

A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD BY THE VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM PLATFORM AND IN PERSON ON TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT 711 BIRKBECK STREET, FREELAND, PA. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. TIERNEY II, MR. CLYMER, 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

PA American Water were Joseph Woodward, Senior Director of Central & Southwest PA Operations, R. Ryan Troutman, Senior Superintendent of Operations, Bradley M. Saucers, Senior Supervisor of Berwick/Frackville/Foster WW, Jacob Weinrich P.E., Senior Project Engineer, and Teresa Harrold, Inhouse Counsel.

SEWER SYSTEM ITEMS

Mr. Kavitski stated the Foster Township Sewer System went from Foster Township Supervisors to PA American Water Company with many things which needed to be taken care of and never completed. When PA American Water purchased the system from Foster Township the list of items was passed onto you with the hopes of progress with the elimination of I & I and other items to be completed.

Mr. Woodward looked over the agenda items and said nothing on this list was completed. There were other issues which needed to be addressed first. He mentioned one of the pump stations, which when in alarm the neighbor next to the pump station would place a phone call, auto dialers were installed, there were pumps replaced and corrected, and emergency generators were put into service.

Mr. Woodward said there are quotes for items on the agenda and they are committed to complete the items with a timeline to be set in place.

Attorney Malaska asked for the PA American Water Agreements to be sent to him. The Authority does not have any agreement between Foster Township and PA American Water as being sold.

Ms. Harrold informed Attorney Malaska there is an Asset Purchase Agreement between both entities, and she will forward that agreement to him.

Mr. Kavitski inquired if the Foster Township Sewer System was completed with cameras to investigate the I & I. Mr. Woodward said PA American Water has a quote for this to be completed in the second half of this year. Mr. Troutman inquired if there is a particular area which PA American Water should start the camera work. Ryan Smith said there is no specific area the Authority is requesting.

Mr. Kavitski said the older sections of the Foster Township Sewer System should be done first. The areas of Highland and Youngstown were a new Sewer System.

Mr. Kavitski explained to PA American Representatives DEP wants the overflow removed from the Wyoming Street Pump Station.

Ryan Smith asked for PA American Water to check to be sure all stormwater basins are not tied into the Foster Township Sewer System.

Mr. Woodward said the dye testing and camera work will go together to research areas for I & I.

Mr. Kavitski explained Freeland Borough was smoke and dye tested years ago, and no catch basins were connected to the Sewer System. Inflows are off the charts during heavy rainstorms.

Jacob Weinrich of PA American Water inquired if there was even smoke testing completed on the Foster Township Sewer System. The Authority is not aware if smoke testing was ever done, and this would be a question for Foster Township. Mr. Woodward said manholes for high flows will be checked at this next storm. Mr. Woodward said installation of manhole inserts will be used to stop some I & I.

Mr. Kavitski inquired about the High Tides System. The Authority is to be provided with the flow data. Mr. Woodward said this is not with SCADA yet but will be this year. The Authority is requesting this information in a daily report via email to Ryan Smith.

Mr. Kavitski explained first the elimination of the I & I is the priority. Mr. Woodward explained PA American Water needs to work with Foster Township regarding issues of sump pumps, rain gutters or roof

leaders in the sewer system. The Foster Township Officials must enforce the ordinances, and PA American Water cannot.

The Route 940 Extension, Foster Township to provide the information to PA American Water, and they inform the Authority. Mr. Woodward said they are aware of three who have connected to the Sewer System. PA American Water is waiting on Foster Township Supervisors to provide them with the list of people who are to connect to the Sewer System. Foster Township again must enforce the connection ordinance and PA American Water cannot make anyone connect to the Sewer Main.

Mr. Woodward explained PA American Water has new staff, and everyone right now is getting up to speed on the Foster Township Sewer System.

Mr. Woodward said a timeline for completion of all items will be put into writing for the Authority. Attorney Malaska agreed to the timelines being submitted to the Authority with completion dates.

Act 537 Special Study with the Task Activity Plan needs to be updated. Scott Novatnak of PA Department of Environmental Protection wants an extensive monitoring program to be completed. This Act 537 Special Study will need to be a separate meeting because the whole plan is very involved. The Authority and PA American Water agreed for a meeting later this month to discuss cost and completion.

INVOICES

The Office Manager requests the main account #7003 and #7004 to be due by the 20th of the month as do the rest of the customers. PA American Water stated they will have Accounts Payable personnel to reach out to the Authority. Mr. Troutman inquired about any outstanding invoices.

The Office Manager requests an increase to PA American Water for the disconnection fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00 for Water Off and Water On each. The reason is the Authority Staff are being diverted from completion of Authority work.

Office Manager discussed with PA American Water the electric bill for the Wyoming St Pump Station. The Authority is paying PA sales tax, and the Authority is exempt. Teresa Harrold of PA American Water said they will need to work on something to take care of the issue or the Authority could take over the electric bill with putting the billing in their name. The Office Manager explained the Authority has an electrical contract with a provider now.

The miscellaneous invoices for the Wyoming St Pump Station will remain at a net 30 days for the repairs and chemicals along with the water disconnection invoices. The Office Manager did request that all miscellaneous invoices be paid with a separate check for accounting reasons.

Teresa Harrold stated there is a short extension for the updating of the agreements. Mr. Kavitski said if another extension needs to be made for the agreement it will be done. Mr. Kavitski requested to make one agreement to be incorporated from all existing ones. The Authority and PA American Water did agree to one complete agreement instead of referred to older ones by dates. Teresa Harrold explained all agreements need to be submitted to the PUC for their approval and this takes additional time.

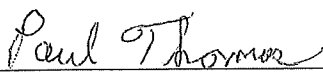
There were no additional items for discussion at this time.

The next Special Meeting with PA American Water is scheduled for Monday August 19, 2024, at 1 PM for the Act 537 Special Study.

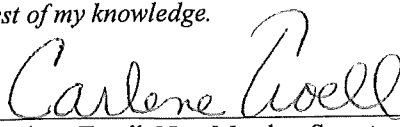
ADJOURN

Mr. Tierney made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

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



Paul Thomas, Secretary



Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary