

Milford Township Board of Supervisors'
Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

Attendance: Supervisors present: Charles Strunk, Chair; John Mininger, Vice Chair; and Christian Haberle, Member. Staff present: Jeff Vey, Manager; Devan Ambron, Assistant Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Call to Order: Chairman Charles Strunk called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Act 537:

Mr. Vey presented the Act 537 Plan Update which includes the completed, approved and future projects list with development being set up for capacity even if funds have not been paid. Mr. Harry Koenig of the Milford Trumbauersville Sewer Authority was in attendance to discuss the plan update. Mr. Koenig stated that for the Sewer Authority, the 5-year, 10-year, or future projections do not matter; the focus is on the Corrective Action Plan. On the list currently are plans that have been approved by the Township with future planning for Williams Roth subdivision, Alpas Wellness Center, Bracalante, Milford Village Retail, and the Stonewall Apartments which have not been approved by DEP. The plant is in need of a rerate. Milford Village as a whole is counted using approximate figures. Once the plant is rerated this will eat up the majority of the current EDU's and rerated EDU's. There are currently 341 approved EDUs, with 115 already tied in. Once all projects are connected and actual flows are observed, it will be determined if the plant can handle the capacity. The plant rerate can proceed with paperwork, requiring no construction. Mr. Vey pointed out that regulations require planning for 5 and 10 years, with the map indicating 5 years and future projections. The Brookfield site purchased 107 EDU's with a phase 2, which may not happen. Mr. Vey noted he has met with the developer and the design has changed. There are savings with the watermain which will be run down Old Bethlehem Pike, extended from the school to East Swamp Road, then connecting. One alternative was a hydrant at Pumping Station Road and Portzer to BJ's. Mr. Koenig confirmed the Authority's easement on East Pumping Station Road to the BJ's site and presented a list of Land Development Projects and the number of EDUs purchased. He explained the 537 Plan as the township document justifying the need for EDUs, and the Chapter 94 as an annual report on plant capacity. The plant rerate will make an additional 600 EDUs available, expected to be completed in at least two years. Mr. Koenig reviewed the Completed, Approved, and Future Projects list, totaling 1508 EDUs. Mr. Haberle noted that with the additional EDU's after a rerate they will be used up with the current list. Mr. Koenig assured that future capacity needs for 5-10 years are covered, and flows have been reduced with the adoption on Milford Township Ordinance #179, Prohibit the Discharge of Stormwater, Groundwater, and Illicit Discharge into the Sanitary Sewer System. Mr. Vey noted the continued use of existing on lot systems with pumping requirements. With IRSIS on smaller lots there is nowhere to spray, which ties into community on lot disposal systems. As for holding tanks, these are permitted for repair only permitted after all options have been exhausted. An Onsite System Management District is a designated area where routine pumping of septic and holding tanks is performed by a public entity and billed to homeowner. A certified Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) performs inspections in conjunction with this pumping to determine the condition of the system and needs for repair. The approach can ensure proper sewage disposal in individual systems in a specified area, major issues make it unfeasible. There are jurisdictional overlaps. The Sewage Management District must have oversight by an SEO, Bucks County Health Department, and requires operations, MTASA, within legal framework. These issues make other alternatives more effective in resolving problems. Mr. Vey presented a buyout map in the Finland/Trumbauersville Road area, noting over 18 cabins demolished. The continued use of on lot systems is anticipated while property buyouts are pursued. System evaluation and repair/retrofits on an individual basis will reduce the severity of the problem. Ordinance #108 requires property owners to pump the system every 3-years. Sewer System extension in this area was discussed. Mr. Vey stated in the Geryville Area, property buy outs does not make sense. This area will continue with the use of on lot systems and pumping and evaluation. Mr. Vey noted he will reach out to the Health Department to see if there are specific problems in the area. Other problems areas were discussed including soils in the Steinsburg area, the Mumbauersville area where issues were solved with one current issue remaining, Old Bethlehem Pike, across from Brookfield, the mobile home park area. Mr. Haberle asked if they would be required to connect to public if sewer is brought in. Mr. Vey stated yes. Mr. Vey stated the cabins on Cedar Hill is down to a remaining 7-8, Wonsidler Grove is complete, with Cozy Nook having current violations. One real problem currently exists at Cozy Nook. Mr. Koenig commended the Township's progress compared to the last 537 Plan. Mr. Mininger stated no objections to the update.

Other Business:

Moyer Milford Square, Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, 2060 Allentown Road, TMP No. 23-010-081. A brief discussion was had regarding the water laterals for the Moyer Milford Square subdivision. It was noted the water laterals would be installed for each new lot at the time the watermain is installed. The sewer laterals will be installed for the two new lots when the road is dug up with the developer paying the costs.

Route 663/Quaker Pointe Drive Intersection:

The Route 663/Quaker Pointe Drive intersection was discussed. Trucks traveling to Interstate Battery and the proposed Rotho Blaas site will be exiting Route 663 at Quaker Pointe Drive where the turning radius is inadequate. Interstate Battery asked for the stop bar to be moved back. Mr. Vey stated Mr. Winkler said trucks having to make a right onto Quaker Pointe have an inadequate turning radius and a fire hydrant. Discussions will be had regarding the parcels along Interchange Way and the Private Road.

Old Bethlehem Pike Jake Brake Request:

Mr. Vey inquired if the Board should submit a request for a study on Jake Brake retarders for the entire Old Bethlehem Pike or limit the request to the section from Mill Hill Road to Portzer Road. He noted that signs were installed in the Rosedale Road area following a study, despite no ordinance being in place. Anticipating future complaints at Brick Tavern Road, he mentioned that no complaints have been received yet, but they are expected. Mr. Mininger noted PennDOT did approve the signs and an ordinance was not passed. The Board decided to proceed only with the current request for the section from Mill Hill Road to Portzer Road at this time.

Adjournment: With there being no further business Mr. Haberle made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting of May 20, 2024 at 6:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mininger and passed unanimously.