

**Pocono Township Board of Commissioners  
Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2023**

The Sewer Committee meeting of the Pocono Township Commissioners was held on Monday, October 2, 2023 and was opened by Chairman Richard Wielebinski at 6:17 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Jerrod Belvin, present; Ellen Gndt, present; Gerald J. Lastowski, present; Keith Meeker, absent; Rich Wielebinski, present.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Leo DeVito, Twp. Solicitor; Jon Tresslar, Twp. Engineer; Patrick Briegel, Public Works Director; Taylor Munoz, Township Manager; and Jennifer Gambino, Administrative Assistant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**HEARINGS** – None

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Belvin, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 sewer committee meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Sewer Resolution Update – No update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS** – None

**APPEALS** – None

**REPORTS**

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

- General update was given regarding the status of current projects. Purchased and installed new diffuser. Completed regular maintenance tasks at Pump Station 5. General maintenance for pinch valve replacement before end of month.
- Update – 2023 Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project. Contractor has completed necessary paperwork.
- Update – Pilot program for hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) control as alternative to use of Bioxide. Program is ongoing with promising results. E. Gndt asked for clarification regarding cost of pilot program versus use of Bioxide.

**COMMISSIONERS** – None

**ADMINISTRATION**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by E. Grandt, to amend the agenda for discussion and action regarding Payment No. 13 for the Electrical/Controls Contract for the Pump Station 5 Part II Improvements. All in favor. Motion carried.

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Lastowski, to approve Payment No. 13 in the amount of \$15,412.60 to Hayden Power Group, as recommended by the Township Engineer's letter dated October 2, 2023, for work performed in conjunction with the Electrical/Controls Contract for the Pump Station 5 Part II improvements. No public comment. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **SEWER ENGINEER**

- Sanofi Sanitary Sewer Easement. Formal presentation of agreements at next Board Meeting for purpose of abandoning existing sewer easement and establishment of new easement adjacent to Sanofi.

#### **TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

- General Legal Update.

Discussion of a meeting held last week with Tobyhanna Township, Kalahari and Pocono Manor Investors (PMI) where issues with high strength waste were discussed. Optimistic that the meeting will help advance the EQ Tank and necessary DEP approvals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

R. Wielebinski made a motion, seconded by J. Belvin, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.