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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
PRINCETON SEWER COMMITTEE

November 2, 2022

The meeting of the Princeton Sewer Committee (PSC) was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 via Virtual Meeting/Zoom Conference. D. Goldfarb opened the meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 275. In conformance with the requirements of the Law, Notice was provided of the date, time, and location of this regular meeting by posting a copy of the adopted Schedule of Regular Meetings in Monument Hall and Witherspoon Building and by mailing copies to the Trenton Times, Princeton Packet, Town Topics and by filing a copy in the Office of the Clerk of Princeton. Adequate notice was provided to the public and to all parties concerned.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Goldfarb, Valerie Haynes, Eve Niedergang

ALSO PRESENT: Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Municipal Engineer;
Andrew Filippi, Sewer Design Engineer; Jeff Hughes, SOC Foreman;
Dominick Itzi, Sewer Operations Manager; Jim Purcell, Assistant
Engineer; Janice Most, Secretary

ABSENT:

PUBLIC: Antonia Pchola, Executive Director
Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority (left at 9:05)
Gale Downey, Hopewell Township Member, Stony Brook Regional
Sewage Authority
Unidentified Participant, Stony Brook Regional Sewage Authority

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No amendments to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

E. Niedergang moved to approve the September 7, 2022 Minutes as amended.

V. Haynes seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Stony Brook Regional Sewage Authority Consent Decree

D. Goldfarb distributed a complete copy of the Stoney Brook Regional Sewage Authority (SBRSA) Consent Decree which was lodged with the United States Department of Environmental Protection (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Decree addressed the violation brought by the EPA and DEP which alleged that the SBRSA violated the Clean Air Act at the facility on River Road.

D. Goldfarb gave a brief summary of the Decree stating the official comment period was until November 14, 2022. Representatives from the SBRSA were present for the brief discussion.

Autumn Hill Sewer Extension

D. Goldfarb stated that at the October 24, 2022 Mayor and Council meeting, residents from the Autumn Hill neighborhood made a presentation for a Municipally funded sanitary sewer main extension for the Autumn Hill neighborhood.

Discussion: the principle still stands - this request is not consistent with past practice where costs are borne by the benefitted property owners; the Autumn Hill residents have to present a plan to the Sewer Engineer and pay for the cost of the plan; one or possibly more septic tanks could be failing and the cost of septic is property owner responsibility; need exact number of homes wanting to hook into sewer; residents did not understand why the Municipality could not go out to bid for their project; there needs to be an approved design and there needs to be an Assessment Ordinance in place before going out to bid; can take Mayor Freda's September 26, 2022 and use it as a guideline for regulations that can be adopted.

A. Filippi read from Ordinance 2021-35: "(d) The cost to design, permit, and construct a sewer extension shall be wholly borne by the party or parties seeking the sewer extension."

Trunk Line Rehabilitation Program

D. Itzi stated that H2M has submitted their proposal and Phase I work should start within 30-60 days with inspections and visual inspection in targeted areas; the consultant and sewer staff will conduct inspections; visual inspections will be surface level and interior via camera; sample of sewage is being retrieved to test chemical composition and manholes are being checked for sediment deposits; there are 30 holes needing maintenance throughout the trunkline system; invert = interior bottom of pipe. When this work is complete data will be taken to see where Phase II inspections will be. After Phase I and II are complete design for repairs and remediation will take place with work being done in 2024; there are lines that go through easements.

Pump Station Design and Reconstruction Update

A. Filippi stated a meeting with the consultant will be on November 2, 2022.

Infiltration and Inflow (I&I Program)

A. Filippi stated that a “roadmap” of projects is in progress and shared the Sewer Capital Project Goals list.

Discussion: six-year Capital Plan should have more detail in spending, in years 2023-2024 should address specifics in conjunction with six year plan.

Systems Operations: D. Itzi stated the work is being done in Mini System 43; the automated gate and surveillance cameras are up and running at River Road.

D. Goldfarb stated that the SBRSA will be installing a tarp along the fence line, on the north side only, to keep odorous gases from extending into Montgomery Woods by providing this physical interference; there will be no environmental impact.

D. Stockton stated Engineering is working with the DEP to get final approval for final remediation at River Road, bid will be out in early 2023.

D. Goldfarb stated that 65% of the SBRSA electricity from September is from the solar array; D. Stockton will reach out to the solar panel company for repairs.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Adjourn

At 9:30 a.m. V. Haynes moved to adjourn. E. Niedergang seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Virtual Meeting/Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Most, Secretary
Princeton Sewer Committee

Adopted: December 7, 2022