

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PLUM CREEK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
November 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of The Plum Creek Municipal Authority was held on November 19, 2019, at the Plum Creek Municipal Authority Business Office Building, South Manheim Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Board members present at the meeting were Jerry Weiss, Matt Gruber, and Corby Lewis. Also, in attendance were Joe Zerbe (PCMA Attorney), Dave Bright (SSM Engineering), David Smith (SES), and property owners – Joe Haggerty, David Mengel, and Gary Schultz.

Jerry Weiss called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The minutes for the October 2019 meeting were accepted by motion of Matt Gruber, seconded by Corby Lewis, carried by all.

The Treasurer's report for October 2019 was reviewed and accepted by motion of Corby Lewis, seconded by Matt Gruber, carried by all.

David Smith (SES) gave his manager's report (submitted to the Board prior to the meeting):

- Copies of the following information has been submitted by SES to PA DEP on the authority's behalf and are viewable via PA DEP website via the eDMR.
 - Discharge monitoring report and Discharge monitoring report supplemental report
 - There have been no water system violations and no wastewater system violations during this time.
 - The Ford Ranger was repaired and inspected at Moyer's and is back in service.
 - Snow is around the corner. Recommends a used plow be purchased and installed on the Ford F-250.
 - The Western Star Pump Truck was repaired and is now in service.
- In water operations, David reported that:
- Normal operations continue.

- Water lines were flushed between 10/21/19 and 10/28/19.
- The other three wells are operational and being rotated. Currently running two wells at approximately 150 gpm.
- A water main leak was repaired where Well# 1 enters the system located near G Dock. A leak still exists on Lone Star Drive between the two lakes.
- Booster Station is at 12.9 PSI, as of November 15, 2019. (14.2 PSI=full).
- Booster Station: All pumps operational and rotating on monthly basis.

In sewage operations, David reported that:

- Normal operations continue and plant ran well for October 2019.
- There was a DEP inspection for the sewage system by Jared Sabitsky. I am awaiting the report. There were no violations at the time of inspection that I am aware of. David said he just got the paperwork, and everything passed.
- The new NPDES Permit was issued for the wastewater plant and started November 1, 2019.
- Approximately 9 septic pumps are in the backlog.

Corby Lewis said Keenan had talked to him about a plow and he recommended going to Storks because they have a lot of used ones. Corby said Keenan had gotten four prices on new ones (Western \$5,550, SnowEx \$5,100, Fisher \$5,600, Blizzard \$4,400) and he had inquired about a used one. A used one is between \$2,900 to \$3,600 and \$450 to install. Corby said he recommends getting a used plow, 9-footer, Western or Boss, not a bottom trip plow, and has springs. David Smith (SES) said he will call Stork's Plows.

Upon motion by Corby Lewis, seconded by Matt Gruber, carried by all, the Board approved a purchase of a used snow plow up to \$4,050.00 (installed) and recommends looking at Stork's Plows.

David Smith (SES) said he got a call from a property owner (Gary) who was asking questions about asbestos in the water. David said Gary was concerned because on the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) there is no data on there and if there is no data it is usually because it was a non-detect. David said he called DEP and they got back to him. Plum Creek is currently under a waiver that you don't have to test for it because you do corrosion control and there is no asbestos rock. Dave said even though you have a waiver you did test for it in 2012 at the entry

point, which was non-detect, and in the distribution point. The waiver runs out in 2020. David recommends that you don't file for a waiver and just test for it. David said it is expensive.

Dave Bright (SSM) said he doesn't know what the cost is, but it is something a local lab won't do. You have to send the sample to a few labs around the country that are certified to do that. Dave said it has been a few years since he had to deal with anything related to asbestos but he suspects if the waiver is running out you will probably get a notice from DEP saying you have to either reapply for the waiver, which would require another test, or continue to test for it regularly. Nancy said we did not receive anything in the mail. Corby Lewis said we should apply for the waiver but also do some testing. David Smith (SES) thought it was on a seven-year cycle, but he is not sure, but he could find out.

Dave Bright (SSM) said the concern with asbestos is when it is airborne. So, that's why using transite pipe is still allowed. They are not making it anymore, but his understanding is it is not made because of the problems manufacturing it and what the manufacturers must go through. Dave said as far as pipe, that is in the ground, it is waterborne (water is in there) so any asbestos that might come off the pipe would be waterborne and that is not a health hazard. Dave said he will do some checking on it and he will report back to the Board before the next meeting.

Gary Schultz asked the Board – how many of you live in the Lake? The Board answered four of the five Board members live in the lake. Gary said he thinks anybody that lives in the lake would have a concern and he understands what Dave Bright (SSM) is saying about it being airborne.

In engineering matters, Dave Bright (SSM) said there was some correspondence with Mike Kreiser (SES) about one of the requirements regarding the NPDES permit. Dave said as far as the Act 537 Plan is concerned, at this point, we are waiting for the Townships to get back to us with their comments. Corby Lewis said at South Manheim's township meeting the packet was handed out to the supervisors and they were going to review it for the next meeting.

In legal matters, Joe Zerbe said routine legal matters were addressed, including filing and satisfying liens, and reviewed some employment matters with Jen.

Jerry Weiss asked if there was any more news on the incident with Luckenbill Farms. Nancy said no and we did not get any payment. Joe Zerbe said he will send a letter to Luckenbill Farms regarding payment.

Jerry Weiss said the Business Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after and the Sewage Plant will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

David Mengel said he had a couple of things he would like to have verified, he was looking back into some things, but he doesn't know how we are going to do it without Jim Ridderhoff being here. David said Jim Ridderhoff gave his report to Wayne Township and South Manheim Township on what you are going to be doing. David said at Wayne Township Jim said the consensus is that the property owners are in favor of the decision to close but the Lake Wynonah Property Owners' Association (POA) Board members are against it. David said at a meeting (in here) Jim said overwhelmingly the general homeowner is in approval of the direction you are going. David wonders was there a survey taken of this or how you came up with that conclusion.

Corby Lewis said he personally thinks that Jim based that upon a survey (at one time) and there was only a handful of people that had any kind of response. Nancy said we got back about six responses and I am guessing because it has been awhile. They could either email or call and the six responses we got back - none were against. David Mengel said when you have an important poll in the Lake (like something for dues) you are lucky to get a third of the people.

David Mengel said also between the Wayne Township meeting and the South Manheim meeting – Jim came up with figures and he told the one \$500,000 to upgrade the present plant and at the other meeting he came up with a figure of an estimated \$3 million cost to fix the plant. On the one it was three years ago you decided to close it and the other one it was two years ago you decided to close it. David asked how you can have this discrepancy?

Corby Lewis said we can't speak for Jim Ridderhoff. Nancy said the articles that David Mengel is talking about were in "The Call" newspaper. Corby said he read that same article and she (reporter) had a lot of things incorrect. Corby said he doesn't even think she was there that evening and is not sure how she got the information. Corby said they have stopped coming to meetings. She used to come to every meeting for the first half (usually till after Corby's road report) and then leave. Corby said he thinks (but is not sure) that the \$3 million was for replacement. Joe Haggerty said it's possible that they were crossing the repair costs with the grant you applied for.

David Mengel said what gets him now is Plum Creek Municipal Authority was in trouble ten years ago. David said it got to the point where - we need a certain amount of money to fix the tank – we don't have the money and then nothing was

done and so it went downhill. Corby Lewis said that is the case with the entire operation. Corby said things should have been maintained when this went from a recreational community to a living area – there should have been upgrades done over time. Now everything has been let go for so many years and everything is sitting in disrepair.

There being no further business, Corby Lewis motioned for adjournment, Matt Gruber seconded the motion, carried by all. Jerry Weiss adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken, prepared, and submitted by Nancy Wesner.