

The Wilmington Township Mercer County Board of Supervisors met on September 22, 2022, at the township building. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Bryan Cummings, with Richard Wilson in attendance. Ray Campbell joined a few minutes later. Guests present were Pastor Rob Cypher, Rick Black, Tom Thompson, John Martin, and Ken Sipe. The pledge to the flag was given.

Public Comment

Ken Sipe mentioned that he would like to see the sewer project begin soon.

Sewer Business

Tom Thompson presented Table 9 of the Act 537 Plan showing current monthly user fees along with alternatives. It was the consensus to utilize "Option 1 – gravity and pressure sewers discharging to the New Wilmington Borough WWTP" within the Act 537 Plan. This option has a monthly user rate of \$217. However, this cost will decrease as funds are granted.

Once the chosen option is included into the Act 537 Plan, it will go to DEP for approval. The next step is Planning Commission review, then a thirty (30) day public comment period, followed by an adoption of an acceptance resolution.

Once the 537 Plan is completed, it will take DEP 3-4 months to approve, another 8 months for design and then possibly break ground in a year. Potentially, if everything goes as planned and funding is granted quickly, the ground-breaking could begin as early as Fall 2023 or Spring 2024.

There is currently a lot of potential for grants at this time. Tom Thompson will let us know when funds are available through H2O. It would be helpful to receive letters from residents stating a need for public sewers as well as contacting the legislators for assistance. The secretary will need to contact the new Dollar General and any other business looking at having a business in the project area to request a letter stating any hardship due to not having public sewers.

The township could opt to provide for 1st floor bathrooms/washers only in order to save on cost. Homeowners with basement bathrooms would need to alter their toilets to provide for an up-flush pump and minor changes to their laundry water discharge.

In order to cut costs, the township could reach out to Living Word Church and another resident to identify interest in providing easements to shorten lines and utilize more gravity lines instead of pressure lines.

Residents within the new sewer project would pay the debt from the new system, then a uniform rate could be established with old and new customers.

Once the Martin line is fixed and meets townships specifications, the line would be dedicated to the township. Once the Board accepts the dedication, the Martin extension would become the township's line.

Other

Mr. Wilson made a motion to add Resolution 2022-11 to the agenda in order to add a member to the planning commission in order to reach a quorum prior to the next Planning Commission meeting, seconded by Mr. Campbell. Roll call vote: Bryan Cummings – yes, Richard Wilson – yes, Ray Campbell – yes

Mr. Campbell made a motion to appoint Cindy Black as a member of the Planning Commission by adoption of Resolution 2022-11, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Roll call vote: Bryan Cummings – yes, Richard Wilson – yes, Ray Campbell – yes

Public Comment

None.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Cindy Black, secretary