



**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP**  
**DELAWARE COUNTY**  
**Sewer Committee**  
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Ted Jacquet, Chairman  
George Morley, Vice-Chairman

Jack Howley  
Jim O'Brien  
Mike Serth

**MINUTES**  
**Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 27, 2012**

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Chairman Jacquet called the meeting to order.

**PRESENT:** Ted Jacquet, Chairman  
George Morley, Vice Chairman  
Jim O'Brien  
Jack Howley  
Mike Serth

**ABSENT:** 0

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:** 1

Chairman Jacquet reviewed the Agenda, as follows:

**AGENDA**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2012**
3. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. **Brinton Lake Colony & High Point**
  - b. **Response to Brinton Lake Colony & Highpoint Letters**
  - c. **Fox Lair**
  - d. **Conceptual Sewer Layout for Township**
  - e. **Sewer Management**
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Township Manager's Report**
  - b. **Fall Newsletter**
5. **NEXT MEETING – Thurs., October 25, 2012**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Hill, 17 Natalie Rd. discussed the cost of gravity vs. low-pressure for Brinton Lake Colony with the members.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2012:** On a motion by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. Howley, all members voted "aye" to approve the July 26, 2012 minutes, as amended. Mr. Serth abstained, as he was absent at that meeting.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Brinton Lake Colony & High Point:** The members discussed the 38 responses received from the survey letter sent June 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. O'Brien noted that stubs were missing and that the Brinton Lake Colony HOA president, Carol Clarke, did not know where documents were from the Cherry Creek developer that promised a stub for every house on Lake Dr. and Carter Rd. Mr. Morley felt that there was no plan for those stubs. Mr. Morley suggested that our sewer engineer, Mr. McCann (Pennonni Assoc.), be requested to provide as-built plans that include all planned stubs, and to contact Mr. Anderman for any easements. Mr. O'Brien stated that the Cherry Creek developer promised all residents that had a line in front of their house would be provided a stub. After a brief discussion, there was a consensus to have Mr. Jacquet report the survey totals to the Board of Supervisors; and due to a lack of resident interest (except for Highpoint Dr.) further discussion by the members on this item would be tabled until the Fox Lair sewer project is completed.
- b. Response to Brinton Lake Colony & Highpoint Letters:** See above.
- c. Fox Lair:** Mr. Jacquet stated that the Fox Lair sewer project is moving along and the Township is currently waiting for DEP's review. Regarding Highpoint Dr., Pennoni has provided information to the Township so that a decision can be made.
- d. Conceptual Sewer Layout for Township:** Mr. Jacquet reported that Mr. McCann is interviewing candidates to replacement Mr. Scarth.
- e. Sewer Management:** Mr. Morley stated that in 2002 DEP reviewed the Township's Act 537 Plan and reported in a letter to the Township that an on-lot management program was needed and requested the Township to submit the program for review. In Sept. of 2002 the Township submitted a draft ordinance to DEP. Mr. Jacquet stated that Mr. Seagraves said that DEP's comments were never received. Mr. Morley had reviewed the draft ordinance and felt that some of the requirements were excessive and needed to be deleted. Mr. Morley will modify the draft ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the time and expense in mapping all septic and replacement systems. Mr. Jacquet stated that the plans on newer homes would contain this information, but may not be shown on plans of older homes. Mr. Serth noted that the contractor signs off on the pumping in Pennsbury Twp. Mr. Morley noted that the contractor cannot say the system is in good working condition, he can only say he

pumped it. Mr. Serth felt: (1) the Township should know the age of all systems; (2) all systems should provide proof of being pumped out at least every 3 years; and, (3) all systems over 20 years of age should supply certification. Mr. Morley was concerned about the “big brother” affect. Mr. O’Brien stated that when a house sells, to link the septic inspection with the certificate of occupancy. Mr. O’Brien also felt that all wells should be tested.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Township Manager’s Report:** Mr. Jacquet highlighted the Manager’s Report.

**b. Township’s Winter Newsletter:** Topics such as enzymes, sewer management, and ESSD were suggested for the winter newsletter article. Mr. Howley will draft it and bring copies to the next meeting for discussion.

**5. NEXT MEETING:** Thurs., October 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Mr. Howley and seconded by Mr. O’Brien, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zitarelli  
Sewer Committee Secretary

cc: Sewer Committee Members  
Board of Supervisors  
James McCann, PE, Twp. Sewer Engineer  
Jeffrey Seagraves, Twp. Manager  
Geoff Carbutt, Subdivision Coordinator

Lloyd Noll, Twp. Sewer Engineer  
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