

**TALBOT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
FOR
December 4, 2019**

January 8, 2020

ATTENDEES:

Bill Anderson, Public Works Advisory Board, Chairman
Roger Bollman, Public Works Advisory Board, Vice Chairman
Ed Sclichter, Public Works Advisory Board member
Cory Buxton, Public Works Advisory Board member
Tina Jones, Public Works Advisory Board member
Corey Pack – County Council Liaison
Ray Clarke, County Engineer - Absent
Terry Martin, DPW Sanitary Engineer

1. OLD BUSINESS

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. At 12:00 pm, the Public Works Advisory Board had lunch at Osteria Alfredo, next to Acme. After lunch, the Board returned to Conference Room #1 around 1:15 pm to start their December 4th meeting.
- b. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from their November 13, 2019 meeting. After making some minor changes, the Board made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes and then voted 5-0 in favor of the edited meeting minutes.
- c. After reviewing the meeting minutes, Ray Clarke reviewed the status of various projects. In reviewing the status for Leeds Creek Bridge, the Board recommended that the County proceed with condemning the land needed for right-of-way. Ray advised the Board that the County still needs to complete the appraisals. The Board then made a motion to recommend that the Department of Public Works proceed to condemnation for the necessary land on one or more properties where the property is not willing to proceed. Prior to voting on the motion, the Board requested that the Department of Public Works work with the Office of Law on condemnation process. The Board then voted 5-0 to proceed with condemnation of the land need for improving the Leeds Creek Bridge.
- d. Ray Clarke reviewed the status of Goldsborough Neck Road, and the Board asked that the Department of Public Works convey to the Roads Department that the work completed to improve the section of Goldsborough Neck Road was a nice job.

- e. During discussions related to the request for proposals to complete the Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Report, the Board requested that the Department of Public Works schedule a tour of the Region V Wastewater Treatment plant at a future meeting of the Board. It was agreed to schedule the tour in the spring of 2020.
- f. In discussing the issue of providing sewer service to the Ferry Point Area, the Board discussed some of the impediments being presented by the Town of Trappe. The Town of Trappe has indicated that their Charter would need to be changed to allow sewer to be extended to the Ferry Point Area without this area being annexed into the incorporated limits of Trappe. In addition to the Charter issue, the Town appears to be advising the County that the existing wastewater treatment plant was not upgraded with Biological Nutrient Removal technologies. It was noted that there could be a public health issue, and one option could be the County buying capacity within the Trappe Wastewater Treatment Plant. During this discussion, it was noted that the Public Works should review the Shared Sanitary Facilities Ordinance and provide the County Council with some recommended changes.
- g. The Board reviewed the general outcomes and discussions from the Trappe East WWTP Public hearing that was held on November 19, 2019. The Board reviewed past discussions related to the Town proceeding with the proposed Trappe East (Lakeside Development) and using capacity within the existing facility to serve the first phase. The Board also discussed the past strategy of the proposed wastewater treatment plant receiving the wastewater flows from the existing wastewater treatment plant. At the close of the November 19, 2019 public hearing on the Trapped East Groundwater Discharge Permit, MDE extended the public comment period to January 20, 2020.
- h. There were no official reports from the subcommittees.

OPEN DISCUSSION

PWAB Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.

Author: Respectfully Submitted, Ray Clarke

These minutes are the official record of the meeting and represent the understanding of the writer of items discussed and decisions made during the meeting, and shall become a part of the Public Works Advisory Information Document. We shall assume our understanding to be correct unless written notice to the contrary is brought to our attention within fourteen (14) days of receipt of these minutes.