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Meeting of the Conyngham/Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority - Special Session on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 7:00 PM – Regarding Projects related to I&I and all other matters before the Board

PLACE: Conyngham Borough Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 215 Main Street, Conyngham, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Costack, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call was taken.

Present: John Cotsack, Greg Olander, Joseph Gallagher, Marguerite Woelfel, Marc Eble, Peter O'Donnell (Solicitor), Richard Harrison (Engineer), Dorothy Pisano (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Ed Gregory (Manager)

Citizens: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Invited Guests: None

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Harrison first spoke on the USG Proposal that was handed out along with a outline of smoke testing. Mr. O'Donnell questioned the quote stating that the different on the Proposal will increase the bottom line of the estimated Proposal cost. Mr. Harrison stated that it would not go over cost because most of the will not pertain to this project the way we have it set-up. They have very expense camera equipment and would not want anything to happen to it.

Mr. Harrison stated that they would like to run the camera through when it is raining and Mr. Olander asked how would you run a camera through if it was flooded. Mr. Harrison stated that the sewer would not be flooded one line can have 800 homes connected to it. Mr. Olander asked what if it is flooded and Mr. Harrison stated that there should not be that much water in it at that time.

Mr. Harrison state as far the smoke testing is concerned there should not be a problem, but if they can not perform the smoke testing for some reason the Board would have to pay them to the travels to go home then return to the area at a different day and time. Portal to portal travel will be 5 hours then a 40 hour week. Mr. Olander stated that the rain days will only be associated the smoke testing and Mr. Harrison stated that's correct. Ms. Woelfel stated so you are saying that if we find sewer drains that are connected to the foundation drains which are directly tied into the sewer it is not legal. Mr. Harrison stated correct it is not legal, but you can charge for an extra EDU if the home-owner does not want to change it and make it a sump pump.

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Mr. Harrison asked if anyone had any questions and Mr. Olander stated that his concern is the numbers that was discussed at the last meeting and the percentage of things to get completed the cost can grow very quickly. It is an hourly rate so I am speaking from experience we thought that it was going to take a certain amount of time and it took a lot longer to complete. We are talking a lot of money and we are only getting a study. Ms. Woelfel stated that this was an issue she was also concerned about at the last meeting.

Mr. Gallagher stated that we approved \$300,000 for the I&I for this year and we have not completed anything. Mr. Gallagher also stated that there is \$130,000 for other capital improvements for this year. Mr. Gallagher that if we do 20% of camera this year it will fit into our budget. If we did the home inspections that would be about 7 ½% of the homes and that would be an initial start just to get some of the work done. If we did flow meters it would cost \$23,000. Mr. Harrison stated 10 flow meters it would cost \$120,000 a year to start. Mr. Harrison state what we need to do here is the smoke testing and camera in order to pin point the problems and flow metering will not help with this issue. Mr. Harrison stated that they did do flow metering about 2 years ago and they know where the flow is coming from.

Mr. Harrison stated here is what I recommend in regards to the flow metering to actually put in permeant flow meters. Mr. O'Donnell asked where the I&I program was done last time and Mr. Gallagher replied it was in Lucci Manor. Mr. Gallagher stated that we need to stick with the budget. If we stick with the budget we can do the smoke testing and do home inspections and that would be the \$300,000 then we would have the \$130,000 next year to do improvements. Mr. O'Donnell asked would you focus this project in the bad areas.

Mr. Harrison stated that we need to have all the smoke testing, home inspections and camera of homes done for DEP before we can go on to the 537 Plan. Mr. Eble state that it is in the Plan that it has to be completed for the 537 Plan. Ms. Woelfel stated that we can not get into the 537 Plan without doing this first. Mr. Harrison stated that is correct. Mr. Eble stated that with all the money we are looking to spend and the scope of this project why not consider buying a camera and we can hire 3 or 4 more personnel and buy a smoke machine because I believe that some of this can be done in-house. Mr. Harrison stated because the people need to be certified to do the smoke testing.

Mr. Cotsack asked Mr. O'Donnell are we going to need a resolution from us or the consul authorizing this work to be done and going on private property? Mr. O'Donnell stated I don't think we have any right to pass a motion that states that we can go on private property. Mr. Olander stated that if a home owner does not want to comply with the home inspections we can charge them extra for having illegal connections. Ms. Woelfel stated yes, we can charge extra it would be a extra discharge fee not a EDU. Mr. Gallagher stated that he has a meeting next week in regards to the storm water and we have to comply and if we do not the borough will be fined by the state.

Mr. Gallagher stated that if he is a home owner and you run the smoke testing now he comes home from work is his house going to be filled with smoke? Mr. Harrison stated no that is why we will be educating the public with door hangers and letters going out before we smoke test and it is non-toxic smoke. Mr. O'Donnell asked if the guy that will be doing this project if he has

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done this type of project before? Mr. Harrison stated yes, Jeremy has done these projects before.

Mr. Gallagher stated going back to the 537 Plan where are we when it comes to being ready to submit it eventho Scott would not review it at this point? Mr. Harrison state that Scott wants to see a 5 to 10 year sewer plan. He feels that all this study work should have been done ready and we should already know the bad areas and have a plan to fix them. Mr. Harrison also stated that before all this study work that now needs to be done, we were at a point that we just needed to do some fine tuning with the 537 Plan. Mr. Olander asked did Scott indicate that the work needed to be done before you could submit the 537 Plan? Mr. Harrison stated no, he wants to see this study work done ahead of time.

Mr. Gallagher stated that we need to do the smoke testing now so that we can get people comfortable with this plan and going forward. In regard to home inspections the smoke testing will tell us what homes need to be inspected. Mr. Eble stated that he agrees with the need for the flow meters. He just still does not understand why we can not do some of this in-house. Ms. Woelfel stated that we do not have the manpower right now we have 1 man at the plant. Mr. Eble state to hire 1 man \$75,000 a year. Mr. O'Donnell state let look at this I am a home owner and I want to camera my connection, who do I call? Mr. Eble stated he just looked it up and a 3hp 8in commercial smoke blower goes for \$2,500 so we can get 2 of them and I think the benefit of us having them would be great.

Mr. Cotsack state we have to do this investigative stuff and we have to identify the hot spot and then correct the hot spots if we have to Lucci Manor. For what I understand they will be going into Brookhill, correct? Mr. Gallagher stated no that's all Sugarloaf and that will have to be coordinated with the street department. Mr. Harrison stated we have to find out the percentage of homes we are dealing with, so you do not have to worry about the streets.

Mr. Gallagher state so we can get this moving tonight I can approve the camera proposal and the smoke testing proposal. We need to get these things done so we can identify the problems and get them resolved.

Motion

Motion to Approve: Proposal from Entech Engineering and USG for Smoke Testing not to exceed \$129,720.00 and Camera Main lines and Laterals also not to exceed \$96,845.00 – Both Proposals are - **Contingent upon Solicitor** (Peter O'Donnell's approval) Gallagher - FIRST. Woelfel- Second

Question on Motion: Mr. Olander asked if we need to make any modifications on the USG Proposal before the start of this work? Mr. Harrison stated yes in accordance with the Solicitor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cotsack	-	Affirmative	Eble	-	Negative
Gallagher	-	Affirmative	Woelfel	-	Affirmative
Olander	-	Affirmative			

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Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 PM – Eble - FIRST. Cotsack - Second

No Roll Call – Unanimous.

ATTEST:



Secretary