

The Wilmington Township Mercer County Board of Supervisors met on April 28, 2022, at the township building. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Bryan Cummings, with Richard Wilson in attendance. Rayburn Campbell was absent. Guests present were Tom Thompson, Brian Caiazza, Dee Williams, Chad Taylor, Jeff Hoy, and Pastor Rob Cypher. The pledge to the flag was given.

#### Public Comment

None

#### Sewer Business

Tom Thompson explained that the Act 537 Plan has been at DEP for 2 years. From a cost perspective, the township building a new sewage plant would make the most sense. By constructing a new plant, it would lower the cost from approximately \$200 to \$120 per month per resident. However, DEP does not like the idea of another discharge.

The township met with the Borough to request the borough's fees decrease but the Borough felt they could not make a decrease. In order to send flow to the borough, it would cost each resident the cost of our project plus the borough's fee, which equals in excess of \$200 per month.

Within the Act 537 Plan, DEP prefers the use of 400 gpd with gravity lines and 280 gpd with pressure lines. The township currently uses 81 gpd since most homes with sewer lines are either one or two person homes. If recalculated using the DEP preferred numbers, it could be justified sending flow to the borough.

Grants cannot be obtained until the township is in the design phase. Grants cannot be used when calculating figures within the Act 537 Plan since they are not guaranteed. Pennvest considers \$125 per month affordable when considerations are made for grants/loans.

The township would not want to move forward with a project that is not affordable to the residents as this could potentially lead to liens on homes, etc. We want this not to have a negative impact on the community.

Mercer County's average sewage bill is around \$75.

Wilmington Township Lawrence County will be contacted to see if they would like the homes on Maplewood Drive to be part of the project. Having municipalities work together can increase chances of receiving grants.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Cummings.

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Cindy Black, secretary