
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA - Regular Meeting
Closed Session
May 5, 2010

The Closed Session portion of the W.T.M.U.A. Meeting began on May 5, 2010 at 9:00 pm.

Members Present: Messrs. Akin, Strawn, Napolitano
Alt. Members Present: Messrs. None
Township Liaison Absent: Messrs. Harmon
Members Absent: Messrs. Cullen
Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Kramer, Popper

Staff Members Present: Executive Director (E.D.) Costic, Secretary Waller, Attorney Gregory

DEP WELL PERMIT

Due to the DEP rescinding the well permit for the Smith well, drilling test wells for the 72 hour test is halted. The MUA may not be able to sample the water at the Smith well. The lawyer's opinion is that the Declaration of Taking legally considers the MUA an agent of the land. If the rescind is not revoked, more property could be condemned to drill the test wells.

Issues with the Ag Boards appears to be political. S. Akin has not spoken to M. Nordstrom as yet. The Ag Board concerns are:

1. how many acres the MUA will have to control, although this seems to have been resolved with the DEP clarification of needing 50ft radius for well head protection. The 18 acres that the Ag Board believes to be the area of the well head protection is actually a study area to see potential sources of pollutants;
2. future need for a farm well; if the new "future" farm well impacts the new Smith well, the MUA could agree to reduce capacity. It would help if a quantity of water for irrigation could be determined to help as a negotiation point.

NJ LEGISLATION FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Three laws have passed with the fourth law, most likely, passing in the summer months. The item with the largest impact is the employee contribution of 1.5% of gross pay toward employee's benefits. The MUA passed a motion in December to extend the terms of the contract until the new agreement is signed. This, however, does not prevent the new legislation from taking affect since the a new contract has not been ratified or the existing contract extended by both parties. Another Employee Association meeting will be arranged for either May 15th or May 16th.

Motion was made by Mr. Strawn, and seconded by Mr. Napolitano that the closed session portion of this meeting be adjourned.

AYES: Messrs. Akin, Strawn, Napolitano

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Closed Session Meeting adjourned: 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jill Waller