

Doylestown Township Public Water and Sewer Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meetings

March 16, 2023

In Attendance: Joe Van Houten, Chairman; Robert Shaffer, Vice-Chairman; Matt Oakes, Secretary; Robert Repko, Member; Wallace Pattyson, Member; Jenny Kimbel, Member

Township Staff: Stephanie Mason, Township Manager

Keith Haas, Executive Director; Doylestown Municipal Authority

Visitor Comments: Rob Caroselli, 10 Squirrel Lane inquired about a number of activities concerning construction around his neighborhood. His intent is to gain interest within his neighborhood so that public water can be made available. Both Joe and Keith directed Rob to the website for further education. Joe mentioned that putting water in at the same time a road project is underway is the best solution.

Bucks County Water and Sewer Presentation: Joe asked Stephanie when BCTWA's ETA would like to make their presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Stephanie said she would follow up. Joe mentioned that the timeline is by end of this year, so not exactly a rush.

Education regarding Private well testing: Joe Van Houten mentioned that with the recent EPA announcement regarding the MCL of PFOS/PFOA/PFNA, there will be residents with many questions around this announcement. Robert Repko brought up concern around the results of this testing, what residents are to do if there is PFAS in their water. Joe mentioned that in some cases the DEP has brought in bottled water to those residents. Stephanie mentioned that a case may be brought up to DTMA to put forth public water, although due to a matter of circumstances that may or may not be financially feasible. Joe mentioned that a source may need to be identified to DEP prior to asking for assistance. Keith Haas added that a source is very difficult to identify. Keith also noted that DEP is supplying whole house carbon filtration units for customers with contamination. DEP pays the upfront costs but not the on-going maintenance. Joe mentioned that a presentation will be brought forth to the board to see what the best way to move forward is. Will it be just an educational piece, or is a next level needed to be driven from the municipal level or state? Both DTMA and Board of Public Water and Sewer Committee is interested in bringing forth information to the Board of Supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 6pm