
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA

Regular Meeting

September 20, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on September 20, 2010. Adequate notice of this meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was given to the Observer Tribune and the Hunterdon County Democrat on March 4, 2010. Notice was also posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

Members Present:	Messrs.	Akin, Cullen, Peters
Alt. Members Present:	Messrs.	Kramer*
Members Absent:	Messrs.	Strawn, Napolitano
Alt. Members Absent:	Messrs.	Popper
Township Liaison Present:	Messrs.	
Township Liaison Absent:	Messrs.	Harmon
Staff Members Present:	Executive Director (E.D.) Platt, Secretary Waller, Attorney Gregory	

*arrived at 8:05pm

MEETING MINUTES – JULY 19, 2010 & August 4, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Cullen, and seconded by Mr. Peters, that July 19, 2010 and August 4, 2010 Minutes be approved with the following changes. In the July 19, 2010 Minutes: the first sentence in the sixth bullet under Project Status heading to be changed to read “D. Egarian advised that a draft of the report was provided to P. Costic.” In the August 4, 2010 Minutes: the first sentence under the Executive Director Search heading to read “Resumes that are received will be screened by Dean Strawn with input from F. Platt as requested.” Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES:	Messrs.:	Akin, Cullen, Peters
NAYS:	Messrs.:	None
ABSTAIN:	Messrs.:	None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. DPW Truck Washing Station

There has been no response from WT DPW with regards to the Truck Wash.

2. New Wells

The Washington Township Committee Secretary forwarded the MUA information regarding a request to have the Searles property entered into the Eight Year Preservation Program. The Township postponed a decision pending input from the MUA. A reply has been requested by October 13, 2010. The MUA intends to provide a reply as this will impact the MUA’s ability to put a well on the property. An appearance by a representative of the MUA may be required.

3. Contractor and Laboratory Specs

J. Gregory and D. Egarian are currently working on this.

4. High Ridge Tank

F. Platt requested D. Egarian to identify similar size systems that operate on the proposed pump storage system rather than the traditional storage tank.

5. Grove Street Water Pump Station

D. Egarian provided target dates of October 1st for the site plan for the Grove Street Station and October 8th for the tank design.

6. GIS Mapping

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Ed Platt will be meeting with Insight Consultants, who worked closely with Envirotactics, on the GIS mapping that is required for the water systems by the DEP. Additional proposals from other vendors may be required.

WMP MEETING

A meeting took place, on September 15th, with the Highlands Council, DEP and Washington Township. The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate the connection of eight existing residents with failing septic systems. The details were referred to D. Van Abs, from the Highlands Council, with a meeting scheduled for later this week.

The Highlands Council made it clear that no additional sewer connections can be made without, first, the approval of the Highlands Council and then the DEP. Hardship cases will be referred to the State for review per their Hardship Review Procedure. Highlands prefers to utilize the Highlands Plan Performance Procedure. The final draft of the Washington Township Conformance document has not been issued and this will become a priority. The DEP's target for resolution of the Wastewater Management Plan is April 1, 2011.

The Highlands sent the preliminary build out analysis for Washington Township. There were no additional new homes to be connected to the sewer system. There were 63 additional residential structures that could be accommodated in the septic service area. The Highlands plan does not recognize any residential growth. There is no consideration in the initial plans for connection of any the existing residents. D. VanAbs, from Highlands, had not seen the Waste Water Management Plan that was submitted in March 2008. A copy was provided to him. Digital copies of the mapping were provided by the County Planning Board staff. This is going to take a long time to complete.

The Highlands Council was receptive to the problems at hand. We received confirmation from DEP that 15 or so homes, facing MUA sewer lines, are permitted to connect. There are four lots, just beyond the MUA sewer line, that do not have approval to connect. These properties back up to the South Branch.

It appears that the regulations only allow for connection of properties with leaking septic systems. The Highlands suggested that Valley View Chapel should be served as well, but the process has to be followed.

GROUNDWATER RULES

D. Egarian and D. Carswell met last week to discuss the Groundwater Rules SOP. Questions and comments were raised by D. Carswell. D. Egarian has some research to do and will be making revisions.

Closed Session: 8:11pm

<p>RESOLUTION CLOSED SESSION</p>

No. 10-09-D

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority to discuss a matter relating to Litigation, Personnel and Contract Negotiations which matter is permitted by Section 7.6 of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey for 1975) to be

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discussed in closed session in the absence of the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority has determined that it is necessary in the public interest that the matter in fact be discussed in closed session, and has estimated that, as nearly as can be ascertained, the results of the discussion can be disclosed to the public when formally acted upon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded from the closed portion of this meeting, during which only the aforesated matter will be discussed.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: September 20, 2010

Motion was made by Mr. Cullen and seconded by Mr. Peters, to go into Closed Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel matters. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Cullen, Peters, Kramer

NAYS: Messrs.: None

ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

OUT OF CLOSED – 8:56 PM

MAILER

A suggestion was made to consider sending out a fact sheet to customers or include facts in the Water Quality Report to educate them about the status of the water system improvements. This could also be posted on the website, or be provided as a press release.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Cullen, and seconded by Mr. Peters, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Messrs.: Akin, Cullen, Peters, Kramer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
E. Jill Waller
Secretary