

MINUTES
SEWER ADVISORY BOARD (SAB) MEETING
July 28, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Allen Township Sewer Advisory Board was held on July 28, 2022, in the Upper Allen Township Municipal Building, 100 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

MEMBERS

Dan Hower, Chairman
Bob Haines, Vice Chairman
Dave Gabel, Secretary
Mike Gillespie (Absent)
Karen Overly Smith

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Ken Martin, President
Rick Castranio, Commissioner
Barry A. Cupp, Sewer Dept. Director
Kodi Hockenberry, WWTP Supt./Asst. Sewer Dept.
Director (absent)

GHD ENGINEERING SERVICES

Joel Kostelac, P.E.

Chairman Hower called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary, Sherie Minich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2022

Chairman Hower called for approval of the minutes of the June 23, 2022, meeting. Mr. Gabel made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of June 23, 2022; **SECONDED** by Mr. Haines. The Motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no new announcements.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTHAM WWTP SLUDGE DEWATERING SYSTEM UPGRADE AND MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Cupp reported that on July 12, 2022, he had a meeting with GHD and Township staff at the Grantham Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”). At that meeting they discussed certain design issues, new blowers in the building, and at building modifications. There was also discussion about eliminating one of the items in the KAPPE Associates proposal for the multiport conveyor system discharge as WWTP staff feels it isn’t necessary. Eliminating this system would provide the Township with a fairly substantial reduction in cost for the conveyor assembly.

Mr. Cupp asked Mr. Kostelac to update the Board on the progress of the design of the dewatering system upgrade. He advised that GHD had dropped off some preliminary drawings for the staff to review and comment on. GHD will review those comments with the staff. Mr. Kostelac stated that the blower aspects of this project is challenging because the piping will be placed in a small room. GHD is working on a layout for the piping so that the plant operators can maneuver around the blowers to be able to maintain them. Mr. Kostelac concurred with Mr. Cupp that it was a good decision to take the multiport conveyor stem out because in order to provide sufficient clearance the existing garage doors would need to be replaced with roll-up doors. BP should be working on their submittals, and they are expecting to receive them in August. Once received, that portion of the project will continue to move forward, and the Township will be able to put that part of the design package together in front of a few installing contractors to get that pricing together this fall.

WITNEY RIDGE LOW PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEM

Mr. Cupp addressed the Witney Ridge low pressure sewer system. He advised that he has been working with Steve Williamson from the Witney Ridge Homeowners’ Association (“HOA”) to try and develop as-built drawings for their system, in particular the low-pressure sewers. On July 19, 2022, Mr. Cupp met with Steve Williamson from the HOA and also a representative from USG. USG demonstrated their GPR locating equipment. They also discussed their air vacuum excavation equipment. With those two pieces of equipment, USG believes they will be able to locate all of the service connections and mark those locations. If USG can give the Township coordinates, the HOA hopes to work with Dawood Engineering and Hugh Simpson to come up with the drawings that the Township has been requesting in order to accept the sewer system at Witney Ridge. On August 2, 2022, there will be another meeting to discuss the cost of this work, which is estimated at \$10,750 for two days of locating services. They are going to locate all the lateral connections on both sides of the road and locate the force main itself by air excavating a few test locations. After that meeting Mr. Cupp is hopeful an agreement can be reached, and that work can get started. There were no further questions at that time.

NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION

Mr. Kostelac reported on the status of the NPDES permit renewal application. He stated that it DEP received the renewal application on June 27, 2022. He noted that DEP will take their time to review the application; however, the current permit will continue to be in force until the renewal permit comes back.

GRANTHAM WWTP TOUR

Mr. Cupp reported that after last month's SAB meeting, the board members were invited to go down to the WWTP for a tour. Mr. Cupp stated that that staff at the plant gave an excellent and comprehensive tour of the facility. Ryan Reed did a demonstration with a mini treatment plant system he set up using real sewage. Mr. Cupp noted that he was impressed with Mr. Reed's demonstration on how the plant operates. Mr. Cupp encouraged those who were not able to attend last month's tour to schedule another time to take a tour of the facility.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No visitors.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

President Martin asked Mr. Cupp how the cost arrangement was determined for the issues with regard to the Witney Ridge HOA. Mr. Cupp advised that Commissioner Cochran indicated to the HOA members that he felt that the Township bore some responsibility for the cost of locating the low-pressure sewer lines because the Township should have been able to produce drawings. Commissioner Castranio asked how the Township was supposed to produce something that was never delivered to the Township. Mr. Cupp answered by stating that the problem was because Gannett Fleming, who was the engineer for the Township at the time, never turned over as-built records to the Township on behalf of the developer (Hugh Simpson). Commissioner Castranio asked if Dawood Engineering would have a copy of what they submitted to Gannett Fleming. Mr. Cupp advised that he reached out to an inspector that worked for Gannett Fleming at the time and he had no recollection of whatever may or may not have happened to those records. Mr. Hockenberry also reached out to someone he knows who works for Gannett Fleming, however he apparently was not able to come up with any drawings as well.

Since the Township didn't want to accept the system without knowing where the facilities are located, Commissioner Cochran indicated that the Township would be willing to consider sharing in those costs, depending on what they were. There was no dollar amount assigned at that time. Steve Williamson from the HOA agreed to go out and solicit prices. After contacting 28 firms Mr. Williamson received four proposals, two of which appeared to be acceptable, from Rettew and USG. USG's proposal included more work for the money and it was \$7,000

cheaper. President Martin stated that feels the responsibility lies with the developer and the HOA who succeeded the developer. He does not have a problem using Township funds to help the HOA with the project but has more of an issue with spending Township money for the engineer than he does for the excavator or locator. Mr. Cupp agreed that he felt the developer bares a lot of the responsibility. When asked if the as-builts were ever done, Mr. Cupp responded that the Township is not aware that they were ever done. Mr. Cupp believes what Commissioner Cochran was talking about was sharing in the cost for the investigative work, not to pay their engineer, Dawood, to produce as-builts. Commissioner Martin asked Mr. Cupp if what he is proposing to pay is 50 percent of the investigatory work to get to the point before the as-builts are started. Mr. Cupp confirmed that is what he would recommend. President Martin thanked Mr. Cupp for the conversation.

President Martin also stated that some of the other Commissioners may want to go to the WWTP for a tour. He is going to look for a common time for them to get together at a future date for a tour.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Hower moved onto adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M.