

The joint workshop of the Monroe Township Municipal Authority and Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chairman Kehoe and Chairman Miller.

ATTENDANCE

Kevin Miller, Chairman
Sue Sunday, Vice Chairperson
William Beck, Treasurer
Andrew Clancy, Asst. Sec/Treas.

Phil Kehoe, Vice Chairman
Carl Kuhl, Supervisor
Michael Pykosh, Solicitor
Greg Rogalski, Engineer
Karen Lowery, Recording Secretary

Mr. Kehoe said that Mr. Castle was possibly having laser surgery today and that is why he couldn't attend. Mr. Miller wished him the best.

Mr. Kehoe said the joint workshop is to focus forward by talking through a vision and making a plan for the sewer.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT – CURRENT PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Rogalski said that the project is about half way complete. Kuhn Road repairs will be started next week. He feels the approach of locating defects and working to repair those areas is working well. Some additional defects have been found throughout the project. He mentioned a manhole that looks like it was just set on the pad and not sealed at the bottom. There were 6 manholes as part of this project and 5 of those have been replaced. He suggested putting a rock liner in the last manhole to seal it up properly, but he would like to identify other manholes that need to have this done to make it more cost effective. Mr. Rogalski said that on Spring Lane they discovered that 2B stone was used as backfill, which caused the ditch to be much bigger than planned on because it kept falling in. The project should be done around August 5th and then the restoration work will need to be done. The DPW has been televising the laterals as needed.

Mr. Kehoe asked if there have been any issues with private laterals. Mr. Rogalski said that 2 private laterals have been checked and seem okay. There will be more testing to come.

Mr. Kuhl asked if the road is going to be paved. Mr. Rogalski said that Blossom was the only road slated for paving, but that is going to wait until the spring of 2020 so that drainage work can be done by the DPW. Mr. Kehoe suggested this be communicated in the newsletter.

Mr. Miller would like the main line to be re-televised after the project is done and he would like to be there.

Mr. Schmidt, 779 Dogwood Terrace asked if the flows after the project will be used to compare with pre-project flows to see if the expense was worth the flow reduction. Mr. Rogalski said this would be looked at. He added that there was so much flow that a visual inspection would show the reduction.

Mr. Kuhl mentioned articles about homeowner's being responsible for their laterals from the house

to the main line. Mr. Rogalski said that only a few Authority's do that because it comes with its own challenges in the area of the roadway.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT – TELEVISIONING PLAN

Mr. Miller asked what the next area would be to televise in the Sandy pump station area. Mr. Rogalski said he would have to look at the map to see what is next. He did talk to the DPW today and remind them that the entire Sandy pump station area should be done with televising by the end of the year.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT - FINANCIAL PLAN

Mr. Miller said that we need to determine how to fund future project and how often they can happen. He added that according to Mr. Beck's calculations a project can be done every 2-3 years while also focusing on what can be done with the debt and the current budget. The target project cost would be \$250,000. Mr. Miller added that if state or federal grants were available it would help to move the projects forward quicker. Mr. Kehoe added that Pennoni and Dethlefs-Pykosh does monitor available grants and makes us aware of anything that may be worth looking at.

Carlton Parry, 1301 Church Street, suggested meeting with Representative Dawn Keefer and Senator Mike Reagan to share the township's concerns and see what might be available. Mr. Pykosh said he would also reach out to the new bond counsel who may be of some help.

Mr. Kuhl asked if we need to identify a project first or look for funding. Mr. Rogalski said that there will be a lull next year with no project so he would ask the Authority to prepare a project bid, but no include dates so that we would be ready to move when funding becomes available.

NORTHERN DISTRICT – CONCERNS

Mr. Rogalski said that USG has televised the area near Trindle and Lodge. We are waiting for the video, but they reported there were no major issues. He added that Mechanicsburg had reached out to Monroe about very high flows. There was a broken cleanout found in the flooded area that has been repaired and flow decreased significantly. The DPW has also done some televising in the Wertz Development area where 1 lateral with clear water was found. He is going to notify the homeowner and work with them to correct the issue.

Mr. Miller mentioned that Spring Circle is a low area and he would like that to be televised as well.

Mr. Kehoe said there have been some changes at the Mechanicsburg Authority and he asked if things were still going smoothly. Mr. Rogalski said there have been no issues.

Debra Sunday, 51 Longmeadow Street, asked what finances are needed for repairs in the North. According to what was just discussed it sounds like things are okay so when will the rates be reduced or when will the debt be paid. Mr. Miller said that a clean out has been repaired and we are waiting on the report from USG to see if anything is needed and there is always regular maintenance. He added that rates would be looked at during the budget process and steps have been taken over the past few years to work at paying down the debt. Mr. Parry added that there is always going to be infrastructure that is going to fail. Ms. Debra Sunday asked how much is in reserves. Mr. Kehoe said that how much is the right amount to have in reserves has been the ongoing question. The future plan is limited, but is being worked on and he would like to work toward being proactive, not reactive with sewer issues. Mr. Miller added that the system and the pumps are 25 years old. Mr. Clancy said that the Northern system is half as old as the Southern

system, in the future there will be repairs or replacements that are needed, so a reserve needs to be built. Mr. Schmidt added that in the past money always needed to be borrowed, this is the first attempt to look into the future.

Mr. Kehoe stated that we have learned the hard way of what not to do by being reactionary. There is currently 9-10 million dollars of debt due to different management styles over the years and we have learned from the Southern district what not to do. Mr. Rogalski said that we are attempting to work at 5 to 10 year plan with the resources we have by televising the White Rock area.

SEWER BILL NEWSLETTER INSERT

Ms. Sunday provided a few topics to be included in the next sewer bill newsletter insert. At the last Authority meeting the Board felt that the What Not to Flush article and the Cleanout Article would be best for the August newsletter.

There was some discussion about if the homeowner can replace the cleanout cap or if they should call the township and the DPW can go out. Ms. Sunday said that a lot has been put on the DPW and she replaced her clean out cap, so anyone should be able to.

Mr. Parry volunteered to walk White Rock to find the laterals and flag them.

Mr. Schmidt suggested a sewer project update be included in a future newsletter.

ADJOURN

On the motion of Ms. Sunday, and seconded by Mr. Clancy, and by unanimous vote of the Boards, it was duly RESOVLED to adjourn the joint workshop at 8:20 PM.

On the motion of Mr. Kuhl, and seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors, it was duly RESOVLED to adjourn the joint workshop at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Lowery
Recording Secretary