

August 29, 2023

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Building located at 889 Fairyland Road. Township Officials present were Supervisors Fred Kemmerer, Robin Cressley, Jason Frey, and Secretary Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Kemmerer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Chairman Kemmerer began the meeting by welcoming Doug Kopp from Arro Engineering and Mike Takerer, from CCMA and thanked them for coming to the workshop meeting.

Fred Kemmerer began the meeting by discussing his concerns with amount of EDU's and flow that Franklin Township has left. He would like to see where we are at and if expansion is needed and /or possible.

Chairman Kemmerer presented a power point packet to everyone that was present. He stated it was on 5/3/1996 the last wastewater management plan (Act 537 Plan) was enacted. He recently spoke to Scott Novatnak from DEP who told him the wastewater plan should be updated every five years.

Doug Kopp explained that an updated Act 537 Plan (wastewater management plan) is usually needed if there are problems with on lot septic systems. Really no need to update for central sewage. (Note Doug's opinion only)

Fred stated that currently we have 578 accounts/addresses that are billed sewer user fees monthly. There are 721 EDUS that are billed between residents and businesses. The EDU value is 262.5 gpd or 216,000 gals. Each year Doug Kopp completes a Chapter 94 report for CCMA along with Franklin Township. This is a DEP mandatory report. This report helps determine or projects if there are any problems that need to be resolved. From this report Doug or DEP would be able to come up with a plan if we would need to expand the sewer line. Fred is concerned with the new prospects of developments, townhouses, and businesses we will need to expand our sewer line. Expanding our sewer line will cause us to run out of our capacity of EDU's or gallons we have purchased. Fred inquired if we would be able to change the EDU value. Doug reminded Fred that we have two different agreements (Weissport Borough and CCMA), we would have to check with both of them for approval. He feels if we use the leftover amount of gallons we should be okay for future development. Doug stated we are not using the 216,000 gpd estimated. We are using more like 110,000 gpd leaving a leftover of about 106,000 gpd. Per Doug, if we go by the amount of flow usage then we have 400 EDU's still available.

Chairman Kemmerer feels because one of our loans will be paid off in October of 2023 the money we will be saving can be used to expand the central sewage line and to lower the monthly sewer user fees. He inquired if a new area/development would want central sewer what would have to be done to have a feasibility study completed. Fred was thinking of expanding the sewer line to areas such as High Head, Skyline Development and Indian Knoll Development. Jason Frey mentioned the only area he is aware of any sewer issues is Long Run Rd. (Nathan's Hamlet). This area was on the original plan but was dropped due to

costs involved because it would have needed a pump station. Secretary Cressley noted no one in the areas that Fred mentioned has called to complain about sewer issues.

Doug Kopp and Mike Takerer both agreed because our system is now twenty years old they suggested we should have a larger amount in our saving account before thinking of expanding and lower the monthly fee. They both agreed we need more money in our savings to be prepared for possible maintenance issues on our current sewer line and pump stations.

Doug Kopp suggested we have a Per Capita plan in place. We need to have a reserve amount and a replacement plan in place before we think of expanding, lowering monthly user fees, or increasing tapping fees. Doug and Mike both said they would work on the capital revenue report for us. Doug's estimated cost would be \$6,500.00.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to have Doug Kopp and Mike Takerer compose a Capital Revenue report. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lastly, Mike Takerer mentioned he has some concerns regarding the Weissport Pump Station – (the slip lining flexible), river crossing, he is worried about the flow rate running through it. He said how the sewer gets across the river is a major factor.

Jason Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,


Brenda Cressley, Secretary