

October 21, 2019

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors & Sewer Authority met on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Corey Meyer. In addition to Mr. Meyer, supervisors present were: Mr. John Blowers, Mr. Dave Buckwalter, Mr. Ethan Demme and Mr. Glenn Eberly. The East Lampeter Sewer Authority was called to order by Mr. Rick Robinson. In addition to Mr. Rick Robinson committee members present were: Mr. Tom Stumpf and Mr. Vinod Patel, Also, present was Township Staff: Charlie Thomas, Public Works Director and Tara Hitchens, Zoning/Planning Director.

The following persons signed in as being present in the audience:

Jack Ganse
Sal Lombardo

Introduction of Members

Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Meyer, Mr. Dave Buckwalter, Mr. John Blowers, Mr. Ethan Demme & Mr. Glenn Eberly

Sewer Authority

Mr. Rick Robinson, Mr. Tom Stumpf & Vinnie Patel

Township Staff

Mr. Charles Thomas & Ms. Tara Hitchens

Stormwater Fee Program

Chairman Meyer mentioned that there has been multiple discussions at multi meetings. He opened the meeting up for Ms. Hitchens and Mr. Thomas to answer any questions pertaining to the program.

Ms. Hitchens stated that at this point the stakeholders committee has met five times and recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the Sewer Authority be changed to Sewer & Stormwater Authority and have both systems under them as well as the implement fee. The fee at this point and time is approximately \$2.60 per 1,000 square feet of impervious area. Typical residential properties within the Township would pay \$5.50 per month. The total budget for the program is \$1.4 million dollars. Mr. Hitchens presented a timeline to everyone, showing the steps that need to be taken over the next few months in order to move the program forward.

Mr. Buckwalter asked if everyone understood the reason why the stakeholders were considering an authority rather than a tax. Mr. Robinson answered yes.

Chairman Meyer asked how many sewer bills go out to how many properties. Mr. Thomas

answered approximately 3,500. Mr. Meyer noted that it is great that a billing system is already in place that can be utilized.

Mr. Eberly asked how this impacts the current Authority. Would this put extra tasks on the East Lampeter Township Authority? Mr. Stumpf and Mr. Robinson stated that staff would handle the day to day issues and that the authority would handle things on their end just as they do for sewer currently. Mr. Patel mentioned that it makes sense from his perspective. Adding an additional authority would add more cost.

Chairman Meyer asked if the credit policy was completed. Ms. Hitchens answered no. Mr. Thomas stated it would be retroactive. Mr. Stumpf stated that the credit policy is not appealing to developers and engineering fees may be more significant than the credit and that the cap of 45% is limiting.

Chairman Meyer stated that examples of credits with as much information as possible should be put on the Township website when accepted.

Public Comment

Mr. Jack Ganse of 19 S. Eastland Dr. mentioned that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting that took place on October 2, 2019 and that it was very informative. He stated that roadways systems was not discussed. He asked the following questions:

1. What are any other funding sources to meet the 1.4 million dollar budget?
2. Is there a website to see his property?
3. What is the percentage breakdown of roadways residential, commercial and industrial?

Mr. Meyer stated that at a previous meeting Adrienne Vicari of HRG did talk about PennDOT having their own MS4 for roadways. He also stated that they did talk about possibly linking to the website that is online on the Lancaster County GIS website to assist in determining impervious area for a property.

Ms. Hitchens mentioned that charging for roadways results in tax.

There was discussion between Mr. Ganse, the Board of Supervisors and Ms. Hitchens.

Mr. Blowers stated that initiatives to cleanup stormwater and to cleanup water waste there is something called OLDS (On Lot Disposing Systems) throughout the Townships and there's about 500 properties that have on lot disposing systems and by law we are required to implement a process to inspect them. It should be done every three years.

Mr. Patel stated that East Lampeter Township is at the lower end of the fee scale for those that have the fee.

Mr. Demme stated that thanks to staff East Lampeter Township is getting projects that are cost effective.

Mr. Blowers asked the Sewer Authority members that were present were there any thoughts from other members that were not able to attend?

Mr. Hollingsworth wasn't excited about adding onto agenda but understands the need.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any more comments from the public. Mr. Sam Lombardo of 18 S. Eastland drive asked what is the plan to meet deadlines for certain projects.

Ms. Hitchens stated that the permit that the township received through DEP is posted on the website which is through 2023. The Township had to come up with a plan, the pollution reduction plan which is also on the Township website and submit it to DEP for approval. That plan included several projects that the Township anticipates completing by 2023 in order to meet the reduction requirements.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn the East Lampeter Sewer Authority joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors at 7:07 pm. Mr. Stumpf seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Eberly made a motion to adjourn the East Lampeter Board of Supervisors joint meeting with the East Lampeter Sewer Authority at 7:07 pm. Mr. Blowers seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Hitchens
Director of Planning/Zoning Officer