

ROUTE 209 SEWAGE PROJECT
MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2019

Meeting opened at 3:00 PM

Present were: Dakota Hendricks, Joe Dooley, Tim Gartner, Paul Fischer, Robert DiLorenzo, Al Schneider, Michael Asimakopoulos, Nick May, Tony Waldron, Matt Osterberg, Michael Mrozinski, Joe Sain, Frank Tarquinio and Mark Spatz via phone.

Minutes from October 2, 2019 Meeting – Approved

Mike Mrozinski announced that Mark's progress report is in the packet. Mark Spatz said they are on the 2nd round of on-site inspections right now. Matt is out there today doing inspections making progress slowly, but surely. We are a little bit over half way through the total number of surveys received and then the on-site inspections are a bit less than that. We have been well received in Matamoras. One of the things we were wondering is if Milford Borough wanted to send out something in the water bill, like Matamoras did, that seems to work pretty well. I know that social media stuff is going on in Milford and we're not so sure if that is going on in Matamoras or not. The response was that the water company will not have any bills going out until January 1st-we will have to find another avenue. Frank Tarquinio suggested doing a separate mailing next week to the residents.

Matt Osterberg asked what Mark Spatz meant when he said "Milford"? Milford Borough or Milford Township? Mark Spatz said mostly Milford Borough. Milford Township has a lot less number of surveys required. Matt Osterberg said he thinks he has it the other way around – Milford Borough is almost done. Mark Spatz said we are getting close, we just have to get over that last hump to get the Borough done. It is more for informational purposes too. We need to read the room on the climate- obviously there is going to be more to come with this, public meetings and so forth. The number of surveys needed, Milford Borough is getting close to the end, we just need to get that last 10 yards. The on-site inspections are probably going to need one or two more during the week to get these completed.

One thing I need from Tony is the Intermunicipal Agreement. Tony replied that he talked to Mike Mrozinski and he has it. Mike Mrozinski will send that to you guys as well as to me. Mark Spatz said then we will get that to the DEP.

As far as the DEP meeting, we talked to Patrick. Patrick is talking to people at the DEP to see who the appropriate people from their side to attend. It does seem like the door has opened a little bit. DEP will be willing to meet with the municipalities in Milford. We'll see what they come up with. Supposedly, Patrick is getting some dates and I will forward those along and go from there. It will be helpful if they can come to the area versus the area having to go to them. We've been bugging them for the last two to three weeks on this. I guess we will probably have some dates and then we will pick a date and see if it works for everybody. We will need one representative from each municipality. Normally, we try to keep it at one representative from each municipality. We can talk to DEP about that if they're open to more. It's something to think about – who is that representative

going to be? A meeting attendee asked if they would want representatives from the Authority at the DEP meeting. Mark Spatz answered not necessarily. Westfall would be because they are the applicant. I would say try to schedule it in, I think from their standpoint, not yet. I don't think DEP will be concerned if somebody from the authority can't make it. Westfall does need to be there because the plan is being created for the municipalities, but Westfall is our client.

Mark Spatz said he also included a map with the distribution in the packet. The scheduling and conducting inspections is being continued. The DEP meeting needs to be squared away and then once we receive the Intermunicipal Agreement, Bill will need to get the TAR signature page. I will get that to you printed and then if you can sign it and mail it back to me.

Mike Mrozinski said there was a concern about testing wells, can Mark elaborate on what that might mean (the last bullet under Issues/Concerns)? Mark Spatz answered that we didn't anticipate doing any well testing. We didn't anticipate there being wells within the service area since everyone was being served by public water. I can clarify with my team, I don't have any more specifics on that like how many or what is specifically the concern. I didn't get to talk to them about that yet, but I think that is something we didn't think we were going to need to do. Mike Mrozinski said within 100 yards of the 3 Lane there are very few wells. The USGS did the study that was completed in 2017, County-wide, but it did wells. If you need a baseline or they just want to see what kind of contaminants there are. Mark Spatz said yes, we will have to get samples, which is pretty easy. Let me get more specifics on that-it might be minor. A meeting attendee said the wells will be on Moon Valley Road – those are not serviced by the Water Authority. Moon Valley Estates sits up on top of the mountain, they have their own septic systems. They also have their own water system and that's by wells. They have a central water system up there. Mike Mrozinski said he found part of the study that the Planning Office did back in the 1990's, but not identifying all of the locations. There are about a dozen or so, other than Moon Valley Road, when you get up into the developments. Another meeting attendee added that there are still a few along Route 6/209. We are only up to the trailer park. From the trailer park up to Matamoras. Mark Spatz suggested that if we have a map or something, we can just point to where the water wells are-that would be very helpful. We don't have to do a sampling of all of them. If that is what the data points to, that is what DEP looks for. How are these wells doing? Do they have coliform? It's just like the old surveys. It's all just collecting data points for the study.

Mike Mrozinski said the TAR had a lot of comments, what is DEP's position on those corrections? Mark Spatz said they are doing their response to comments letter. Two things we need to include from outside parties is the agreement between all of the Towns and the updated signature sheet for the TAR. The comments were mostly advisory things to make sure to cover in the Act 537. DEP sends a more extensive letter because we didn't have the meeting up front before the TAR was submitted. If you recall, we didn't have the meeting because in the Spring we were supposed to get rolling in March, but then, by the time the signatures got done, it was May. We can't meet with DEP until we have the stuff squared away. We just submitted the TAR just to get it in and get the clock started on it. Normally, we would get the TAR completed and schedule a meeting with the DEP. Their meetings are like 2, 3, 4 weeks out. We didn't want to wait that long until we submitted the TAR. A lot of the comments were covered at the meeting. A lot are acknowledged in the Act 537. I don't think anything was really alarming. We're going to have a response to comment letter. Once that is finalized, we will send that out to the Stakeholder's group to see what the responses will be. There is

no revised TAR, we are just responding in a letter “response to comments”, acknowledge that we will do this, that and the other thing and attach the agreement between the Municipalities.

Mike Mrozinski said regarding payment of invoices, HRG has a recent one that was just submitted to the County SRCP Board for payment recommendation. That meeting was on Friday and that will be processed shortly. Everything is on track with payment.

Commissioners Osterberg asked Frank Tarquinio if he is going to send out some letters. Frank said they will send out letters to everybody. Commissioner Osterberg asked if the letters have to be mailed out to Milford Township residents. Frank answered that is where most of it is. Milford Township only has 5 responses out of 75 between the surveys and inspections. Mark Spatz added it is both the Township and the Borough (of Milford). Commissioner Osterberg said the Borough is almost completed, 93 out of 115. Commissioner Osterberg asked Bob DiLorenzo of Milford Township if he could ask Milford Borough if they would send out letters. Hopefully we’ll get this done before the snow flies.

Commissioner Osterberg asked where Matt (Roberts) is today. Mark Spatz responded Matamoros. Is there a chance we can get an updated list of who responded? Commissioner Osterberg asked Mark Spatz to get that list out again for the entire region (who responded and who was inspected). Mark Spatz said he will update that list and send it back out.

In the next week or so, we will get the dates from Patrick and our response to comments letter to the TAR. Once we get all the surveys done, and the DEP meeting done, there will be a couple of months of pulling the plan together, doing the alternative amounts, cost estimates, etc. Our goal is to conduct that through the holidays, then we can start sitting down to have updates where we are at and then talk about where we’re seeing the alternative amounts for billing just to make sure what this thing is going to look like. It’s what we want to propose to the DEP, as a collaborative group. At the end of the day, it’s the Community’s plans. It’s not what we (HRG) want to do, it’s really what you want to do, we’re (HRG) just doing the paperwork basically.

Tony Waldron said that by the time we get what DEP wants to see, which they’ll want before they meet with us, it’s going to be Thanksgiving. Mark Spatz agreed that December 4th will be here before we know it. Tony Waldron added he didn’t hear back from Michael Bednar, in fact I sent an updated e-mail yesterday and I did invite him as well.

Next meeting will be on December 4, 2019, at 3:00PM in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room

Issues / Concerns:

- 268 out of 485 mail surveys received.
- 382 inspections completed out of 485 required.
- Completing inspections prior to cold weather and snow.
- Wells in Westfall and Milford Township- well testing could be required and was not originally anticipated as part of this Study.

Input Needed from Others:

- None

Schedule / Deliverable Status

- Continue On-Site Inspections- TBD
- DEP Meeting – December 6th

Past Month Accomplishments:

- Submitted TAR Comment Response Letter to DEP
- Scheduled TAR Meeting with DEP
- Continued receiving and processing returned surveys
 - 156/200 Surveys received from the Matamoras Planning Area
 - 14/40 Surveys received from the NE Planning Area
 - 18/55 Surveys received from the SW Planning Area
 - 75/115 Surveys received from the Milford Borough Planning Area
 - 8/20 Surveys received from Milford Township West Planning Area
 - 14/55 Surveys received from Milford Township East Planning Area
- Continued conducting On-Site Inspections
 - 200/200 Inspections completed from the Matamoras Planning Area
 - 16/40 Inspections completed from the NE Planning Area
 - 25/55 Inspections completed from the SW Planning Area
 - 114/115 Inspections completed from the Milford Borough Planning Area
 - 10/20 Inspections completed from Milford Township West Planning Area
 - 17/55 Inspections completed from Milford Township East Planning Area

Next Month (By Priority)

- Schedule and conduct remaining 103 OLDS Inspections.
- Continue work on the remaining chapters of Act 537 Plan as more information is acquired

Clarifications

- None

Additional Services Value Provided

- None