

Tontitown Water & Sewer Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
2006-09-15

Roll Call:

Mick Wagner- present
Larry Goddard-
Bill Brandt-
Gene Baker-
Steve Gunderson-

Also in Attendance:

Mark Dossett- Attorney

The Commission discussed the compensation for easements obtained from citizens for the gravity sewer project. It was discussed by the Commission if a tap and access fee should be waived for those granting an easement for the gravity sewer. The Commission was concerned that there may be some unhappy residents if this wasn't considered. Mr. Gunderson asked if there would be a difference of compensation between commercial and residential customers and Mr. Wagner said that they should be the same. It was discussed whether the compensation should be based on how much footage is given on the easement. The Commission decided that using the footage of the easement would be best in determining how to compensate. Mr. Brandt thought that using a measurement of no less than 1000 feet would be acceptable for one tap & access fee. As the line becomes available the customer has to declare where the tap location is by marking it on the aerial provided on the easement document.

There was discussion for waterline easements also. Mr. Wagner didn't want to treat water customers any differently than the sewer customers. There was the thought that the water customers are benefited by receiving fire protection when lines are installed. Mr. Brandt asked to table the water compensation discussion until a later date. Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Dossett to provide the wording for the policy. Mr. Dossett stated that it should read like this: the Tontitown Water & Sewer Commission would waive sewer access and tapping fees with those users who voluntarily grant the City of Tontitown easements for the gravity sewer line to cross the property to be served without receiving compensation from the City. This waiver shall be for one tap for the first 1000 linear feet of easement granted and for one additional tap for every increment of 1000 linear feet of easement granted there after. The property owner who actually granted the easement shall be entitled to the waiver, subsequent owners shall not. To obtain the benefit of the fee waiver the property owner must designate the location of the tap to be given within the first 90 days after the line is available to tap into. After 90 days no fee waiver will be allowed.

Motion to accept the wording that Mr. Dossett has read by Bill Brandt
Seconded by Gene Baker

Vote:

Brandt- yes, Baker- yes, Wagner- yes, Gunderson- abstain

**Mr. Wagner was voting solely because of the fact that one of the Water Commissioners has already signed an easement for the gravity sewer and should not be allowed to vote on this item.

Motion to adjourn by Bill Brandt

Unanimous acceptance

Adjourn