

## MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
Board of Commissioners  
Township of Haverford

May 24, 2010  
Monday, 7:00 P.M.  
Commissioners' Meeting Room

1. Opening of Meeting – William F. Wechsler opened the meeting.

a. Roll Call – 7 Commissioners were present at roll call:

Commissioners Oliva, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler. Commissioners Trumbull and McGarrity were absent.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, James J. Byrne, Esquire and David Pennoni, Pennoni Associates

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Citizens' Forum – AGENDA ITEM ONLY

Sam Berry – 645 Glendale Road

Mr. Berry asked where is this tank going to be built? He does not want it at Merry Place. It is right across the street from where he lives.

Scott Carpenter – 231 Ivy Rock

Mr. Carpenter's biggest concern is that the tank will have raw sewage and will be placed next to a baseball field.

Mr. Shawver – 301 Glen Ridge

Mr. Shawver's daughters play softball at that baseball field and they both have asthma. He is very concerned about their health.

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**Sarah Nunn – 203 Walnut Hill Lane**

**This is toxic. Would you put it in your back yard? What is the cost? Where are the funds coming from?**

**Francis Lee – 14 North Morgan Avenue – Member of RHM Sewer Authority**

**Mr. Lee said this is a serious matter and there are definitely health issues. Merry Place, the lowest level of the flow, is getting flooded with sewage.**

**The best and overall solution is to install a parallel interceptor.  
The next is construction of laterals**

**Building a holding tank so the SSO can be contained is what RHM is seeking to do. They need to file application for funding.**

**Jim Brogan – 417 St. Davids Road, Radnor, PA – Member of RHM Sewer Authority**

**Mr. Brogan is in agreement with Mr. Lee.**

**END OF CITIZEN'S FORUM**

**Commissioner Wechsler stated that the Board is aware of a health problem. The optimal location proposed is behind Raymond Drive.**

**3. Discussion – RHM Sewer Authority Tank Proposal**

**Mr. Toal, Solicitor for the RHM, stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to address the question to appear again before the Zoning Hearing Board and finish what they started to do – to obtain a variance. Mr. Toal did assure the commissioners that if the Zoning Hearing Board does approve the variance, they still have to appear before the Commissioners for final approval.**

**The cost of the tank would approximately be \$2 million dollars and RHM would file for a grant to cover the cost. The deadline is in about six weeks. RHM needs the Township's approval to do this.**

**This issue began about three years ago. DEP said that the problems have to be fixed.**

**Again, three suggestions: a new treatment facility at Merry Place, Parallel Interceptor or a Holding Tank.**

**The SSO can occur between November and mid-March. Even if the tank is placed in Radnor, it is above the low point and the low point is at Merry Place. Marple has the trash transfer station and will be enlarging it.**

**Other Commissioner concerns: If the ZHB denies the variance, will it stop the process? Mr. Toal indicated the process will continue and the Township is running the risk of major fines. Also, the timeframe for filing the grant may not be realistic.**

**Mr. Tony Kneafsey – 138 Columbus**

**Mr. Kneafsey indicated that local contractors that clean out ses pools are dumping into Skunk Hollow.**

**Mr. Kneafsey is suggesting putting the tank on a farm in Radnor.**

**Mr. DiSippio – 412 Walnut Lane**

**How can Merry Place be the low point when below Haverford there are other municipalities lower than here? He is in favor of a total fix: parallel interceptor. The cost would be 16-20 million dollars.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes to consider granting the standing to the RHM Sewer Authority to appear before the Zoning Hearing Board and finish their hearing. Motion was seconded by Mr. Siegel.**

**Roll Call.**

**Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, Connell and Wechsler.**

**Voting No: Commissioner D'Emilio**

**4. Mr. Wechsler asked for a motion to adjourn – all were in favor.**