

**New Garden Township
Board of Supervisors
Combined Sewer Authority/ Work Session
October 13, 2009**

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Supervisors Present

Jim Neal, Chairman
Steve Allaband, Vice Chair
Robert Perrotti
Barclay Hoopes
Bob Norris

Others Present

Carmen Raddi, Manager
William O'Connell, Sewer Super
John Martin, Airport Manager
Betty Gordon
Warren Reynolds

Sewer Authority Members Present

Gildo Guizzetti
Greg Harvey
James Frezzo

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Neal called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with a pledge to the flag.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

With no public comment the Board moved to discuss Sewer Reports.

III. SEWER REPORTS

A. South End Sewer Capacity- Mr. Andress stated that he and Mr. Perrotti visited DEP regarding the south end sewer capacity which was a very productive meeting. Mr. Andress stated that he is putting together details of what DEP is expecting from the Township and will have more information and planning issues to discuss at the November meeting. It is a matter of formalizing and until the matter is resolved there is the potential of planning modules being delayed.

B. Borough of Avondale- Mr. Andress stated that there are continuous workings with the Borough of Avondale regarding the expansion issues and reviewing newly provided information. I&I problems are being addressed by the Borough and by March a meeting should be scheduled with DEP regarding I&I efforts and get authorization to release capacity. The delay of construction is now back on track.

C. Project Status- Mr. Andress stated that he continues to refine and update the project list and will have more information on implementation at the November

meeting. The list order, sequence and financing need to be defined as borrowing may be in order for projects to be done. If borrowing is needed it should be started early as to secure funding possibly through Pennvest or USDA.

D. Solar Power Aerators- Mr. O'Connell stated that he spoke with the Manager today and he would like to see the Sewer Authority and the Board look into solar power aerators. Manager Raddi stated that the State and Federal Government are pushing conservation and there may be money available for such a use.

E. Capacity Expansion- Supervisor Perrotti stated that he has been working with Kennett Borough, Avondale Borough and DEP which have all been very cooperative to work with. Supervisor Norris questioned the status of Kennett negotiations and Supervisor Perrotti stated that there are compromises that can be made and taken seriously. The Township is increasing tax ratables, which development cannot be done without sewer. The option is to expand to theirs rather than the Township build new plants.

F. Dirt moving for sewer use- Mr. Andress stated the dirt moving is finished, stock piled and stabilized. There is repair work to do to the driveway at the sewer plant but other than that it went fairly well. Supervisor Perrotti stated that it will be well used.

G. Resident's concern- Supervisor Norris stated that a resident wrote a letter of concern challenging the way that New Garden Board and the Sewer Authority work together. Solicitor Land is to review the letter and address the concerns.

H. Executive Session- The Board met in an executive session to discuss land acquisition.

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A. Reconvened- Chairman Neal called the Board of Supervisors Work Session to order at 7:30pm.

B. Presentation by Jon Martin on 2010 Airshow- Jon Martin, Airport Manager gave a presentation of the proposed 2010 Air Show. He stated that historically the show is a one day event but would like consideration that the show grows to a two day event in 2010. Mr. Martin stated that there is only a little more planning for two days than one day. Performer pricing is already based on a two day show even if it is a one day show. He proposed that the show be more of an overall New Garden event with a two day car show. He would promote the event as a living history event for vintage airplanes and WWII re-enactors. There would be additional vendors/ crafts/ flea market to provide more for the visitors to do while not flying.

Mr. Martin stated that a well run air show requires a great deal of planning and he suggested hiring Dave Shultz of Air Shows to assist. There currently is an Air Show Committee of 7 individuals but hiring help would provide a much more professional run show. Dave Shultz and his employees will attend a convention where performers go to book their yearly schedule. He and his employees will serve as the ground and air boss the day of the show and provide the equipment to do so. Dave Shultz is very experienced and does a phenomenal job according to Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin distributed a copy of the proposed budget for the 2010 Air Show. He stated that in 2009 there were 2,550 tickets sold and is projecting 4,000-4,500 for 2010 (which is conservative number for 2 day show and is in addition to other sales). He stated that he proposes \$65,000-\$70,000 in revenue from the event. The major expenditures are performers which is what draws people to the Air Show. In 1991 a B-17 was in attendance and drew the largest crowd in the history of the Air Show. He recommended John Moore be invited as a performer as he is very well known. The total proposed profit for the event could be \$8,000-9,000 based on 4000-4500 tickets sold.

Mr. Martin stated that the Township liability policy will cover the costs if there is a specified amount of rain. Mr. Martin requested the Board's approval of the budget and to start the planning. He stated that Dave Shultz quoted \$2,200 to plan a two day show. Supervisor Hoopes stated that he would like to give Mr. Martin a chance to prepare ideas and questioned if the costs would be paid out of the general fund or the airport fund. Mr. Martin stated he is hoping to sell more advanced tickets sales through promotion which should pay for the upfront costs. The performers will require payment upfront and vendors and rides will be paid after the show.

Supervisor Norris questioned the risk of rain and what the financial risk is including insurance. Mr. Martin stated that \$30,000 is a fair estimate of risk to the Township. Manager Raddi stated that the question is whether the Board

wants to continue to have an Air Show and if they do than should it be a two day event. Supervisor Norris questioned the risk of the taxiway not being complete and Mr. Martin stated that should be well done by June. Supervisor Norris questioned pad sites at the airport and whether that will have an effect on the show. Manager Raddi stated that the only impact the pads may have would be to the road. Supervisor Norris stated that he, Mr. Martin and Manager Raddi looked hard at the numbers and there is a risk that the Board has to be aware of that has to be approved. Supervisor Norris stated that the payoff potential is maybe \$10,000. Mr. Martin stated that the event could possibly gain local interest such as the Mushroom Festival. Supervisor Norris stated that it would be great to get Barbara Underwood, Parks and Recreation Director involved and make it a real New Garden event.

Supervisor Hoopes stated that he wanted the Air Show to outreach. Mr. Martin stated that last year the Air Show booked many participants for the Future Aviator Summer Camp. Supervisor Perrotti stated that all help at the Mushroom Festival are volunteers and sponsors who make contributions which is why it is so successful. Supervisor Perrotti stated that the Park already has a car show of which the park budget was cut in half. He stated that there may be a better way to make \$10,000. Supervisor Perrotti stated that he has no opinion either way as to have the Show a one or two day event but the budget does matter. He stated that the park events give back to the residents and there are other things that need done at the airport to make money. He questioned if planning the Air Show will take away from duties on normal operation of the airport. Mr. Martin stated that if he were to hire help it would not take away and the Township would get the best run air show. Supervisor Perrotti stated that if the event makes money he is satisfied.

Vice Chairman Allaband stated that the question is whether or not to support the air show of which he does. Chairman Neal questioned if the costs would be coming out of the airport budget. Manager Raddi stated that after having electrical work done at the airport there is nothing remaining unless the insurance company pays. By June of next year the fund should be rebuilt but for now costs may need to be borrowed from the general fund. Chairman Neal stated that he supports the air show.

Supervisor Norris motioned that New Garden Township support the two day Air Show as presented by the Airport Manager and budget as presented with oversight by the Township Manager. Vice Chairman Allaband amended the motion that the event carries the insurance and he seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Consideration of generator maintenance contract- Supervisor Perrotti stated that the Township has two quotes for maintenance of the generators but it may save the Township money by having the Road Department maintain it and if there is a service call needed then the Township would call the provider. Manager Raddi is to provide a list of generators to the Road Master and get his opinion. The matter was tabled until next month.

D. Discussion concerning recycling with Steven Deasy of Bannett Fleming, Inc.- Manager Raddi stated that Mr. Deasy was present as the preparer of the recycling report. He stated that he did a study of the Township and gave an extensive overview of what needed to be done in New Garden Township. Mr. Deasy stated that recycling is mandated per population and that if there is more than 300 persons per square mile or more than 10,000 residents in a municipality than curbside recycling is required. Mr. Deasy stated that for the Township to be in compliance the main issues should be addressed which include curbside recycling, leaf and yard waste management and a burning ordinance. Mr. Deasy stated that if the Township were not to comply it may, in the future, not be eligible for grants. The curbside recycling can be made up to the hauler and the Township can get grants up to \$20.00 per ton with a possibility of \$10,000- 20,000 per year.

Mr. Deasy extensively explained the effects of not recycling and burning and explained the benefits of doing so. He also offered suggestions which include implementing burning ordinances, requiring haulers to pick up curbside recyclables on a certain day of the week, provide a yard waste drop off twice a year and provide recycling drop off locations through SECCRA at certain locations in the Township.

E. Remediation Permit Requirements- Vice Chairman Allaband stated that the Board is in receipt of a memorandum of recommendation from the Zoning Officer for permit requirements having to do with the remediation requirements. Vice Chairman Allaband requested that the Board review the recommendation. Supervisor Norris stated that if the issue can be pinpointed he would be in support of enforcing further inspections but does not want to add extra unneeded costs to the process. Supervisors Hoopes stated he believes that more inspections are needed.

Chairman Neal requested that the Board review the options further as he still has questions on how to make the situation work best for residents and Township as a whole. Supervisor Perrotti stated that the responsibility should be that of the developer and that the UCC has different requirements now than years ago.

Mr. Brooks, a resident of Hartefeld, stated that the UCC is currently working under a limited number of inspections and there is a gap in the amount of time of the final inspection and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Mr. Brooks stated that he would like to see a step up in inspections of what is currently being required.

Supervisor Norris stated that New Garden is 90% built out and will respect any recommendation of the Zoning Officer but there is also a concern for the homes already built in New Garden. Vice Chairman Allaband stated that Mr. Suckstorf and Mr. Bendler are to finalize the recommendation and evaluate whether the issue is of the window instillation or the stucco. The Vice Chairman is also to check on the Solicitor's recommendation.

F. Open Space Loan- Manager Raddi stated that the OSRB are exploring two Wollaston properties, recreational areas behind Hewlett Packard building, property owned by Jerry Poe and the Hanna property but none are near the point of negotiating a sale. Chairman Neal stated that the Township is paying 4% per month on the financing but there has been nothing to show. Manager Raddi stated that there is currently about \$700,000 in open space funds from taxes. The Board concurred that there should be a discussion with the OSRB prior to closing the loan. Manager Raddi stated he will speak with Steve Goldfield, Esq. to see if there would be any complications and or difficulty obtaining future financing. Vice Chairman Allaband and Supervisor Norris are to be present at the OSRB meeting Tuesday the 20th at 6:30pm to discuss the option.

G. Budget Meeting- The Board scheduled the special budget meeting for Tuesday 27th at 6:30pm which is to be advertised.

H. Candlewyck/ Orleans- Supervisor Hoopes stated that he, Chairman Neal, Mr. Jazienski, Manager Raddi, Mr. Bailey and Orleans meet tomorrow.

I. Traffic Calming Recommendation- Supervisor Norris requested that the traffic calming recommendations of the Chief be presented to the Board.

J. Audit- Supervisor Norris questioned the letter of the Finance Director to the Auditor. Manager Raddi stated that he waited until the disbursement so that both would go at the same time.

K. Airport Flight School- Supervisor Norris stated that the airport is looking to replace the flight school at no cost to the Township and with better rent.

L. November Election- Supervisor Norris wished luck to the candidates.

M. Dedication of Harrogate South- Manager Raddi stated that in May of 2009 the Board voted to accept dedication of Harrogate South and a Resolution was to be placed on the next month's agenda and there has been no mention made in future minutes of the adoption of such resolution. *Vice Chairman Allaband motioned to reaffirm the acceptance of the Resolution made the 8th day of June 2009 for Wilkinson Distinction for Harrogate South community. Supervisor Hoopes seconded to a unanimous vote.*

N. Relocation of the Police Department- Manager Raddi stated that the relocation plan is to be further discussed at the budget meeting.

O. DiBello Property- Manager Raddi stated that there is a police officer interested in renting the house at the DiBello property. Supervisor Perrotti requested that a realtor be consulted.

P. State Police Barracks- Vice Chairman Allaband questioned if the Township should continue to pursue the proposal of the State Police Barracks even if the competition is an adjacent property located in New Garden. Manager Raddi stated that the two proposals are very close and there is a 100% chance of the barracks being in New Garden and should continue to pursue only if it is to re-bid.

Q. Historic Commission- Supervisor Perrotti stated that he has a meeting with the Historic Commission tomorrow on the Lysium house.

R. KCSD Engineering Payment- Supervisor Perrotti questioned KCSD paying half of the McMahan invoice of \$5,000. Manager is to follow up.

V. ADJOURNMENT

By a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Parlier,
Township Secretary