

EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
October 20, 2020

Present: Chairman Steven H. Gross Jr., Vice-Chairman David L. Naylor, Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill, Brittany Kohler, Zoning Officer, Shane Haugh, Public Works Director, Kristie Masemer, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Joel Klinedinst, Northeastern York County Sewer Authority (NEYCSA), John Nace, Northeastern York County Sewer Authority (NEYCSA) and one citizen.

At a special meeting held at the township building, Chairman Gross called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

Sewer Report

Mr. Klinedinst and Mr. Nace reported that the Sewer Authority would like to have planned projects such as replacing old pipes. However, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) continues to require upgrades and therefore, money is continuing to go to upgrades instead of planned projects. Additionally, sewer delinquency has gone down significantly over the years due to great administrative staff as well as working in connection with East Manchester Township staff.

Mr. Haugh asked what the oldest lines are the NEYCSA have. - The boroughs lines are the oldest and some have terracotta lines. Mr. Haugh mentioned that some Township roads appear to be sinking and he believes it is from the sewer lines. The NEYCSA is preparing to invest in televising equipment and stated that infiltration appears to be a major issue that contributes to the sinking of roads. The water in the grounds find the path of the sewer lines and follows those lines. Also, there has been a significant rise in 100-year storms, which is the spec the lines are installed.

Area 2 Project

Mr. Haugh asked about the small stream on Park Street and if it will get corrected with the Area 2 Project. – Yes, it will be corrected.

New sewer line is not being proposed to run on Conewago Creek Road due to significant flooding. Therefore, there is a Met-Ed right-of-way known as York Avenue that is proposed to be utilized for the sewer line. It would collect from behind the properties and gravity feed out of York Avenue. Mr. Haugh asked when will Park Street get done? – In at least two years but hoping no more than six to eight years. NEYCSA stated that the sewer line may not go far back on Old School Lane due to homes that sit further away from the road. The requirement approximately states that homes within 100 feet of the sewer line are required to connect to sewer, therefore the homes sitting further back are not guaranteed to connect. Lastly, the Area 2 Project appears to be at a cost of three to five million dollars.

Sewer Contract Workshop

Remove Section 11. G., Chairman Gross stated that if a new district is created, then a new section should spell out specifically when their surcharge will end and become equalized.

Section 11.J appears to be consistent. The Board sets the rates. NEYCSA stated that they are making sure Industrial and Commercial are paying for what they are using as well.

Section 16. Looks good.

Section 17. NEYCSA stated that they try to maintain the lines in good condition. They expect the two boroughs to renew the contract as well, however they have not heard anything. Both plants have plenty of capacity. Also, the UV System is now running.

Questions/Comments from the Board and Staff

Vice Chairman Dave Naylor: Who should staff contact if there is an issue with a pipe and such? – Mr. Klinedinst explained that the hierarchy is the Commission then Pat Poet, Plant Manager, next the Sewer Authority appointed engineer, and then Peter Nestlerode, Plant Operator. In conclusion, Pat is the municipalities main point of contact.

Supervisor Barry Rudisill: Section 8 of the Contract – Does the Commission have any issues with truancy and are the members able to make more than \$600 compensation? -Mr. Klinedinst stated that it is rare to not have a quorum and the reason for the \$600 limit is believed to be because of tax purposes.

Mr. Shane Haugh: Would like a meet and greet between his crew and the Sewer Authority crew. He wants both crews to be able to communicate and work well with each other in the future. – The Sewer Authority stated that is a good idea and will make sure it happens.

Mrs. Kristie Masemer: Our municipal staff and the Sewer Authority staff have been working very well with each other. No complaints and staff looks forward to continuing good working relationships.

Chairman Steven Gross Jr.: Very happy that the rates are equalized, and he appreciates both Mr. Nace and Mr. Klinedinst taking time out of their schedule to attend this meeting. He also feels that it is good that Joel attends the Board of Supervisors meetings and he appreciates that.

With no further business Chairman Gross moved to adjourn at 11:08 a.m., Supervisor Rudisill second.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristie M. Masemer
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager