

March 18, 2010

The Germany Township Supervisors met for a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Park to discuss participating in the Joint Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan with Littlestown Borough. The meeting was called to order by Steve Bitzel, Chairman at 10:00 a.m. Supervisors present were Mr. Bitzel, Mr. Valko and Mr. Ketterman. Also in attendance; Susan Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Ridinger, Road Master, David James, Solicitor, Dean Schultz, Gettysburg Engineering, Tim Mummert, Mummert Enterprises and Dan Frey, Attorney.

Mr. Bitzel recognized and congratulated Mr. Schultz on his receiving the first Dean Schultz Outstanding Service Award, for his knowledge, professionalism and skill level of all Sewage Enforcement Officers (SEO).

David James updated the Board on the Act 537 meeting that was held at the Littlestown Borough on March 1, 2010. The Borough needs to know if the Township will be joining the Joint Act 537 Study and Plan. First the Littlestown Borough must upgrade their sewage facilities plant to abide by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations. Second if Germany Township and/or Union Township wish to join the Act 537 the Borough will want to expand their facility to provide for reserved EDU's (equivalent dwelling units). The cost to the Township will be based on reserved EDU's. Mr. White, the Borough's Solicitor has prepared an intermunicipal agreement with an opt out clause for the Township joining the Act 537 Plan with the Borough. Mr. James stated he is not sure if a higher authority would allow the Township to opt out of the plan.

Mr. Frey, (Mr. Mummert's attorney) commented he had read the figures in the Littlestown Borough Sewer Authority's Chapter 94 prepared by HRG, completed March of 2008 and they list the Borough's treatment plant not at full capacity. He questions why the Borough is requiring expansion of the plant if it is not at capacity.

Mr. Bitzel made **a motion to not proceed with the Joint Act 537 Plan with the Borough and to cease any discussions of any expansion or upgrades to their facility.** No second was made, the motion died.

Mr. James will send a letter to Littlestown Borough's solicitor regarding some of the questions the Supervisors and the Developers have brought up and request another meeting with Littlestown Borough, Union Township, Germany Township and any interested Developers.

Mr. Valko made **a motion to approve Mr. James preparing the list of questions for the Borough and sending a letter to their Solicitor regarding the questions and request having another meeting to discuss the questions in reference to the Act 537 Plan.** Mr. Ketterman seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 votes for, Mr. Bitzel against and 0 abstentions.

Mr. Valko made **a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m.** Mr. Ketterman seconded the motion. The motion passed with 3 votes for, 0 votes against and 0 abstentions.

Steven A. Bitzel, Chairman

Susan Hansen, Secretary