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Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – November 16th, 2021

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Spring Infrastructure Committee was called to order by Chairperson Ehrlich at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 in the Public Meeting Room of the Township of Spring Administration Building, located at 2850 Windmill Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The following members were present: Chairperson Sarah Ehrlich, Bob Myer, Paul Darrah and Leroy Schannauer. Mike Kocher attended via teleconference. Also, in attendance were Dan Becker-Esquire, Jim Moll, Mary Burkholder and Jen Bensinger.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 19th, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Schannauer, seconded by Mr. Myer. Upon roll call, all committee members present voted affirmatively.

MOTION CARRIED.

Open to the Floor – None

Entech Engineering Report

- a. Wyomissing Interceptor - Mr. Moll reported the project is currently in the survey stage.
- b. Alcon Expansion - Mr. Moll reported Matthew Boggs of Entech Engineering sent information to Alcon in October 2021. The City of Reading will review information on the capacity of the sewer lines for treatment and authorization to discharge. At this time, we are waiting to hear back from the City of Reading.

Sewers

- a. South Heidelberg-Possible Agreement Amendment-Mr. Moll summarized the existing Sewer Service Agreement between the Township of Spring and South Heidelberg Township (“Agreement”). The Agreement states that Spring Township will accept and treat sewage flows from a portion of South Heidelberg Township located in the vicinity of SR 422 and Krick Road, at four (4) connection points on the Township of Spring’s Cacoosing Interceptor. Mr. Moll displayed a diagram prepared by South Heidelberg’s Engineer that illustrates sewer districts in South Heidelberg Township. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Township of Spring agreed to accept from South Heidelberg Township 124,000 gallons of untreated sewage per day. South Heidelberg Township has requested to amend the Agreement to permit sewage from a proposed warehouse (Myer’s Distributing) located in the “future district area” to be diverted to the Sinking Spring Sewage Treatment Plant. By so doing, a pump station and additional lines may be eliminated. The proposed warehouse anticipates generating 12,500 gallons of sewage flow per day, which equates to 53 EDU’s.

Sewers (Continued)

a. South Heidelberg -Possible Agreement Amendment (Continued)

The total diverted flow is approximately 4% of the 300,000.00-gallon total flows that the Township of Spring expected when the area is fully developed.

Mr. Moll and Mr. Becker explained that it appears that the Committee needs additional information from Entech Engineering before making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee would like to review data on costs the Township may incur, including the possible need to upgrade the Cacoosing Interceptor before the Committee is ready to make a recommendation.

Mr. Becker recommended responding to Dave Bright and Andy George, Esquire, advising that the Committee is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time.

Motion to approve sending a response to South Heidelberg's Engineer, Dave Bright and Esquire, Andy George, that the Committee is not prepared to comment on the request to amend the agreement with South Heidelberg Township. The motion was made by Mr. Myer, seconded by Mr. Schannauer. Upon roll call, all committee members present voted affirmatively. MOTION CARRIED

The Committee instructed Mr. Moll to prepare a report for the Board of Supervisors to let them know the Committee requested additional information from Entech Engineering.

Public Works Director/WWTP Superintendent

- a. Lower Heidelberg Metering Manhole-Mr. Darrah reported a scheduled phone conference with Lower Heidelberg about installing a metering manhole across from the Township's Sewer Plant. Mr. Darrah and Mr. Becker will create a new agreement for metering for Lower Heidelberg.
- b. Final Clarifier Project- The Clarifier is just about ready to be put online.
- c. Spring Ridge Pump Station- One (1) lid needs replaced, and the pump station will be complete.

Streets and Storm Water

- a. Mr. Darrah reported the Board of Supervisors authorized hiring Kraft Engineering to take over the Township's Street Engineering. Mr. Darrah is meeting with Mr. Anderson today to start the process.

Old Business

1. Wilshire Pool Request-Ms. Ehrlich asked if anyone had heard back from the Wilshire Pool per their request for sewer billing relief for a portion of the water used to fill their pool. Mr. Darrah reported the Township had not received an official request.
2. Infrastructure Committee Bill-Mr. Myer asked if the Infrastructure Committee Bill approved by the Federal Government would benefit the Township.

Old Business (Continued)

2. Infrastructure Committee Bill (Continued)

Mr. Becker stated no one knows what to expect from this recent bill passage at this time. Mr. Becker reported American Rescue Plan money that the County received is close to \$90,000,000.00. The funds are going to be distributed to different areas for various projects. One of the types of projects is sewer and water infrastructure projects. County Commissioner Christian Leinbach is heading up that piece. Commissioner Leinbach created a sub-committee which Chip Bilger is running. An application was available last Friday for municipalities to start applying for the funds. Mr. Darrah reported that he, Mr. Moll and Mr. Groller met with Chris Hannum of Entech Engineering and started working on the application. Mr. Becker said the Commissioners are looking for "Legacy Projects," projects, projects that will have a long-term impact on the County as a whole.

New Business- No Report

Announcements - The next meeting is scheduled for December 7th, 2021.

Adjournment – *There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Darrah, seconded by Mr. Myer. Chairperson Ehrlich adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Mary L Burkholder
Township Secretary