

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 26, 2013



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MINUTES

Thornbury Township Sewer Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 25, 2013

The Thornbury Township Sewer Committee held a public meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at the Township Administration Building, 6 Township Drive, Cheyney, Pennsylvania. Chairman Jacquet called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Ted Jacquet, Chairman Jack Howley
George Morley, Vice Chairman Scott Raimondo
Jim O'Brien

ABSENT: 0

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 2

Chairman Jacquet reviewed the Agenda, as follows:

AGENDA

1. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 27, 2013**
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Brinton Lake Colony
 - b. On-Lot Sewage Management Program Ord., Draft #4
 - c. Sewer Committee Involvement in New Subdivisions
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Township Manager's Report
 - b. Fall Newsletter Draft
6. **NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 26, 2013**
(Aug. 22 meeting cancelled)
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Mr. Jacquet led the salute to the flag.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 27, 2013:** On a motion by Mr. Raimondo and seconded by Mr. Morley, all members present voted “aye” to approve the June 27, 2013 minutes, as amended.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor, J.P. Kelly was present for “Old Business” discussions.

- a. **Brinton Lake Colony:** Mr. Jacquet stated that the Sewer Committee previously recommended to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) that the Township add most of the roads in the Colony to our public sewer system with the understanding that Carter Rd. could be added in the future, but the Sewer Committee has not heard back from the BOS. Mr. Kelly stated that it was his understanding that all home owners were not included. Mr. Jacquet stated that a high percentage of the votes were “yes” or “maybe later”. Mr. Kelly felt that DEP would not allow 1 street to be eliminated from a newly created sewer district, but would discuss it with the BOS. Mr. Jacquet stated that with 59 Carter Rd. replying, 40 out of 49 replied to the survey letters.

The members then discussed Denis Stager, the former owner of 18 Abberly, who financed his own sewer line for his property. Mr. O’Brien stated that he was approached by 2 neighbors with failing systems who want to tie into that line with the potential for 4 more. Mr. Stager’s location is unknown and therefore makes it impossible for anyone who ties into his line to reimburse him. The members discussed the possibility of condemning the line which Pennoni has no records of. The line is suspected to be 2 inches. Mr. Kelly stated that tying in would have to be negotiated.

Mr. Jacquet stated that more residents are interested in tying in, and the Sewer Committee felt that the Township should have Pennoni do a design to include Carter Rd. Mr. Kelly will discuss this with the BOS.

- b. **On-Lot Sewage Management Program Ord., Draft #4:** Mr. Jacquet stated that the philosophy used in creating the ordinance was to minimize the “big brother” effect. If homeowners failed to maintain their system properly and it caused problems, only then would the Township get involved. Mr. Kelly agreed that additional paperwork was not warranted, and that the Township already had 3 ways to handle a septic issue: (1) Township’s SEO for complaints, (2) permitting process, and (3) DEP gives the Township the authority to make changes and/or corrections. Mr. Kelly stated that the BOS appreciated all of the work involved in creating the draft ordinance and would discuss it with the BOS and if needed in the future, they may implement it.
- c. **Sewer Committee Involvement in New Subdivisions:** Mr. Jacquet felt that the Sewer Committee should be involved in new subdivisions. Mr.

Morley stated that the Sewer Committee was more knowledgeable in this topic than the Planning Commission in evaluating septic vs. public sewers for new subdivisions. Mr. Kelly stated that the Crane Subdivision was already approved years ago. Mr. Kelly stated that it is up to the developer to determine their cost benefit. Mr. Kelly stated that according to our ordinance if a developer puts in public sewer and water, the density increases. Mr. Jacquet noted that today's home buyers favor public over septic. Mr. Kelly agreed to utilize the Sewer Committee if needed on new subdivisions.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Township Manager's Report: Mr. Jacquet stated that Fox Lair is moving forward. Guilday's progress has been slow. Mr. Kelly stated that Guilday's plans were recorded and the Guildays have been in touch with the contractor to install the low-pressure system. Mr. Kelly stated that the problem with low-pressure is that you can size the pipe according to use, but if all the homes don't tie in right away, it is better to use a smaller pipe. If other homes want to tie in, you may have to drop in another line.

b. Fall Newsletter Draft: Mr. Jacquet stated that the Sewer Committee has been putting in information in the Township newsletters. Mr. Kelly stated it is a NPDES requirement to educate the residents. Mr. Howley stated that the next article would be on maintenance costs. Mr. Jacquet asked the members to edit Mr. Howley's draft and return it to him by next week.

6. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. (Aug. 22 meeting cancelled)

7. ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Morley and seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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