'Boyle, Soil Scientist, BC Dept of Health

Community Guests:

Robert Salanik, Pebble Ridge Rd.

Chairman Van Houten called the special meeting to order and announced that the meeting would serve as the August 2018 meeting of the DTPWSAB. The sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss the questions submitted to BCWASA CEO, Benjamin Jones on April 2, 2018. The questions are related to feasibility and future needs for public sewer installation within specific areas of the township. A map of Phase II & III area was projected depicting various data that has been collected related to individual onsite systems and local waterways.

Brendan O'Boyle stated that the office receives many questions about onsite systems in the Village of Edison. Typical requests are for permits to install holding tanks or finding replacement sites on the properties for onsite systems. The PA DEP has directed the BCHD to investigate the sewage needs of that area.

Chairman Van Houten stated the overall challenge for the Committee & DT Supervisors is the time it takes from the identification of a need until a final solution is completed. Reference was made to the timeline for the process in the Phase I area.

Mr. Jones explained that the BCWSA is restricted until the governing body (DT Supervisors) gives specific direction regarding the needs. He also recommends proactive planning by the municipalities is viewed favorably by PA DEP.

- Using the 537 document, identify areas using supporting data. Anecdotally Mr. Jones stated the measured levels of fecal coliform in the Neshaminy Creek following rain storms increases which indicates run off from failing systems.
- Using the 537 with accompanying data "puts it one the schedule". BCWAS then begins to examine capacity.
- BCWAS serves 500.000 rate payers in 3 counties. Their long term planning to add capacity is based on what is going to be built. The various municipalities have very different needs.
- Based on a question from Mr. Van Houten, Mr. Jones preliminarily recommends the initial focus should be on Phase 2 properties with consideration for connecting to the Village of Edison. Support for including Edison is based on the recommendation from Mr. O'Boyle's information regarding the lack of space for appropriate replacement sites.
- Mr. Jones stated that if given appropriate direction from the DT Supervisors, the BCWSA would be willing to begin and fund a simple, preliminary study of capacity and design for a Phase II project after the construction begins on the Pebble Ridge project.
- Based on a recommendation from Mr. Swenson, Mr. Jones offered financial and personnel assistance in the process of updating the financial portions of the 537 documents

Mr. Van Houten will discuss the timing and content of a presentation to the DT Board Of Supervisors at the August or September meeting (based on the August agenda).

Mr. Jones responded to a request from the DTPWSAB to identify a BCWSA employee who would serve in an liaison/advisory capacity on the DTPWSAB. Mr. Jones does not believe it would be appropriate to have an employee serve in that capacity but did pledge to maintain communication lines between the two groups.

Mr. Van Houten thanked Mr. Jones for the support proposed for the update of the 1999 537 and the study of Phase II implementation. Mr. Krumenacker asked about the potential timeline for the Phase II study project. Mr. Jones believes it can be completed ~~in one month~~ in 2-3 years from time of final approval by Supervisors to begin work. More extensive engineering plans would require the costs be charged to the potential project. Mr. Jones does believe that the BCWSA does have the necessary infrastructure capacity to serve the Phase II & III needs. The capacity for Cycle 2 would need some additional study.

Mr. Pattyson requested additional information regarding the needs in the Village of Edison. BCWSA can provide limited data. BCHD can provide more detail.

The meeting was adjourned with special thanks to all of the invited guests for their time and expertise.

The next meeting of the DTPWSA will be on September 30, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building.

Draft submitted by Rod Stone 8.2.2018

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