

**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
Minutes**

**June 9, 2020**

The Regular Meeting for the East Hanover Township Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., by Zoom Video Conferencing, and video and audio taped. Chairman Rick Hoover called the meeting to order with a roll call of members. Members present: Rick Hoover, Mike Webb, Alphonse Lepore, Rich Gold and Dave Craig. Also in attendance were: Lee Stinnett, of Salzmann Hughes, Solicitor; Melissa Tomich Smith, of GHD, Engineer; Andy Stein, Consultant, Stein Consulting; Curt Cassel, WWTP Operator; Paul Cornell, Township Manager; and Jackie Wilbern, Assistant Township Manager.

The meeting was audio taped. The tapes are strictly for the use of the Recording Secretary for clarification during preparation of the minutes.

**Public Input:** No public input.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Rich Gold made a motion, seconded by Mike Webb to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020, regular meeting as presented, with a vote of 4-0, with David Craig abstaining due to being absent.

**Secretary's Report and Communications:** Mike Webb acknowledged the Act 95 letter, from DEP, and the receipt of the Act 14 letter, dated April 30, 2020.

**Treasurer's Report:** Alphonse Lepore presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2020. Paul Cornell was asked to increase the font in the bills list, and report as well as to add the percentage of the budget.

Rich Gold made a motion, seconded by Mike Webb, to ratify the bills paid, approve payments of the bills presented, and to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2020, as presented, subject to audit. The motion unanimously carried with a 5-0 vote.

May 2020 Treasurer's Report	
Receipts Sewer Fund	\$ 59,812.32
Expenditures Sewer Fund	<u>\$(14,020.62)</u>
Total Funds Available	\$ 45,791.70
May transferred \$26,666.66 to 2020 Project	
Invoices Paid (5/9/20-6/6/20)	\$ 13,858.28
Current invoices to be paid	<u>\$ 43,629.69</u>
Total Invoices for Approval	\$ 57,487.97

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**Plant Operator's Report:** Curt Cassel presented his report and reported they met the limits of the permit, and the water was turquoise. The Hotels were asked to stagger their deep cleaning, or this could be a reaction to excess clay in the waste water.

**Committee Report:** Andy Stein had no report at this time.

**Engineer's Report - GHD:** Melissa Tomich Smith presented her monthly update to the Board.

**Task Order #1 - Annual Retainer**

Howard Butler continued to provide guidance to the Township Staff regarding the PLC interface at this plant.

**Task Order #9 - NPDES Renewal**

GHD will submit the application package after the sampling is complete.

**Developers:**

**I-81 Rest Stations:** GHD provided construction observation services on May 5, and May 8.

**Texas Eastern:** East Hanover was approached by Texas Eastern regarding their existing compressor station located with the Township. The Township Manager, Howard Butler, and Melissa Smith held a virtual meeting with Texas Eastern's representatives on June 3, to discuss the project scope and the possibility of discharging to the EHTMA plant. Water used to test the pipelines will be discharged on site. The existing compressors at the site need to be replaced, and the construction water, and stormwater runoff will need to be treated. The majority of the soil was previously remediated for PCB's in the 90's, but precautions still need to be taken with all water discharged from the property due to the remaining background concentrations, and in the case of any soil that was previously untreated being disturbed. The PCB concentrations will be confirmed in September after soil testing is complete, but the consultant for Texas Eastern is saying they are currently within DEP's limits.

DEP has told Texas Eastern that the Department would require pre-treatment of the construction water, and stormwater, and would prefer it also discharge to a POTW, rather than as stormwater. The construction water would mainly consist of water needed to hydro-excavate to expose the buried onsite pipes, and any stormwater that contacts disturbed soils. The project is expected to generate approximately 20,000-30,000 gallons per day of flow that would need to be conveyed to, and treated by the

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WWTP. This would be a relatively short term connection, construction is expected to take place between February 1, 2020, and November 2021.

Texas Eastern will be sending additional information to GHD to evaluate and has asked for the following items.

- The Authority's acceptance and confirmation of the ability to convey and treat the construction water and stormwater runoff from the site.
- The treatment costs, connection fees, and review fees.
- Any permit needs and sampling requirements.
- Connection location and record drawings of the existing sanitary sewer system. GHD would also like the Board to consider the following if they agree to treat those flows.
- A hold harmless agreement if the WWTP sludge doesn't meet limits because of the new containment.
- The preparation of an industrial pre-treatment ordinance.

Regarding Texas Eastern, they have advised that they are interested in accessing the plant for their waste water from their upcoming Pump Replacement project. There is a concern, due to the possible lag time of any testing. DEP should be approached for their insights for Discharge Levels. It was suggested that the Authority form a work group to fashion an agreement. Also, to develop a list of items for the agreement. There may need to be testing of sludge, and there should be a backup plan if sludge is refused at regular sites. We will need to talk to the hauler of sludge regarding PCBs possible in sludge. A follow-up meeting will need to be scheduled with Texas Eastern. Do we need a Sampling Plan? There is a need to secure a copy of regulations for gas transmission.

**Solicitor's Report :** Lee Stinnett had no report at this time.

**Manager's Report:** Paul Cornell had no report at this time.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Discussion of Study for Act 537 Amendment:** Paul Cornell reported that the Board of Supervisors are comfortable with the Authority conducting the study by Glace Associates for developing an amendment to the Township's Act 537.

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**New Business:**

- **LAB rates for NPDES testing for 2020:** Mike Webb made a motion, seconded by David Craig to approve the LAB rates for the NPDES testing for 2020. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.
- **Discussion regarding Texas Eastern (Enbridge) request:** This item was covered in the Engineer's Report.

**Next Meeting:**

Please note that the next meeting of the Municipal Authority will be a joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors, if they are amendable to the date of July 14, at 6:p.m. An Authority meeting would be conducted first, and then the joint meeting. Paul Cornell will advertise the meeting.

Note that there is the regular mid-year executive session to review performance.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Frances Peck, Recording Secretary