

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PLUM CREEK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
June 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of The Plum Creek Municipal Authority was held on June 15, 2021, at the Wayne Township Building.

Board members present at the meeting were Jim Ridderhoff, Matt Gruber, Corby Lewis, and Ryan Achenbach. Also, in attendance were Joe Zerbe (PCMA Attorney), Nancy Wesner (PCMA Office), Matthew Crump (SES – Select Environmental Solutions), Jamie Lorah (SSM Engineering), Allen Madeira (Envirotech & Associates), Willie Peterman (Peterman Bros. Septic Service), Brandy Peterman (Peterman Bros. Septic Service), Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros. Inc.), Ken Kramer (K&W Septic Services), Michael Biros (Biros Septic), Marlin Nolt (Septic Solutions), Roger Nolt (Septic Solutions), and property owners – Joe Haggerty, David Mengel, Jack Brennan, and Bob Still.

Jim Ridderhoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes for the May 2021 meeting were accepted by motion of Matt Gruber, seconded by Ryan Achenbach, carried by all.

The Treasurer's report for May 2021 was reviewed and accepted by motion of Matt Gruber, seconded by Ryan Achenbach, carried by all.

- Matthew Crump (SES), submitted a written manager's report to the Board prior to the meeting:
- We are pleased to report there have been no water system violations. We are sorry to report that there has been a wastewater system violation for failure to collect a sample, while the staff member is not with SES anymore to know why the sample was not collected the lab failed to inform us that no sample was collected that week as well.
- 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

- Blue Mac pump truck is down as of this month, June, and getting a new pump installed.

In water operations, Matthew Crump (SES) reported that:

- Replaced service line at #1689 due to 30,000 gpd leak.
- We are currently operating 3 wells. We filled the storage tank as much as possible prior to 6/14/21 as that is when Subsurface was due to start rehabilitation on Well #1. They arrived on schedule and started work and Well #1 was shut off. Our average yield is 253,064 gallons per day.
- Wells are rotated to have equal run time, and rest time.
- Repaired a fire hydrant at A-dock after the valve stem snapped while exercising it.
- Added a new main shut off valve at #467 due to old valve refusing to close.
- New chlorine tanks were ordered and at least one has been received.
- We would like permission to do a trial run with a new type of pump for the chlorine injection at the wells. The next time we need to order a new chlorine pump I suggest we order a Prominent and use it to see if we yield better results. We use the Prominent pumps at a few other sites and have had very good results. In the past and currently we are experiencing issues almost every day with the current pumps going air bound and no longer injecting chlorine. They can fix that once they are on site. The Prominent pumps run about \$900 compared to the current ones being used at \$800.
- Quote supplies for redoing pipework for the last two wells.
- Need supplies to paint the inside of the wells and to make sure wells are secure. Drinking water law requires all buildings to be secure (shut and locked) and Well #3 door needs to be replaced to be able to shut if and if unfenced building have open windows, they will need to have bars installed to keep from having contamination of water supply. Nancy (PCMA Office) said Joe Clemas (Plant) called Erech Noecker Contractor and got a quote. Jim Ridderhoff approved it and because the door is a special order, we had to send a deposit check.
- Booster Station: All pumps operational and rotating on monthly basis.

In sewage operations, Matthew Crump (SES) reported that:

- Normal operations continue and plant ran well for May 2021.
- Approximately 34 septic pumps are in the backlog.
- A weekly composite sample was missed by previous employee.

Matthew Crump (SES) said what he wanted to touch base on was about the chlorine pumps. If they need to go and buy a new pump, in the future, if we could switch over and do a trial run, with a pump which he has had a lot of success with at other sites called Prominent pump. It is an automatic degassing head and keeps air from locking up the pump. Matthew said you have a bunch of rebuilt kits for the pumps you have, and you could keep on using them till they phase out. Ryan Achenbach, Corby Lewis, and Matt Gruber said they are willing to do a trial run. Matthew Crump (SES) said the piping work at Well #1 and Well # 8 was completed. He was looking at getting one more piece for Well #1 while they are doing the cleaning and rehabilitation.

Upon motion by Ryan Achenbach, seconded by Corby Lewis, and carried by all, the Board approved the LB Water quotes to repair (piping) at Well # 3 and Well # 6.

Matthew Crump (SES) said he needs to get supplies to start painting the new pipe work that is in Well # 1 and Well #8 and for Well # 3 and Well #6 when they are done. It is acrylic paint to keep it from rusting. Matthew said it would be SES personnel that would be doing the painting, but they need the supplies, and they would do it in their normal work hours. Matthew said he needs to check with Mike Kreiser (SES) because it would not be routine work and if it would be billed hourly at the rate, he bills PCMA. Corby Lewis said maybe it would be beneficial to bid it out to a painting company. After talking with Mike, Matthew will report back to the Board. Ryan Achenbach said to Matthew if he could provide how much paint is necessary and how many days it will take to paint the Board can calculate it better.

Jamie Lorah (SSM) had a question about the manger's report. Jamie said last month you did 47 total pumps – 36 holding tanks and 11 septic tanks – and you have 34 septic pumps in the backlog and one of the pump trucks is currently down, so you are only running one truck now. How long will that be (two weeks) before you get the other pump truck back. Corby Lewis said it was two weeks if they rebuilt the pump, but we are getting a new pump and it should be less than two weeks.

In legal matters, Joe Zerbe said he addressed routine matters such as filing and satisfying some liens.

In engineering matters, Jamie Lorah (SSM), said the Act 537 planning public comment period ended May 29, 2021. We received and addressed all comments that have been received to date and have requested DEP to a pre-review of the Act 537 plan, but they are not willing to do that – they do not have the staff to do so.

Jamie Lorah (SSM) said the next step is to finalize the documents and submit them to DEP, but we need the townships to sign off first and approve the Act 537 plans in order to do so. A couple of weeks ago we received a letter from South Manheim township asking additional questions and asking for a meeting with DEP. Jamie said she reached out to DEP and they are not willing to meet for a public meeting right now, they are not coming in to public meetings at this time, they are not even in their offices yet, they can only do a conference call or a zoom meeting and it would have to be during business hours. Jamie said she can go ahead and set that up (a zoom type call) with DEP, South Manheim township, and the Authority if that is the way the Board wants to proceed. Wayne township has not met yet – they meet tomorrow, and they might not be acting on this it may be another month.

Richard Hardy said he had a question for Jamie Lorah (SSM) on the Act 537 report that is being sent to DEP. There were some questions at the South Manheim meeting. What questions are being sent to DEP or is it answers that you supplied. Jamie said all questions must be supplied to DEP and all responses to date must be sent in the packet.

Jim welcomed all the visitors to the meeting.

Jim Ridderhoff introduced Allen Madeira from Envirotech & Associates. He is the possible Sewage Management Administrator for the Sewage Management Program which will be instituted after we close the wastewater treatment plant. Jim said he invited Allen to the meeting to explain his program, how it works, how it works with the Administrator, haulers, and the recipients. Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said his company is in West Reading, Berks, but he gets all over. He lives in Schuylkill County, in East Brunswick township, and once upon a time he was the South Manheim Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO). He has done a lot of septic system designs in Lake Wynonah and has been doing this for about 30 years.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said the best example he has of a program that works well is the Township of Cumru in Southern Berks County. Allen said what they do there is we notify the people that they have to pump on a three-year rotation. There

are similarities and differences on how the municipalities will work and how Lake Wynonah will work but the broad strokes are the same. What happens there is the homeowners are responsible for calling the pumper and coordinating with the inspector (Allen-SEO or one of his employees) to come out. Allen said but what really works the best is the pumpers calls us. The homeowner calls the pumper – the pumper calls us - and we get our schedules together. Allen said he tries very hard to accommodate them and me chase them rather than the other way around, but we got to work together a little bit. Allen said if we are going to do this one of the things, he was thinking of doing is maybe devoting one day a week exclusively for Lake Wynonah like a Friday. That way the pumpers know he is available on Fridays, and this is a detail that can be worked out later.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said what we do for the septic systems is we have an inspection form that when we come, we fill it out, and we look at different aspects depending on what the septic system is and make our recommendations. The focus is on preventing problems not enforcement – not you failed, or you passed. A lot of people get confused by that and they do confuse our inspections with real estate inspections. What we are doing is making sure that there is no current violation, or something is eminent that could cause a violation and could easily be fixed for instance a broken outlet baffle. You fix the outlet baffle to prevent the malfunction from happening. Allen said when he comes back to the office that inspection report gets scanned into our database, every single property is in our database, and the information continues to grow. On a monthly basis we send all those reports to the municipality along with their invoice for the month. We use the DEP forms for activity reporting and that information then (at the end of the year) gets compiled into an annual report and this is all part of the administration duties they perform.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said holding tanks are a different story. Holding tanks need to be pumped more often than onlot septic systems. That varies depending on the number of occupants, on the size of the tank, and what their habits are. So, in our municipalities, we do annual inspections because they have an operations and maintenance agreement that requires that, and he knows there are other policies in place for Lake Wynonah, but they are similar. Allen said what they do at the annual inspection is they make sure the alarm is working, that the tank is structurally sound, and they collect all the pump receipts, and in many cases, they compare pump receipts to water usage as a way of seeing that nobody is cheating. It is rare but he has had people that have a submersible pump in their tank and pump it into a storm sewer or creek. That is why they check the water meter readings and can see what the consumption is, and the pumping is always going to differ a little because of watering flowers, washing the car, etc.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said he wanted to mention he read through a lot of documents and Jamie Lorah (SSM) and him are going to be talking about ordinances and so forth. One of the documents he read brushed across sludge and scum levels in the tank but did not go any further than that. Allen said he has a lot of people that are empty nesters, maybe live half the year in Florida, and say we do not need a pump every three years we are hardly there. So, there is a device called sludge judge and it is kind of like a straw – you put your thumb on and you can take a sample and you measure the depth of the sludge and the scum. Allen said state law says that your pumping interval should be every three years unless the sludge and scum level is less than one-third the liquid depth it is right in the regulations. We will grant a pumping waiver for someone who requests it – if we come out to do the sludge judge and their solid levels are less than one-third liquid depth. Typically, the way our ordinances are written they are only allowed one waiver – you can have multiple waivers – but not two in a row. So, they must pump the next cycle but get a waiver after that. In Lake Wynonah that might be something you want to consider implementing.

Jack Brennan asked Allen Madeira (Envirotech) how many employees he has. Allen said right now he has another SEO named Brian that has been working for him about six years. He has a young lady that is going to the SEO academy next week. Allen said he is pretty much going to be handling Lake Wynonah, personally, because he lives up here and his employees live in Southern Berks. Allen said that is why he was thinking about dedicating one day a week – not that he cannot go on other days, by appointment, he can. But if he makes himself available then you guys know he is always available on a Friday it might go a lot easier. Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said but you will be available Monday through Friday – Allen said yes – by appointment. Allen said we will just have to work it out.

Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said will Allen Madeira (Envirotech) be doing the inspections because in the letter the Municipal Authority sent out it is saying the haulers are responsible for inspecting the interior of the tank, baffles, pump, alarm, and that is normally what we do already without any kind of ordinances. Are they going to be inspecting all that and we are just going to pump? Jim Ridderhoff said to Allen - according to your program – you are the inspector.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said there is three ways we could do this. Allen can do all the inspections and the haulers would do the pumping. Allen said we kind of inspect together but sometimes he cannot make it and the pumper must go but ideally it would be him, the pumper, and the homeowner all there at the same time.

Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said he services a lot of different counties throughout Pennsylvania townships that are mandatory pumping. The township supplies the paperwork, we inspect the baffles, test the alarm - make sure it is functioning, pump is functional, and any kind of issues, you fill it out and send it in to the township.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said that is one of the other options and there are townships that do that, but it has been his experience that a lot of pumpers do not want that responsibility and other pumpers, like Biros, apparently have no problems with that. Allen said that is an issue that we would have to discuss.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said the third option is that the SEO or inspector (myself) does the initial inspection but then the pumper does the inspections moving forward thereafter. Allen thinks that is a good compromise and it will alleviate some of the scheduling issues. We want to have somebody that represents the Authority checking these systems out and dealing with any potential malfunctions or issues but after that especially if we have PSMA (PA Septage Management Association) certified inspectors (haulers) that know what they are doing as opposed to some people who are not. Allen said it is an option to discuss. Jim Ridderhoff said he can see scheduling would be a big problem if you are saying you can only be there on a Friday. Allen said he is not saying that – he is just saying that it might be something that he would make himself available on a Friday but if somebody wanted something on a Tuesday, we just must make an appointment. Jim said does that mean all septic pumps will have to be done on Fridays. Allen said that is not what he said. Allen said what he is saying he will make himself available on a Friday (just an idea) so that they know Allen is always going to be dedicated to Lake Wynonah on a Friday but if somebody needs him on a Tuesday then they must call, and we would have to schedule it. Allen said they can pump it and he can meet the homeowner later that day or the next day – we do that now. Allen said he does not want to hold up the pumpers.

Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said what happens - he sees quite a few tanks that were installed, by whomever, and they over dug the hole, just put loose dirt back in, did not put any kind of stone or compaction to it, and the tank settles and he sees a crack. The water will seep out and the tank will be at a normal level because you have four people in the household. You pump the tank out and as you are pumping it and you get down to the bottom and you see the water coming up into the tank from outside the tank. What happens if you show up eight hours later and you cannot see that. Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said those are the things that you got to take on a case-by-case basis and the pumper can report to him. Allen said

again, you are talking about pumpers who are PSMA certified and qualified to do that. Allen said you are professionals, and you are doing that and checking things like that and reporting them to him – he does not have any objection to that and then you will let us know when there is a problem, and he will come out and meet you or meet the homeowner and we figure out what we are going to do moving forward to address it.

Jamie Lorah (SES) had a question for the haulers. The inspection is that commonly included in your fee or are you adding a cost for inspection and completing the form. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said you are backing that with insurance – so if he is backing something with insurance then he is backing it with a fee. Mike said if he is stating that it is good and it is not. Jamie said what is a standard fee. Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said when you are doing inspections there is different insurance. Because if you inspect a system and provide any kind of documentation and you provide the wrong information the customer can come back and sue you. Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said he had a comment for the Board because he runs into this with other municipalities. There are quite a few municipalities out there that have pumpers doing the inspections. If the pumper is doing an inspection and reporting to the Authority, they are acting as an agent of the Authority. So, you are going to want the pumpers to be registered and you want to a certificate of insurance every year from those pumpers. Allen said that is something he can administer and keep track of for the Authority. Jim Ridderhoff said that is part of our requirement. Joe Zerbe asked Allen when you say you want a certificate of insurance, that is just not proof of insurance because they are acting as an agent, would the Authority be named as an additional insured. Allen said exactly.

Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said he never ran in to that where the township had to be named as an additional insured. Allen said he is not a lawyer – he got that from lawyers. Allen said he would defer to your solicitor on that subject but that is how it is generally done but there are some municipalities that do not do it that way.

Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros) said to Allen Madeira (Envirotech) when you do Berks County and if he is doing a business card (like he does in Berks County), he does not charge for that. It is just a little card that says baffles - check, concrete metal cesspool - check, he signs that and that is still paperwork, but he is not doing a letter. There are townships that supply the forms – the township ships the card to the homeowner, the homeowner then must contact somebody by a certain date, the pumper comes out and does the pump out, the pumper signs the card, and hands it right back to the homeowner. Mike said he makes all his guys take a picture of the card with their phone and then he keeps a copy at his office. Allen said different

municipalities do it different ways and part of that depends on the level of detail you want on the inspection. Allen said his level of detail is a little more than Mike just described but a little less than what he seen other people do. It is not necessary to do a full blown PSMA inspection on a pump out. Mike said they are not going out as the septic police. Mike said he is going out there to document anything that he sees that is obvious, but he is not going out there and send it to the townships and say this guy is in violation. Allen said that is why some pumpers do not want to be septic police and that is not their job – they are there to serve the client. Allen said that is one of the reasons why he thinks it is better if they are involved with the inspection process.

Jack Brennan said there is a lot of roll-over sales in Lake Wynonah – how do you handle the pump out and inspection for a real estate transaction. Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said there is confusion sometimes between those real estate inspections and what we are doing. Jack said what level of involvement does Allen do on real estate transactions – Allen said zero. Allen said he needs to know who the new owner is so he can notify them about pumping, and we keep track of the pumping of their tanks. Allen said if they want the tank cleaned and checked as part of the real estate transaction and they want that to count as their pump out for that cycle then he can do that. Allen said the certified inspection for the real estate is separate from the Sewage Management Program. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said if he goes out for a PSMA inspection, and the tank is cracked then game over. Allen said if he comes out to do the SMP (Sewage Management Program) inspection that is separate from the PSMA (PA Septage Management Association) inspection – it is two different things. Allen said he does not do PSMA inspections.

Joe Haggerty said he has a question on the process Allen Madeira (Envirotech) is describing and what is occurring today. Joe said our drivers today are basically doing the inspections. Jim Ridderhoff said that is correct. Joe said there is not an additional person or SEO looking at it, the driver pumps the tank, and after he pumps it, he does the visual inspection, and if it is good, it is good for three years. Jim said currently that is correct. Jim said all these gentlemen have met the requirements for the approved haulers list. Joe said they are all capable of doing the same inspection that is occurring today. Jim said yes and more so. Jim said they are qualified to do more than our driver is right now. Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said when you are doing a pumping in townships, where it is mandatory, you are doing a visual you are not probing the drain field. Jim said we will have a form, that is our inspection form right now, to be filled out each time. Allen said the real estate inspection is much more invasive. Jamie Lorah (SSM) said it should not be the other homeowners or Lake Wynonah Community responsibility to pay for a

real estate inspection that should be on the property owner that is selling the property or the buyer. Jamie said it is part of the real estate transaction totally outside of this program.

Bob Still said he thought he heard someone say this proposed new process that the homeowner would get a form. Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said correct. Bob said that is totally different than now. Bob said right now he calls for an inspection and there is no form, the homeowner is not involved. Jim Ridderhoff said, as he understands it, the new program will be on a cycle; you will have a group of people who are due for septic tank inspections and pumping's. They send out the paperwork to the homeowner, it will include that inspection report in the packet you will get, and it will have the information of the approved haulers list, and it is up to the homeowner to call the hauler, make an appointment to schedule for your service, and you will have this block of time to do that. The paperwork will have to be filled out at the time of pumping. The pumper will do that, and he will give it back to the homeowner and they will have to turn it back in to the Administrator for proof of pumping. Allen said that is not the way he does it in Cumru township. Allen said if the pumpers are doing the inspection, then everything Mr. Ridderhoff just said is correct. Allen said if he is doing the inspection, he is bringing the form with him and filling it out, and the homeowner is only getting a copy after everything is all filled out and done. Bob said right now the residents of Lake Wynonah call the Authority and they manage the process. Bob said with the new process the homeowner will be inserted into the process to manage it essentially for themselves and get to pay \$50 a year as a management fee to the Authority. Bob said he would caution the Authority to really think about this because he sees the homeowners being inserted into managing the process themselves. He knows it happens in other townships – fine – but in fifty years that has not been the process for the residents of Lake Wynonah.

Ryan Achenbach said he lives in Lake Wynonah and when he is due for his inspection and pumping, on the three-year cycle, they send him a letter, and he must call. They do not make an appointment for him and come out and handle it all to where he never does anything. Ryan said he must call them, he has to set up an appointment, and be there. The only difference is them getting the paperwork ahead of time, if they choose to use one of these haulers, or they can do the fast-track system and contact (possibly) Allen Madeira (Envirotech) and it is all handled for them just like it is now.

Jack Brennan said why can't the haulers, who are certified, have the paperwork with them and fill out the name and address and turn it back in. Jamie Lorah (SSM)

said they can have copies as well. Jack said that way all the homeowner has to do is call when they get their notification just like they do now.

Ryan Achenbach said he would be happy to entertain an alternative. He thinks Jack Brennan provided a good one as to - can we give the paperwork to the drivers and have them, if they want to be involved, some drivers may want to and some may not, but we are all going to learn this quickly. Ryan said he would like to leave it up to the drivers how involved they want to be. Ryan said as he is viewing the room, as questions are being asked, he sees some shaking their head, like they do it all the time, and other ones may do not. He thinks that is the flexibility we have here in the marketplace.

Brandy Peterman (Peterman Bros.) said they work in a lot of townships where they have the form already and they fill out the form. It is not so much of a change for the customer to contact the pumper when it is time if you are going to notify the residents. All you must do is contact the pumper and schedule an appointment. Brandy said they always like the homeowner to be there, they like to talk to them, and their company does not do billing, so they like to get paid when they are there. It is not extra work on the homeowner at all. Brandy said if they have the paperwork, it is not a problem for them to fill it out and get it back to the township. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said it is not as difficult as it sounds.

Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) says the difficult part he sees is a problem with timing. Mike said he worries if Allen Madeira (Envirotech), or somebody, is going to be there when he needs them there. Brandy Peterman (Peterman Bros.) said Allen has worked with them a lot in the past. Brandy said if they cannot get on the same page Allen will say just go and he will come back and look at it. Brandy said they have their own facility where they take the material.

Jack Brennan asked Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) what the simplest process is. The truck driver has the paperwork, he pulls up to do the pump, checks it & pumps it, fills out the paperwork, and turns it back into the Administrator. Mike said in his opinion he likes the way Berks County does it. Mike said he does not have to schedule anything but with the customer. He goes out and services the system, fills out the paperwork, gives it back to the customer, and then he goes on his way. Mike said he does not have a problem with Allen Madeira he just thinks there could be a happy medium. Ryan Achenbach asked if any hauler has a concern with carrying the paperwork which was a concern of a resident. Mike said the only concern he has is with getting the correct customer information, etc. Marlin Nolt (Septic Solutions) said you could have the customer fill out the top half of the form

and they like to get paid when they are there - you could pay by credit card prior, mail a check in prior - there is flexibility.

Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) asked what information is going to be attainable for him. What kind of system is it and will he get pre-existing information? Mike said here is the problem - he has gone on numerous calls in Lake Wynonah where it has not been properly serviced - no offense against your driver. We had one and Mike said you are not pumping the whole tank, this is a 1250-gallon aerobic tank, you are only pumping the aerobic and where the filter is – you have never touched the first compartment and the house was forty years old. It was blocking up and there was a reason because they were not servicing the first compartment which inadvertently is a 500-gallon tank. Mike said he told the driver get your shovel, you are going to get educated, and we dug it up. Mike said are we sure, based on the age of the homes, that we have the right information. He says he charges by the gallon. So, if he goes out to do a job and does not have the right information, especially if the homeowner is working, and leaves him a check, he might not get paid the proper amount. Jack Brennan asked Jim Ridderhoff if all that information is in the system. Nancy (PCMA Office) said all the information about size of tanks, etc. is with Wayne Bowen (SEO). We do not have that information, but Wayne Bowen (SEO) had dropped off two boxes, years ago, and if a customer calls for that information, we will check the files otherwise we do not have that information.

Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said one of the things we are doing with our inspections (using Cumru Township as an example) it takes five years to get through one three-year cycle. At the end of the five-year period, which will be next year, he will have a complete data base of every septic system in the township. The idea is to fill in the gaps where the missing information is, and he would hope to do the same with Lake Wynonah. Allen said some of the systems he might have designed himself and he might have that information.

Ryan Achenbach said one of the things he has been hearing in Lake Wynonah over and over is the concern about bringing in outside haulers is that they are not going to be good servicing our neighborhood. Ryan said it sounds to him the complete opposite. We need you guys to come in and provide your expertise. This has been one of the most informative part of the meeting, so far, is listening to guys talk your business. Ryan said you are experts, and he does not think we have experts running our system in PCMA and we haven't for a long time. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said he is not here to degrade them. Ryan said he doesn't mean it like that and as you are saying we have limitations.

Ryan Achenbach said we have been this small Municipal Authority with turnover which we are aware of and the fear that you are going to come in and wreck Lake Wynonah. There are visions being planted out there of trucks careening into the lake. Ryan appreciates the expertise you guys are bringing to the table.

Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said he used to pump tanks in Lake Wynonah years ago and then they formed their own Authority. Mike said the problem you are going to have is that it is going to be sticker shock. The price difference that is going to come about with this is going to be a lot.

David Mengel said the last four times he had his system done it was different guys every time. David said he is no expert, but it seems each one did it differently. Now, you say you are 30-40 behind and this would be his month and he has not been notified yet – does he have to wait another month till this catches up. Jim Ridderhoff said all he can tell him is that our system, right now, the actual mechanics of getting through all the septic in the proper time is not working properly, due to failure of the trucks not being there and failure of people not working at what they are supposed to work at. We have trouble keeping up with this three-year program and that explains why you are behind.

David Mengel said it sounds like he is going to pay two people for inspections or did he miss something. Jim Ridderhoff said you will pay \$50 a year for the Sewage Management Program (SMP). That includes Allen Madeira's expertise, his three-year inspection, all the paperwork, all the administering, and the people that run it. Allen's inspection is part of the program (SMP), and it is not an additional fee. Jim said you pay the hauler for his services and if part of his services is inspecting that is what it is. Allen said some of the details have yet to be worked out. Ryan Achenbach said the \$50 fee gets brought up a lot and there is a ton of grey area that must be worked out. We tried to make it clear when we decided to propose the \$50 fee to try to cover it so we would not be caught in a deficit where we had to raise a fee. Ryan said we have the opportunity to amend that fee, at any time, just by a motion by the members of the PCMA Board. Ryan said four of the five of us are residents in Lake Wynonah so the idea that this \$50 fee was designed as an exorbitant fee, it is preliminary, and there is a lot of things that are not going to be worked out till we get the Act 537 plans approved. The idea that we could have all this ahead of time and have all these fees on the dollar was not reasonable. We are at \$50, and we are hoping we can adjust it if we can and at the same time we are also committed to fact that we know the water rates have been inflated for years to try to cover costs of the septic side and we are open to the idea of exploring how we might be able to amend the water rates in order to try and help offset the fact

that they will no longer be subsidizing the septic's. Ryan asks for everybody who lives in Lake Wynonah to give us that discretion to work our way through this.

Bob Still said the homeowner gets the report from the pumper - have they had any trouble with the integrity of what happens to that report, does it change, till it gets back to the municipality. Brandy Peterman (Peterman Bros) said generally they have a carbon copy of the report. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said if it is a card, he has his guys take a picture of it. Brandy Peterman (Peterman Bros.) said on some of the reports it is wrote right on the bottom pumper copy, homeowner copy, and township copy. Mike Strouse says you have an in gate and an out gate when you are leaving put that report into a box that the homeowner doesn't touch it once it is filled out if that is a concern. Allen Madeira (Envirotech) said that is a great idea. Jim Ridderhoff said what we are discussing right now are some details that are coming down the line and we have not polished them up yet. Jim said he would cherish the haulers input at the time of setting the paperwork up so that we can do this correctly and at the beginning and do it right.

Bob Still said in Lake Wynonah there are some very steep driveways and do we have insurance that the guy with the worst driveway is going to get serviced. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said it is not going to be an issue on his part but there might be additional fees for such a thing, and he thinks residents are already paying some of them now. Mike said he has been debating some of that and how he is going to combat that. Mike said he has tri axles, Biro's has tri axles, and Peterman Bros has a single axle and maybe it would be a little easier for them. Mike said to do this endeavor he might be purchasing a single axle just to get into some of these places. Mike said the potential customer base warrants an additional expense and he is willing to encompass that.

Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said he can clearly state that Strouse Bros will service every home in Lake Wynonah. He is in there just about every day, he has been surveying, and he put some of those in when he was a kid, and he knows some of these driveways. Mike said he works Saturday's and Sunday's if he has to.

Jamie Lorah (SSM) said to David Mengel that he had asked about the time he might have to wait to get his tank serviced. Jamie said she just wanted to add a comment. She started coming to these meetings around 2016 and she would get the reports. It used to be that PCMA was able to do ninety plus hauling's a month and it was consistent and out of those ninety – two thirds of them were holding tanks. Now, looking at a report that says they only got to forty-seven residents in thirty days and out of the forty-seven – thirty-six were holding tanks. That means they only did eleven septic tanks this month. Jamie is adding to Jim Ridderhoff's

comment that the system no longer works. The PCMA is no longer able to keep up with and solely service holding tanks and the septic tank residents are sitting and waiting. It is not fair to the septic tanks residents to be paying for holding tanks to be hauled out every month. Jamie said there are eighty holding tanks, roughly, that are full-time residents out of 1200 homes. Jamie said it has been a difficult decision for the Board to make and it is something that has been in the works for several years. David Mengel said he heard a rumor that someone has not been done in five years and he had asked Jim if there ever was an audit done. Mike Strouse said if you become a customer of Strouse Bros he has a card system he does now. He might send a card out to a customer too and it will just say you are due.

Jim Ridderhoff said the whole purpose of this Act 537 is (the revisions we have gone through, and all the questions and answers) is for us to get permission to close the wastewater treatment plant. All the discussion that we have been having, for the last hour, is the aftermath of that decision. Right now, we need to make sure that we can pass through this resolution and get it done. Jim said he would encourage both townships to consider that and not get bogged down in these details that can be worked out later.

Jim Ridderhoff said there is one detail we must discuss and that is the proposed trial period for the approved haulers. Jim sent a letter out to all the haulers about the approved haulers list and there are six requirements on there which you have all met. The problem perceived is that some of the leadership, not on the PCMA Board, in Lake Wynonah have perceived that the outside haulers might not be good enough to drive in the lake or they were overly cautious about having new people come into the lake. Jim said according to the discussion that has been going on you guys are good all the time and you know what you are doing – we know that. This is one of the hoops that we are asking you to jump through and that is to go on a trial period. We have been commanded to ask you to do that. Jim said what he proposes, for that trial period, is for each hauler to commit to one week a minimum of three days. You would come and supposedly be sub-contracted by the Municipal Authority. We would pay you \$150 an hour for each of those days. You would come in and empty the holding tanks that are scheduled for that day plus two septic's that will be scheduled for that day and we will pay by the hour for whatever time that takes.

Jim Ridderhoff said you will do the pumping, hauling, and dumping at our own treatment plant. We would take care of the billing, scheduling, and we would have Carl assist and by assist we mean he would be in his pickup truck and drive along, show you where everything is and help you if you want. He is not going to get in

your truck, and he is not going to use your equipment. Jim said that is what we propose to do for a period of three to five days each week and we would have a different hauler each week and we would schedule with you.

Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said he has no objection to do that. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros) said you cannot do that you are not a DEP approved dumping facility. Mike said once he pumps the liquid in his truck it becomes his property. If he dumps in the PCMA facility it must be a DEP approved facility for accepting septage. Jamie Lorah (SSM) said that is the whole purpose of the wastewater treatment plant it does not have central sewage. Mike said it is an Authority - does it allow outside entities. Jamie said she does not think there is anything in the permit that would prevent that from occurring. Mike said it is owned by the Plum Creek Municipal Authority. Jamie said it is, but the permit states hauled in waste. Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said you are being subcontracted by the Plum Creek Municipal Authority.

Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros) said he has huge concerns about that process. Jamie Lorah (SSM) said the NPDES permit does not dictate who brings the waste into the facility. It does not matter if it is PCMA trucks bringing it in or if it is an outside hauler bringing it in. Jamie said the purpose of the Act 537 plan is to determine where a community is going to send their waste and for the townships to sign off and yes, we are okay with that waste from that community being sent to this treatment plant or that treatment plant. Jamie said a long time ago when the Act 537 plan was done in the 70's, for both townships, for the PCMA service area, at that time it was determined that all waste for PCMA would be sent to PCMA wastewater treatment plant. They still must haul their sludge out to an outside facility for processing. Mike said his other concern is what if he cross contaminates something in that plant – who then becomes responsible. Mike said what if there is something in my truck, I bring in. Mike said you might have residue left over in your truck. Jamie said is anyone using the same trucks to service heavy metal industries and residential septage - Mike said no.

Ryan Achenbach said can we organize to get through this hoop for this week commitment. Mike Strouse said the Authority is paying me the \$150 an hour but are the residents okay with that. Mike said he is entering their property and they did not contact him to enter. Ryan said one of the reasons why we are having this phase in period is because it was requested, and it is really an offering to the Board of Lake Wynonah for the concerns of having outside haulers in the first place. So, we extended the offering to get it passed through the townships and through Lake Wynonah to have this done. If a resident does not like it – it is part of the process.

Ryan does not think that there has been a resolution passed by the Board of Lake Wynonah but at the same time this was a concern, repeatedly, that we received a letter on behalf of Lake Wynonah with that as a major concern. That is one of the reasons why this transition exists to begin with. Ryan said there will have to be some communication that we are doing this transition period.

Joe Haggerty said what we were trying to do, and what the townships are trying to do, is to make sure there is a transition plan going from what we are doing to where we are going. Joe said what you have come up with is this trial period but a concern to him is that everybody can get serviced and that we pull it off smoothly. Joe said we have 1300 septic/holding tanks in here and at the rate you are going to do this, and what Jamie Lorah (SSM) is saying, that we are only doing 500 tanks a year now, your trial period is going to run a year and half. Jim Ridderhoff said no.

Joe Haggerty said then he is missing something. Joe said is this really what we want these guys to do, or do we want them, maybe everybody who wants to participate in the community, to look at all the properties, he knows it will be time consuming, and basically say yes or no they can do it so that we know that every property can be serviced by two or more people. Ryan Achenbach said are you under the consideration that we are going to run the trial period for every homeowner to get a taste of what this would be like. Joe said why aren't we doing that – what are you trying to do with the trial period. Ryan said he would say to give a segment of the population the confidence that these haulers that are coming in are capable. Ryan said, him personally, as a resident, he does not need a trial period, he is ready to call any one of these haulers to come to his house.

Ryan Achenbach said if you are talking about who can haul it – we have one that has a single axle truck, and we know that they can probably handle the steeper driveways. We have the gentleman from Strouse Bros. saying he is considering buying a single axle truck just to have in here. There is two right there. Michael Biros said he can buy one tonight. So, we have four on the list that are in here right now that say we can pump, and you were hoping for two. Ryan does not find the concern with how somebody is going to call with a holding tank, with a steep driveway, and he sees no negative head shaking when it comes to are they going to come out and try to do the pumping. Michael Biros said their policy is they stay off the grass because they are not landscapers, they stay off the driveways because they are not pavers, they have 250 feet of hose on each truck and the drivers drag the hose at no extra cost. Ryan said we currently do not use special equipment in Lake Wynonah from PCMA or a special truck then what the outside is using. Jack

Brennan asked when does the trial period start – Jim Ridderhoff said it is to be determined.

Corby Lewis asked if any of the haulers have a problem with committing to three days to a week. Mike Strouse said he did at first and he gave Jim Ridderhoff attitude about it, but he has had a lot of people that told him just do it we want to call your service and if he does not do it, he will not be allowed to come in there and clean. Corby said you guys make your living off other clientele, outside of the lake, and his concern was that you could not just drop everything for a week at a time.

Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros) said another thing on the list that he was not fond of was the three days. He cannot guarantee that he will be able to pump a tank in three days. Michael Biros (Biros Septic) asked is that for a holding tank. Corby Lewis said yes. Mike said if someone calls him, and they have a holding tank – he will get there that day even if it is 10 pm. Ryan Achenbach and Jim Ridderhoff said the concern is for holding tank pumps not septic pumps. Jamie Lorah (SSM) said once the alarm goes off, we figure they might only have days. Michael Biros said the alarm is set at 75% and it depends how many people are in the household. Mike Strouse said typically the holding tanks he services, now, he does within the day they call. Mike said that is everywhere and he is pumping them in Frackville and Berks – he is all over with holding tanks. Ryan said that is good to hear that is more confidence. Mike Strouse said he has four trucks and Michael Biros has seven trucks.

Jamie Lorah (SSM) asked if they are all hauling to Schuylkill Haven. Mike Strouse said he puts it on his fields. He has a DEP approved dumping facility at his farm and if he goes this route, he has been looking at a farm on the outskirts of Lake Wynonah. Michael Biros said he will probably haul to Deer Lake when that is completed. Mike said they all dump at Pine Grove except Biros Septic. Brandy Peterman said they do once in awhile but the majority of everything goes to their facility.

Brandy Peterman (Peterman Bros.) said back to the trial period - are the residents that have this concern going to be notified to come and watch us.

Brandy Peterman (Peterman Bros.) said what would be the purpose of the trial period if the people who are most concerned do not know we are in there. Ryan Achenbach said he is not aware of there being a list of concerned citizens. Ryan said he thinks this was a decision and consideration from the Lake Wynonah Board looking out for the residents and not necessarily a petition from the residents. Ryan

said surveys or emails could be put out and say does anybody want to be on an official list for the trial period. Mike Strouse said can we take it to a day – does it have to be that long of a period. Mike said he can bet that they will get more done in a day then you are getting done in a week.

Matthew Crump (SES) said if you were going to do the trial period one limitation you might have is your holding facility, your EQ tanks at the head of the plant, that can only hold so much. Jamie Lorah (SSM) said you use to be getting 12,000 to 16,000 a day average. Matthew said you could put through 15,000 gallons a day.

Bob Still said is there a period where these certified haulers can see these tough driveways so we can be assured that any hauler you call can get down the driveway. Mike Strouse said he does not charge to put six hoses out. Joe Haggerty said so you don't think there will any surprise charges for these people. Mike said he knows of one property that Mickey Sinitsky (who used to work for him) told him about. You had to gain access to it through the neighbor's lot and now they built a house on that lot. That situation he could get a gas pump to pump it to the hose to his truck – stuff like that there could possibly be extra charges but not normal pump outs - we service lots of places like that. All the other pumpers agree with that assessment. Mike said we get there and make it work. Mike said sometimes in winter he will charge extra if he has to bring a cinder truck if it is an emergency. Mike said he is not trying to sell his business but trying to put everybody at ease - nobody is in a spot where they won't get service. Mike said if any of people are concerned any of the haulers can give references and the people can call them. Mike said another good thing about Lake Wynonah is most of the driveways are paved and that makes them a little more accessible. The bad driveways are the stone driveways because you start spinning.

Ryan Achenbach said for the purpose of disclosure he is on the Board of Lake Wynonah. The three gentlemen from Lake Wynonah, other than David, are on the Board of Lake Wynonah. Ryan said he is going to shoot them an email and we will see how we need to do this transition to make it flexible. Ryan said he doesn't know if the three gentlemen still have any questions about whether the companies here can do the servicing. Ryan said maybe we can come up with something to help the haulers with the transition since they are concerned with the three days and come up with a reasonable solution. Jack Brennan said let's face it 90% is good to go, it is the 10% problem, and that is the holding tank people.

Jim Ridderhoff asked the haulers if they have posted on their website what their charges are. What would be a typical charge for a 4,000-gallon holding tank. Mike Strouse said what is a typical holding tank. Jim said 4,000 gallons. Mike said he

does not pump through a 4" pipe and some of the holding tanks have four-inch pipes. Mike some of these holding tanks will have to be dug up and proper risers put on them. Bob Still said so you cannot pump everybody. Mike said you can pump everybody, but they might have to do a little bit of work. Mike said they dig them up all the time and will install a better riser. Ryan said you are down to 120 some holding tanks. Joe Zerbe asked if they are out of code the ones like that. Mike said that would have to be determined. Mike said under DEP regulations it is so grey and under PSMA you are not supposed to pump it. Mike said most of the holding tanks are less than a foot deep, they are all shallow, because most of them are big steel tanks and the one he dug today was concrete. Most of the old ones in Lake Wynonah are metal.

Matt Gruber said he does not know how you would do that; he does not know how you would access them, there all rusted, and you have a manhole on top but there are bolts every inch and half and there rusted. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros.) said if there was no alternative, he would have a paper signed that if anything happens, he is not responsible. Michael Biros (Biros Septic) said that is what they do. Matt said some of the tanks when you pull them out are good and some of them are like swiss cheese. David Mengel asked how they can be pumped now, and you cannot pump them. Mike said because they are just doing them. Matt said it is a four-inch piece of pipe and he is using a four-inch pipe to pull it and he thinks PCMA is using three-inch. Jamie Lorah (SSM) said they are pumping them on a regular basis. Mike said their trucks do not have the vacuum like ours do. Michael said to inspect it you need proper access. Joe Haggerty asked if we had records of how many metal holding tanks are left. Jim Ridderhoff said no but the townships might have those records. Ryan said if we are talking about all these holding tanks being swiss cheese environmentally we do not want them in there. Ryan said the whole idea that these have been passed over for who knows how long isn't a blessing for the residents it is a disaster, environmentally, for the leakage that is going on.

Ryan Achenbach said back to the question about sticker shock - obviously holding tanks rates in Lake Wynonah have been kept low for a long time. Ryan asked is that what you are talking about when you say sticker shock? Mike Strouse said your holding tank pump out rate, right now, if it is a 4,000-gallon tank - at Pine Grove that costs him \$240 to dump. You are getting that pumped out now for \$190. Mike said he can't even pump that and dispose of it for what you are paying. Jim Ridderhoff said he does not want the haulers to give their pricing, but we have said that the holding tank people will probably have a rate between \$400 to \$600 for them to empty their holding tank. Is that a reasonable price that you guys would charge? The haulers said that is about right. Ryan asked the haulers you have seen

our fee schedule for septic pumps – do you see a major sticker shock for septic pumps – Mike Strouse said no he doesn't. Ryan said 92% of Lake Wynonah is standard septic tanks.

Bob Still asked would there be a better price, from the haulers, if you were named an exclusive hauler by the Authority. Mike Strouse (Strouse Bros) said by law you can not do that. Mike said he could file a grievance against them.

Jim Ridderhoff said our Board has always maintained the fact that it is going to be open pricing. You guys will be competitive and that will drive the marketplace. Ryan Achenbach said his hope is that the Lake Wynonah holding tank owners understand that they have had an incredible savings for a very lengthy amount of time. It is unfortunate and the sticker shock is not going to be fun. There is going to be winners and losers for every single decision. The haulers said if anybody has any questions, they can just reach out and ask. Jim thanked everyone for their input.

Upon motion by Ryan Achenbach, seconded by Matt Gruber, and carried by all, the Board approved the purchase of the Munibilling software package for the water operations.

Upon motion by Corby Lewis, seconded by Ryan Achenbach, and carried by all, the Board approved the quote for the Business Office HVAC unit from Miller Mechanical for a 16 Seer Trane XR Variable Speed for \$6,992.40.

Jamie Lorah (SSM) said we did not act on how we were going to record on the comment and letter from South Manheim township. Jamie said did the Board want her to set up a Zoom conference call with DEP, South Manheim Township, and PCMA, and invite Wayne Township and it will have to be during business hours. They will not approve this until they get what they are looking for. The Board said to set up the meeting and Ryan Achenbach said he will make time for it.

There being no further business, Matt Gruber motioned for adjournment, Corby Lewis seconded the motion, carried by all. Jim Ridderhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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