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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 23, 2007**

**ROLL CALL:**

**VISITORS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**North Strabane Municipal Authority Proposal Requesting Consideration of PTSA  
Providing Wastewater Treatment Service to Portions of North Strabane**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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**ROLL CALL:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Peters Township Sanitary Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman. Board members present were G. Robert Jacobs, John P. Slagle, Denver E. Yingling, Gerald C. Grubesky, and George A. Khalouf. Also present were; Paul J. Walsh, Solicitor, James J. Miskis, Manager; Mark A. Chucuddy, Assistant Manager; Jason Stanton, P.E. of Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering, Inc.

**VISITORS:**

Michael Silvestri, Peters Township Manager

Representing North Strabane Township Municipal Authority (NSTMA):

Jim Conley, NSTMA Chairman,  
Michele Sites, NSTMA Board Member  
Matthew Marasco, NSTMA Manager  
Daniel Slagle, P.E., Nichols & Slagle Engineering

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Those representing North Strabane Township Municipal Authority were in attendance to present the concept of an inter-municipal agreement wherein PTSA would accept sanitary sewage from the Linden Creek watershed of North Strabane Township for treatment at PTSA's Donaldson Crossroads WPCP.

Mr. D. Slagle presented a synopsis of the reasons that led NSTMA to seek an alternative to treatment at the Canonsburg Houston Joint Authority treatment plant for the subject area. A hand out containing information and statistics was presented by Mr. D. Slagle which included a map identifying the Linden Creek Watershed. NSTMA is of the opinion this area is not committed by prior agreement to receive treatment by CHJA. NSTMA is ready to bring public sewers to the watershed pending an approved treatment option.

Mr. D. Slagle indicated he is aware that PTSA is undertaking a 537 Plan Update for the DC Watershed which ultimately will lead to reconstruction of the treatment facility. He stated NSTMA has both short term and long term requirements. The short term, defined as immediate, will be approximately 116 to 120 EDUs from existing dwellings in the watershed, as well as the possibility of the Wylandville Elementary School consisting of 70 EDUs. The Wylandville School currently has its own treatment plant, and therefore, acceptance of these flows could be postponed until such a time as DC WPCP is re-constructed. There are also three developments ready to begin which would add approximately 25 to 50 EDUs per year. The long term requirement is estimated at 2,680 EDUs which is the projected growth through 2030. Ultimate build out of the watershed is estimated at 11,280 EDUs. The long term EDUs would connect at approximately 20 to 50 EDUs per year, depending upon housing demand. These would come from land developments currently approved but not yet initiated.

Mr. Miskis indicated there is hydraulic capacity at the DC WPCP to accommodate the short term EDUs, but after acceptance of the initial 116 to 120 EDUs, our projections are the plant would be organically overloaded shortly afterwards. It was suggested the PaDEP may be more receptive of the idea of

accepting additional flows while being organically overloaded provided discharge limits are complied with, considering the Authority is undertaking the plant expansion project. PaDEP has verbally stated to the Authority they would not object to PTSA and NSTMA cooperatively proceeding regarding sewage flows that are not already committed to CHJA, but would not agree to removing any flows currently being treated at CHJA.

Mr. Miskis stated there are operational problem associated with the increased organic loadings such as odor concerns. Currently there are occasional odor problems due to poor air distribution, emphasizing the need for short term capital improvements at the treatment plant to address air distribution such as a small laboratory building so that the additional blowers in the current lab building could be operated on a continuous basis. It was suggested that NSTMA prepay some tap fees to the Authority in order to finance the short term capital improvements. Mr. Miskis stressed some type of “tap management” plan would need to be developed to control the rate of new connections, in order for the Authority could manage its waste-load to acceptable levels.

All parties agreed the next step in the process would be to have a preliminary engineering study performed that would outline the advantages and disadvantages to both the Authority and the Township. NSTMA indicated they are looking for a general indication to proceed or not from the Authority by the end of March. Mr. Stanton indicated he would have a cost proposal for the study available for the Authority’s review at their February meeting, and the study could be completed by the March meeting. Mr. Marasco requested that NSTMA be given a copy of the proposal so that he may have his board review same, as the question of who pays for the study came up. One alternative presented by NSTMA was that they pay for the study and if the plan comes to fruition they will be reimbursed by PTSA through tap reimbursements.

It was noted that while the Authority could make its decision within NSTMA’s schedule, Peters Township Council will also be involved in the process. Mr. Silvestri indicated it may take several months to go through the process.

Mr. Stanton questioned the status of a revised agreement between CHJA and NSTMA. Mr. D. Slagle indicated a draft will delivered to CHJA within two weeks therefore, a response from CHJA should coincide with a response from PTSA.

Mr. D. Slagle stated the flows from NSTMA would be pumped directly to the DCWPCP, and would not be consuming any capacity in the Authority’s conveyance system. Therefore, they would expect consideration when the rate for bulk treatment is developed that it not include charges for conveyance.

At 8:35 p. m., Mr. Silvestri and the representatives from NSTMA departed the meeting.

Mr. Jacobs requested Management give a brief status report of several of the current Authority projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Grubsky and seconded by Mr. Khalouf to enter into executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously. Executive session ended at 9:50 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion was made by Mr. Khalouf and seconded by Mr. Yingling to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark A. Chucuddy