

August 30, 2011  
6:00 PM

The meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Simmons. The pledge of allegiance was said.

#### ATTENDANCE

Sam Simmons, Chairman  
John Dwyer, Vice Chairman  
A.W. Castle, Supervisor

James Bogar, Solicitor  
Mark Bruening, Engineer  
Marjorie Metzger, Admin. Asst.

#### FINANCING

Frank Leber, Paul Lundeen and Bill Carlin present. Mr. Carlin reviewed the numbers to do some refunding of prior bonds for the southern, northern, and Dillsburg sewer districts. This includes Series 2003, Series A of 2003, and Series 2005. Then there is also the opportunity to borrow new money for the southern district. The proposal gives examples for borrowing an additional ¼ million up to 1.5 million.

The best number we have from South Middleton at this point is our share of the project will be between 2.5 – 2.9 million to upgrade the plant to meet the Chesapeake Bay requirements.

The way the new bond would be structured would allow for the loan payments to remain close to the same for the first 2-3 years. This would allow time to adjust the rates accordingly to be prepared for the increase at that time. The average interest rate would be 3.5%. The money would be borrowed at this time and be placed in the reserve until needed. It could also be used to reimburse the \$57,000 that has been spent to date on the study from South Middleton, and the \$88,000 that is outstanding for the study and engineering design.

Mr. Dwyer pointed out Monroe Township is not participating in the expansion portion of the project. The bill needs to be separated for the expansion and the Chesapeake Bay upgrades. Mr. Bruening said the estimate provided also needs to be clarified. For example, a \$725,000 garage is listed, and the equalization for \$368,000. What portion of these and other expenses listed will Monroe Township be responsible for?

Mr. Dwyer mentioned the mitigation efforts that will also be done with the \$408,000 H2O grant, which should help with the peak flows. Mr. Leber said a lot of refinement on the numbers is needed.

Mr. Dwyer suggested it may be good to have a dual meeting with Monroe and South Middleton to determine the costs for upgrade and costs for expansion. Mr. Simmons suggested a meeting with the engineers and solicitors from both townships. Mr. Bruening suggested there

should also be a liaison from each township board. Mr. Simmons suggested getting on the next Authority agenda to let them know what we would like to do as far as setting a working committee to review the numbers and determinations of what is upgrade vs. expansion.

The rates must also be reviewed. There should probably be at least a 10% increase over the next couple years until we know the exact cost of the project.

**On the motion of Mr. Dwyer, and seconded by Mr. Castle, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to authorize the legal bond counsel to proceed with the refinancing and add an extra \$1,000,000 for the upgrade project.**

The settling of the bond will probably be planned to take place in conjunction with the Supervisors meeting on October 13, 2011. Mr. Bruening and the secretary will work on some rate projections in order to be able to have \$100,000 - \$200,000 extra in the next couple years. Rate payers will be made aware of the proposed increases by using the newsletter, sewer billings, and website.

ADJOURN

**On the motion of Mr. Castle, and seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and by unanimous vote of the Supervisors it was duly RESOLVED to adjourn at 7:20 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Metzger  
Admin. Asst./ Secretary-Treasurer