

Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors and
Municipal Sewer Authority
23 Carrolls Tract Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
Special Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2012

Supervisors Present: Robert L. Gordon, Coleen N. Reamer, Harry Rood and Douglas Woerner. James Grinder was absent from the meeting.

Municipal Authority Members Present: Jay McDannell, Donna Walker, and William (Bill) Shriner. Laura Morgan was absent from the meeting.

Staff Present: Solicitor Matthew Battersby and Secretary/Treasurer Deborah K. Feiler.

Public: Jamie Gebhart of the Franklin Township Sewer Authority.

At 7:03 PM Chairman Gordon called the special meeting to order and welcomed the public. He announced that the meeting is being recorded for the sole purpose as a review aid in compiling the written minutes, that this special meeting was properly advertised in the *Gettysburg Times*, and that even though a Supervisor and Municipal Authority Member are absent each Board still has a quorum.

The special meeting was held to discuss the proposal dated May 7, 2012 from Pennsylvania American Water (PAW) to purchase the Orrtanna Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Solicitor Battersby who was involved in the negotiations summarized the term sheet provided which states:

- PAW offers to purchase the Orrtanna Treatment Plant for \$339,700.
- Hamiltonban Township would keep the spray field and lease it back to PAW for one dollar.
- When PAW is finished with the spray field, the Township would then be able to sell the property.
- Hamiltonban Township will use their PA H20 Grant funds to construct a pump station that will be transferred PAW at closing.
- PAW will construct a pipeline to connect the Orrtanna Treatment Plant to the Franklin Treatment Plant.
- PAW will freeze rates in Orrtanna until October of 2014.

Solicitor Battersby advised the Municipal Authority and the Board to go with the proposal and mentioned that the Franklin Township Sewer Authority has accepted this offer. The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors will consider the offer at their Board meeting on June 7th. He also mentioned that many municipalities are doing away with sewer plants as the Department of Environmental Protection regulations are getting tougher to comply with.

The Municipal Authority members and Supervisors discussed the proposal with Solicitor Battersby as well as the history of the Orrtanna Treatment Plant.

Donna Walker motioned to accept the term sheet/proposal as presented by PAW dated May 7, 2012 for the purchase of the Orrtanna Treatment Plant. Bill Shriner seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shriner stated that he is against this but there is no other choice.

Donna Walker motioned to borrow \$496,500 to pay for the construction of a pumping station to be reimbursed by the PA H20 Grant. Bill Shriner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Rood motioned to accept the term sheet/proposal as presented by PAW dated May 7, 2012 for the purchase of the Orrtanna Treatment Plant. Supervisor Woerner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Woerner motioned to borrow \$496,500 to pay for the construction of a pumping station to be reimbursed by the PA H20 Grant. Supervisor Rood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: At 7:55 PM, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Deborah K. Feiler
Secretary/Treasurer

Robert L. Gordon
Chairman