

The Wilmington Township Mercer County Board of Supervisors met on July 13, 2022, at the township building. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Bryan Cummings, with Richard Wilson and Ray Campbell in attendance. Guests present are on the attached sheet. The pledge to the flag was given.

Public Comment

Jeff Hoy questioned why the sewer committee was not notified of the church's sewer planning module.

Tom Taylor requested that consideration be made to residents who are in need of the sewer lines and move forward with plans.

The June 8, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by a motion from Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Roll call vote: Bryan Cummings – yes, Richard Wilson – yes, Ray Campbell – yes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Mr. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote: Bryan Cummings – yes, Richard Wilson – yes, Ray Campbell – yes

Communications

None

Township Reports

There was nothing to report for the MPO, MCRPC, and MCRPC meetings.

Unfinished Business

The Board questioned Mr. Thompson how the manhole got raised on the Martin property when their sewer line was placed. Mr. Thompson stated that the contractor had gotten permission to go through the rock but he did not know about the drastic elevation change until the as-built drawings were received. The contractor should have held the grade so the elevation would not change. The contractor would be held responsible for this error.

Pastor Rob Cypher stated that his intent for placing the sewer line to the church is to tie the church in to the public sewer due to a potential failing system and also to help the community. His concern is a polluted stream on Cowden Road.

It was determined that phases could be done with the project as long as the phases take place in the timeframe used in the Act 537 Plan. A sewage planning module could be done and get service to the higher failure areas first, such as Valley View Drive, Willow Drive, a home on Auction Road and possibly Cowden Road.

A decision needs to be made on the type of system the township plans to move forward with, then we could possibly get DEP approval. The engineer recommends sending the flow to the borough and utilize gravity lines where possible and have pressure lines to the few homes that cannot use gravity. A pump station will need placed at the corner of Cowden and Bethel Roads. A sewer committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss this.

The township would need to have the permits in-hand before grants can be applied for.

Elevations of future lines are only currently figured from a planning perspective and will need determined in the future.

Taylor Engineering is addressing DEP comments on the GP-3 permit for the Ferris Road streambank repair project and preparing a bid package for that work. Mr. Wilson made a motion to advertise the bid package once reviewed, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Roll call vote: Bryan Cummings – yes, Richard Wilson – yes, Ray Campbell – yes

New Business

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Joseph C. and Ann M. Badger subdivision. They approved the forwarding of the Living Word Church Sewage Planning Module back to the Board of Supervisors with the following questions:

1. How many EDU's does Wilmington Township Mercer County Receive from Wilmington Borough Sewage Plant? With Living Word requesting 6,300 gpd, is that what is best for the township when there are serious concerns on Valley View, Bend and Willow?
2. Page 1 – A2: Where is the beginning point, ending point, and route of the 500-foot extension? What properties does it cross? Where does it connect to at the beginning and end of the route? Sand mounds?
3. Page 4 – G3: "The following is to be submitted; plot plan" Is there a plot plan and why is it not attached as specified?
4. Page 5 – G7: The "Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) Project Environmental Review Receipt" resulting from my search of the PNDI database and all supporting documentation from jurisdictional agencies (when necessary) is/are attached." Where is that form? -Cited the stream on Means Road with the endangered fish that was the reason for the delay of construction on Means Road.

Lakeland Dairy's engineer has submitted a stormwater management plan that is being reviewed by the township engineer.

The cell tower company was making improvements at the cell tower in June and has not fixed the ruts they caused in the township property. They will be given 2 weeks to fix it or the township will fix it and bill the company for the work done.

Groundhog traps will be purchased for at the township property.

A resident on Orchard Road replaced dirt that was removed from the edge of the road when ditching/berming to stop water from flowing onto the road. The township subsequently redid the work and will send the resident a letter citing Township Code that the township has the right to perform such work and that if the residents replaces the dirt again, they will be charged for the work done by township employees as well as equipment charges.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to pay the bills and payroll, Mr. Wilson seconded. Roll call vote: Bryan Cummings – yes, Richard Wilson – yes, Ray Campbell – yes

Public Comment

Ken Harris commended the Board on a job well done.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m., seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Cindy Black, secretary