



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

Jack Howley
Jim O'Brien
Scott Raimondo

MINUTES
Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2013

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2013 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
Scott Raimondo

ABSENT: Jim O'Brien

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 1

Chairman Jacquet reviewed the Agenda, as follows:

AGENDA

1. REORGANIZATION
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 25, 2012
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Brinton Lake Colony
 - b. Highpoint
 - c. Fox Lair
 - d. On-Lot Sewage Management Program Ord.-Draft
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Grinder Pump Warranty
 - b. Township Manager's Report
6. NEXT MEETING – Thurs., February 28, 2013
7. ADJOURNMENT

1. REORGANIZATION

On a motion by Mr. Howley and seconded by Mr. Morley, all members present voted "aye" to nominate Mr. Jacquet as Chairman of the Sewer Committee for 2013. Mr. Jacquet abstained.

On a motion by Mr. Howley and seconded by Mr. Raimondo, all members present voted “aye” to nominate Mr. Morley as Vice-Chairman of the Sewer Committee for 2013. Mr. Morley abstained.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 25, 2012:** On a motion by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. Howley, 3 of 5 members voted “aye” to approve the October 25, 2012 minutes, as amended. Mr. Raimondo abstained as he was not yet a member and Mr. O’Brien was absent.

Mr. Jacquet announced that due to the lack of a quorum at the November 29, 2012 meeting, formal minutes were not taken. On a motion by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. Jacquet, 3 of 5 members voted “aye” to approve the lack of formal minutes for the November 29, 2012 meeting, for the reason noted by Mr. Jacquet. Mr. Raimondo abstained as he was not yet a member and Mr. O’Brien was absent.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Brinton Lake Colony:** The members reviewed the tally sheet showing total responses from a survey letter. Mr. Jacquet noted that there were no changes since October. The members briefly discussed combining Natalie, Sunnyside and Abberly roads into a separate sewer project.

On a motion by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. Howley, all members present voted “aye” to request the Board of Supervisors obtain a sewer design from Pennoni Associates for Sunnyside, Natalie, and Abberly Roads in the Brinton Lake Colony based on survey results.

Mr. Jacquet stated that the Board of Supervisors may want to send out another letter to the residents with possible cost projections.

- b. **Highpoint:** Mr. Jacquet reported that the preliminary design for Highpoint and Fox Lair will be completed and turned in to the Township next week. Mr. Jacquet felt that construction may begin in late summer or early fall if approved by the Township and final approval is not held up by the State.
- c. **Fox Lair:** See “Highpoint” above
- d. **On-Lot Sewage Management Program Ord. – Draft:** Mr. Jacquet stated that he incorporated Mr. Morley’s recommended changes into a draft ordinance. The members discussed the draft and noted that it was long (11 pages), even though 2 pages were definitions. Mr. Jacquet felt

that some sentences are longer than needed. Mr. Morley felt that except for some typos, it was complete. Mr. Morley noted that only those properties with malfunctioning on-lot sewers are penalized. The members briefly discussed who would notify local plumbers of the requirement to have these forms. Mr. Morley felt that the staff could help. Mr. Morley felt that after this ordinance is approved by the Board, an inspection report should be submitted indicating when the system was last pumped and the sketch of the system submitted to the Township, as an initial record of each site. Mr. Howley thought that DEP required pumping every 3 years along with a report to the Township. Mr. Morley did not want the Township flooded with papers every 3 years and felt that this ordinance was better.

Mr. Morley noted that people have called Mr. O'Brien to work on freeing-up their grinder pumps of solids. Mr. Morley will call the pump company to ask what their experience has been with these chambers malfunctioning, and report at the next meeting. Mr. Jacquet asked Mr. Morley to email him his findings. Mr. Jacquet noted that the Township's Sewer Engineer was agreeable to the changes in the draft ordinance.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Grinder Pump Warranty: Mr. Jacquet spoke with Mr. Seagraves who said that the Township did not negotiate any type of warranty after the initial 27 month warranty. Mr. Jacquet stated that no one is required to obtain a maintenance contract after the 27 months. Mr. Howley will remind residents in the newsletter about the warranty expiration.

b. Township Manager's Report: Mr. Jacquet highlighted the report and felt that Skyline, Locksley, and the Slitting Mill area should be surveyed.

6. NEXT MEETING: Thurs., February 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. Howley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Zitarelli
Sewer Committee Secretary

cc: Sewer Committee Members
Board of Supervisors
Jeffrey Seagraves, Twp. Manager
Suzanne Howat, Bookkeeper

Chuck Faulkner, Twp. Sewer Engineer
Ken Kynett, Esq., Twp. Solicitor
Geoff Carbutt, Subdivision Coordinator