

**DALLASTOWN BOROUGH  
175 EAST BROAD STREET  
DALLASTOWN, PA 17313  
MAY 28, 2013 – 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dallastown Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Ronald Smith, followed by prayer, pledge of allegiance and roll call.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ronald Smith – President  
Richard Bogart – Vice President  
Quay Markel  
Bernell Kohler  
Karen Hoyt-Stewart  
Gina Smith

**ALSO PRESENT**

Terry Meyers - Mayor  
Connie Stokes – Borough Manager  
Steve Malesker – C.S. Davidson - Engineer

**ABSENT**

Tomas Metz – Family Obligation

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – none

**APPROVAL OF 5/13/2013 MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Kohler moved and was seconded by Mr. Bogart to approve the 5/13/2013 meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Motion:** Mr. Markel moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to approve the payment of bills as presented.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Joe Szmajda – 18 S. Park Street, Dallastown – Mr. Szmajda had two questions for Council, the first regarding whether or not the maintenance crew is allowed to use the Borough garage for maintenance of their personal vehicles and whose liability insurance would cover if they were hurt. Ms. Stokes stated that as long as she is aware, they are allowed to use the garage. Many of their personal tools are kept and used there for Borough work. Personal insurance would cover any injury, not Borough insurance. The second question or statement he made was concerning security and the lack of personnel in the office at times. Ms. Stokes stated that happens every once in awhile in small Boroughs such as Dallastown.

- Richard Resh – C.S. Davidson – 38 N. Duke Street, York – Mr. Resh was present at the request of Council for a follow-up to the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting concerning the future sewer project in Colonial Park. Council asked for a comparison between a gravity system and a pressure system.

**Total Cost Comparison:** Construction plus Associated Project Costs

Gravity - \$3,494,845.

Pressure - \$1,896,165.

**Total Annual Financing & Operating Cost Comparison:** Debt Service (based on a 4%/20 yr bank loan) & Operating & Maintenance Costs

Gravity - \$246,541.

Pressure - \$90,899.

**Annual Sewer System Rate Increase:** (Assuming the Borough will contribute \$1,000,000 as an interest free loan.) Covers debt service plus operating and maintenance costs

Gravity – All 1885 EDUs - \$130.79

New 75 EDUs Only - \$3,287.21

Pressure – All 1885 EDUs - \$48.22

New 75 EDUs Only - \$1,211.99

If the Pressure System is installed, Mr. Deller and York Township will be on their own.

The Pressure System is also the easier and more economical project of the two systems. It is approximately 45% less than the gravity system.

The concern was power outages and preventing sewer backups with the pressure system and the grinder pumps. Mr. Resh stated that two check valves would be installed, one between the street and the pump and the other at the curb line. Tank storage capacity was also discussed. Mr. Resh did not recommend larger capacity tanks which would lead to odor due to the tanks not being pumped as frequently. Mr. Resh also stated that dishwashers and washing machines produce the largest amount of waste water, so with a power outage it would be significantly less. The tank would hold approximately two days of waste.

Hooking up to a generator is another option or installing an electrical receptacle on the outside of the house to hook up a portable generator. With an outside receptacle, if there is an extended power outage, the Borough could possibly pump with their generator.

A 200 amp service is required to accommodate the grinder pump. The cost of the electricity is approximately \$3-\$4 per month and yearly maintenance check runs approximately \$90.00.

The Borough would purchase the grinder pumps, but the homeowners must maintain them after they are installed.

Mr. Resh recommended mailing a postcard to all residents of Colonial Park prior to the public meeting giving a summary of both systems. A draft will be provided to Council at the June meeting for their review. Mr. Bogart stated that all the facts should be presented at the public meeting and then listen to the residents feedback. Mayor Meyers stated that the right thing should be done for all residents of the Borough, not just the 75 homes in Colonial Park.

There was a discussion concerning different billing options and a recommendation was made to set up a separate sewer system district for the 75 homes in Colonial Park.

Council asked Mr. Resh to do some projections (30%, 40% & 50%) for re-payment using separate districts. The homeowner's cost would be \$2500.00 to the Borough for the sewer connection/tapping fee plus the fee to the plumber to install the system which would run approximately \$10,000.00. The project is 6-8 years out, which would give the homeowners ample time. York County Planning has a loan program, but it is geared to lower income residents.

**BUSINESS FOR ACTION** – N/A

**BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

- Mr. Bogart brought up the referendum that was approved at the last election regarding liquor sales in the Borough. The zoning ordinance will need to be reviewed and modified accordingly. Borough staff should review first before going to Attorney Jones.
- A 2012 Planning Award was presented to Dallastown Borough by York County Planning Commission in recognition of participation in the completion of the Tri-Borough Area Comprehensive Plan. A Certificate of Recognition was also presented to the Borough by State Representative Stan Saylor for the Comprehensive Plan.
- Officer Stubbs of the York Area Regional Police Department is retiring the end of the month and there is a retirement party at the Department on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 3:00. Council is invited.

**REPORTS**

- Police Reports

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Markel moved and was seconded by Mr. Bogart to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Wertz