

A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD BY THE VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM PLATFORM AND IN PERSON ON MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2024, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 711 BIRKBECK STREET, FREELAND, PA. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. TIERNEY II (via Zoom), THE ENGINEER, ATTORNEY FAGAN, ATTORNEY MALASKA, THE TECHNICAL MANAGER AND THE SECRETARY.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens were present at the meeting.

PA AMERICAN WATER ATTENDEES

Joseph Woodward, Senior Director of Central & Southwest PA Operations (via Zoom), R. Ryan Troutman, Senior Superintendent of Operations, Bradley M. Saucers, Senior Supervisor of Berwick/Frackville/Foster WW, and Jacob Weinrich P.E., Senior Project Engineer.

DISCUSSION ON ACT 537 – SPECIAL STUDY

Mr. Kavitski turned the meeting over to Mr. Joshua Fox of HRG, Inc.

Mr. Fox of HRG, Inc. stated when PA American Water purchased the Foster Township Sewer System there were items which were not completed by Foster Township Supervisors regarding the Act 537.

Mr. Scott Novotnak of PA DEP brought up Act 537 with obligations which were not fulfilled and HRG, Inc. was not aware of this situation. When the wastewater treatment plant was upgraded the Act 537 Plan was done at that time for the Plant, there were other things done previously which were not explained for and one of those was the Wyoming Street Pump Station.

A condition for approval of the Act 537 Plan was for an I & I Special Study specifically for the Wyoming St Pump Station from the letter dated December 13, 2013, from Pennsylvania DEP to the Authority and Foster Township Supervisors. Borton Lawson, former engineering firm, for the Authority provided a Task Activity Report for the completion of the Special Study in February in 2014 and approved by DEP in September of 2014. There was a cost share component for Foster Township, and nothing was completed. During the transition to PA American Water from Foster Township, HRG looked at the Act 537, the Special Study could not have been completed with the cost share that was provided. Fifty events of quarter inch of rainfall were one of the requirements for the Special Study. This is a driver from Foster Township from the I & I perspective from that area. DEP saw the Wyoming St Pump Station as upgraded to accommodate Foster Township flows and there was no basis for the flows at the station. In 2014, the cost of the Special Study was set at \$153,415.00 with Foster Township paying \$11,060.00 as their portion, seems if never moved forward due to not being a fair share of the cost.

The issue has come up again due to the significant I & I from the Foster Township Sewer System.

Jacob Weinrich of PAWC stated he has a complete copy of Act 537 with attachments from PA DEP, and he will provide it to Mr. Fox.

Mr. Weinrich stated there are five pieces to the Plan - One to evaluate the Wyoming St PS force main and the capacity to convey dry & wet weather flows; Two to meet redundancy and other requirements found in DEP Wastewater Manual; Three determine wastewater flow values for EDU's for the Authority and Foster Township; Four is the CSO point a bonified CSO point from subareas three and four of the Authority to evaluate the CSO; Five if the CSO point is justified doing evaluation of the rate. Mr. Weinrich believes that one, two and three are part of their system and four & five are more for the Authority. The Authority has flow meters in some areas. Mr. Weinrich believes additional flow meters will be required.

Mr. Fox of HRG stated item five the subareas of three and four also has the Foster Township component listed which all contributes to the I & I at the Wyoming St PS. The CSO flows are Foster Township flows too.

Mr. Weinrich of PAWC thought this area did not include Foster Township Flows.

Mr. Kavitski explained some of the Foster Township area is going out South Street towards Butler Township which has homes tied into the sewer main.

Mr. Weinrich indicated the Long-Term Control Plan did not have this area included in the Plan. Mr. Fox explained the Long-Term Control Plan must not be accurate. Mr. Fox stated HRG can confirm this.

Mr. Kavitski mentioned the storm drain basins in this area at the last meeting to be sure they are not connected to the sewer system.

Mr. Fox stated identifying these issues with Foster Township, who were not a good partner, and the Authority is hoping for a better partner with PA American Water. This is why there was discussion of surcharges with the I & I which is a significant issue.

Mr. Troutman of PAWC stated this issue is a little tough due to new employees within their company and they all are playing catch up with the Sewer System.

Mr. Fox stated with GIS mapping in-house there is a lot of good data to go through and work with each of the subareas. The biggest concern is the Act 537 with tasks which are not completed. Good news/bad news The Task Activity Report is not well written. This report is too big and too much which needs to be identified and determined. Small issue is the flow per EDU and the bigger issue is to resolve the peak events and frequency they are happening. I & I Study would be better and to make an agreement of how the issues will be resolved. How do we handle this Study is the bigger question. Take a better understanding of the system by finding all points of connection and updating the mapping. Determine whose customers are whose and make sure it's complete than ask DEP for a revision on the Task Activity Report. The Authority would like a clear and definitive outcome. Temporary flow meters for the fifty events would be a lot of money and would rather spend the funds on repairs.

The Authority has more projects on going to place the monies in better areas like the Oak Street Tank Project, Sludge Dewatering Equipment Replacement, Centre Street Main Replacement and the Lead & Copper Service Line Inventory is taking up a lot of resources at the present time.

Mr. Weinrich of PAWC stated the biggest priority is Act 537 with a preliminary schedule to DEP related to completion of the Special Study. Revision of the scope would be beneficial with DEP approval.

Mr. Fox of HRG said the schedule is no longer in compliance, but DEP has not held up PAWC Act 537, or the Authorities permit for the Dewatering Project.

Mr. Weinrich of PAWC wants to determine what flow comes from which areas for the Long-Term Control Plan.

Mr. Fox of HRG said there have been discrepancies over the years that were found with Foster Township Reports. A mapping perspective would be best.

Mr. Weinrich of PAWC wants to cement a plan as an I & I Study approach for more concrete plan in place for where the studies need to be located. The flow metering is going from the CSO from the Foster Township flows, is it connected to the SCADA System?

Mr. Kavitski said the information needs to be downloaded through HACH. This is the flow meter which the Authority has watched for high flows during peak events. The Task Activity Report needs to be completed.

Mr. Weinrich of PAWC wants to see the monies spent wisely.

Mr. Fox of HRG stated the Wyoming St PS was overlooked prior and DEP wants the numbers justified.

Mr. Fox inquired if the mapping had been completed by PAWC.

Mr. Weinrich of PAWC said he would have to investigate this matter if PAWC did mapping or if the mapping is just from previous consulting firms.

Mr. Fox of HRG said sharing the mapping would be beneficial. If possible, have Brittany input billing addresses into the GIS mapping to help with Foster System. Download and share the flow meters too.

Mr. Kavitski stated DEP made the Authority place two force mains from the pump station. Dye testing is relatively inexpensive to see exactly where the lines go.

Mr. Fox of HRG said they will put all information into a shared box for PAWC to look over and PAWC will do the same thing for HRG. Schedule a Teams Meeting to discuss after reviewing information.

Mr. Fox inquired about a Task Activity Report, which PAWC would need to approve.

Mr. Weinrich of PAWC said to contact Joseph Woodward and himself for approval at this time and if necessary, they would involve others from PAWC.

After reviewing from PAWC and HRG, they will come back to the Authority with a time line for the Task Activity Report, which both parties would agree on first, than it will be submitted to Scott Novotnak of DEP.

Mr. Fox of HRG did speak to Scott Novotnak of DEP prior to PAWC purchasing Foster Township Sewer System.

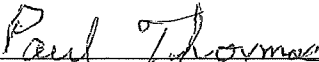
Mr. Fisher inquired about smoke testing being easy to run. If a catch basin is connected to the Sewer System, it would show quickly. Mr. Fox said if the sewer system pipes were in good condition it would show yes but dye testing is better, but camera work is best.
Mr. Fisher stated smoke testing was completed in Freeland Borough years ago.

Mr. Fox stated Teams Meeting should be scheduled next week.

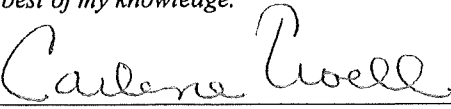
ADJOURN

Mr. Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0.

These minutes are certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Paul Thomas, Secretary



Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary