

SALFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Business Meeting

November 19, 2014

The regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. Present were:

James Styer, Chairman
Barbara Lynch, Vice Chairman
Thomas Neff, Supervisor
Robert Iannozzi, Solicitor

Karen Landis, Secretary
Doug Hedrick, Road Superintendent

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - Jim Styer reported Executive Session was held at 6:30 PM regarding personnel issue. Action will be handled under new business.

CONSENT AGENDA - Jim Styer reviewed items 3a through 3d. **Motion 14-093** by Styer, second by Lynch & Neff approved the following. Motion carried 3 - 0.

- a. Approval of A/P invoices
- b. Approval of November 5th minutes
- c. Approval of October Financial Reports
- d. Approval of Committee and Staff Reports

OLD BUSINESS:

A. SEWER OPERATING INQUIRIES - Jim Styer reported on supplemental responses to the following inquiries received from the 11/5 meeting regarding consumption based system:

1. Re-negotiate FSA Agreement - brief memo received from George Witmayer - official response following FSA meeting.
2. Comparison of nearby rates - of the 30 nearby rates, Salford is 8th. Population for these areas was not included.
3. Estimated cost of re-directing sewer to Telford Borough (TB) - Cost to switch would have a pay-back period > 20 years.
Bill Dingman summarized Gilmore memo dated 11/18/2014 which recommends Salford continue treatment service through FSA as switching is not cost effective. This conclusion was based on a meeting with Telford Borough & Engineer on 11/13/14.
4. Sewer Operating Costs Summary - summary of income, expenses and reserves were provided for EOY14 and FY15.

5. Rationale from WB Homes standalone system – Chris Canavan advised when it became known that FSA was a viable option, the plans for a stand-alone facility were dropped because using FSA was considerably less than operating a stand-alone facility.

Barb Lynch commented on possible cost sharing of capital expenses with West Rockhill and Telford due to failures in those municipalities.

Bill Dingman reported TB made it clear there would be additional EDU fees to connect. Nick Sanfrantello questioned FSA billing from Telford and inquired where additional ST funds are being used by FSA.

John Baker commented on DEP fines at FSA.

Discussion was held on disparity between actual ST flow versus original EDU assumptions and FSA consumptive billing from Telford; also discussed was considering giving administrative billing process to FSA since the cost should be included in the quarterly fee.

Marshall Blum suggested investigating future infrastructure plans of West Rockhill down County Line Road.

Barb Lynch recommended a 2-prong approach: 1) consider giving administrative billing back to FSA, and 2) re-visit actual usage versus assumptions of \$155/quarter rate. In addition, Barb Lynch felt Salford should be afforded a position on FSA Board.

Bill Dingman also reported the current EDU rates for both Telford (\$6,000) and Franconia (\$9,000) and commented this may be an area of incentive for contract re-negotiation.

Action Item: Jim Styer to further inquire with Franconia Sewer Authority (FSA):

- a. FSA to resume administrative billing
- b. Identify gap between original projection vs. actual usage – how does it affect rate and/or why doesn't it
- c. Membership on FSA Board
- d. Possible renegotiation in EDU fees in return for revised agreement

On a separate issue, Bill Dingman reported on a leakage concern at Whites Mill Dam construction and the possibility of a change order needed.

With regard to #4 above, Jim Styer pointed out that Finance Committee reviewed the FY15 sewer operating costs and recommended reducing the sewer administrative fee from \$30 to \$20 per quarter for 2015.

Nick Sanfrantello questioned sewer operating budget line items.

- B. PRELIMINARY 2015 BUDGET(S)** – Jim Styer reported on Finance Committee recommendations: Fire Company support, transfer a portion of reserve funds for Open Space, donation for EMS services, seek proposals to review employee health insurance coverage, and proposal for operating reserves. Jim also reported on General Fund income and expense projections. Current trend of Sewer Capital Fund income vs. expense will go in deficit after 2015.

Finance Committee also plans to project both General & Sewer Operating funds budgets out to year 2020 for long term planning as well as consideration on use of reserve funds for possible retirement plan and township building renovations. **Motion 14-094** by Styer second by Neff authorized advertisement of **Resolution 14-1705** approving 2015 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried 3 – 0.

NEXT MEETING (DECEMBER 10TH) AGENDA: Discussion was held on holding only 1 meeting in December. Given the required budget advertising period – the meeting has been re-scheduled to December 10th.

- a. Final Approval – 2015 Budget(s)
- b. Sewer Operating

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR** – As a result of Executive Session and PA Law requirements, **Motion 14-095** by Styer second by Lynch and Neff authorized Tax Collector to appoint Emiline Weiss as Deputy Tax Collector. Motion carried 3 – 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, **Motion 14-096** by Styer, second by Lynch and Neff adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM. Motion carried 3 – 0.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 10, 2014

MOTION: 14-097 BY: STYER SECOND BY: NEFF VOTE: 2 - 0

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

