

Centre Documenters

Meeting: Water and Sewer Authority Meeting

Township: Gregg Township

Documenter names: Mackenzie Bruns and Aria Eichhof

Date: Jan. 29, 2024

Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

End Time: 7:38 p.m.

Notes

Attendance:

Tom Stitzer (president of the water authority, member of the sewer authority)

Laron Horner (vice-president of the water and sewer authorities)

Jeff Breon (secretary of the sewer authority)

Joe Kunst (secretary of the water authority)

Nine members of the public

Four council members – *member names unknown*

The lead council member started the meeting but paused to recognize that some members in attendance had written resignations to submit.

Four members raised their hands, announced their names and handed in their formal, written resignations.

- Those four members included:
 - Tom Stitzer
 - Laron Horner
 - Jeff Breon
 - Joe Kunst

After the four members resigned, it was noted that they needed a quorum of members to continue the meeting. Since they did not, they could not proceed with the agenda.

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A Note from your Documenter: A quorum is the minimum number of members of a group necessary to conduct a meeting. According to the Pennsylvania Legislator’s Municipal Deskbook, in townships of the second class, which includes Gregg, a quorum is two members of a three-member board of supervisors or three members of a five-member board of supervisors. Also, the deskbook states: “Pennsylvania generally follows the common law rule under which a majority of the members of a municipal governing body constitutes a quorum.”

The leading member asked, “Does anybody have anything that is immediate that needs to be taken care of?”

Someone asked, “Did all of the checks get signed?”

A Note from your Documenter: What checks (to whom, how much) were not identified or discussed.

“The only one on the water is the meeting with Susquehanna Civil. They need to get moving on waterline relocation. And they’re going to try and make you pay for the whole water relocation. So, over there in the building, is all the documents.”

“If you want to root through them more and find out more information, you can, but there’s no right of way agreements that we can find on the water authority coming on in 1963/64.”

“Because we can’t find them, they’re going to try and push the majority of the relocation on to you b/c we can’t prove we have the right of way. Their bridge design was ‘59.”

The water association, they say, was formed in 1963/63.

“There’s no clear record of which came first.”

The conversation around the right of way and documentation continued briefly, and then closed.

“That’s all I got,” they said.

The meeting was officially adjourned by 7:38 p.m.

The next Gregg Township Water Authority meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26. It will be held in room 203 of the Old Gregg School Community and Recreation Center.

A Note from your Documenter: Water and Sewer Authority meetings in Gregg township are place back-to-back each month. However, tonight’s agenda is only for the water authority. Based

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on the four resignations, these included both water and sewer members. What was on the sewer authority agenda (or if there is one) is unknown.

Summary/Takeaways from your Documenter:

- 1.) Four of the Gregg Township Water and Sewer Authority Board members handed in their written resignations: Tom Stitzer, Laron Horner, Jeff Breon and Joe Kunst.
- 2.) Without a quorum, new members cannot be voted in and the meeting adjourned after 8 minutes.
- 3.) The agenda items were not addressed, including the approval of December meeting minutes, the 2023 profit-loss statement, accounts receivable, past due payments, and December's vendor payments, ethics forms, and a reorganizations meeting.

Questions from your Documenters:

- Why wouldn't the board members resigning complete the month's agenda and simply resign at the close of the meeting? By resigning at the start of a meeting, it seems water/sewer business is held up one calendar month. *Is this standard practice?*
- Why did so many people resign at once?

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