

**WEST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes**  
**August 16, 2016**

Chairwoman Tiffany Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence.

**The following were in attendance:** Tiffany Bell, Charles Wilmont, Eric Todd, Candace Miller, and Blair Fleishman.

Mrs. Bell noted that the purpose of the special meeting was to appoint a representative from the Board of Supervisors to a committee to look into privatizing the Oxford Area Sewer Authority.

Mrs. Bell moved to appoint Eric Todd to the committee that will be made up of a Supervisor from each member municipality of the Oxford Area Sewer Authority. Mr. Wilmont seconded the motion. DISCUSSION: Mr. Todd said that each municipality may have to put up \$1500.00 for legal fees. He also noted that the committee would look at possible solutions to include privatization. Mrs. Bell called for a vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Miller said the committee should consider a multi-municipal agreement. She noted that anytime the municipalities share expenses, each municipality has entered into an agreement. Mrs. Bell asked her to contact the Township Solicitor about it.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Todd said the cost of an EDU would be \$5,000.

Mrs. Fleishman said she attended the public meeting in New Garden the night before and that municipality agreed to sell to Aqua. She recommended that the committee consider an attorney that is knowledgeable about the process but not connected to any of the member municipalities. She suggested Vince Pampo of Lamb McErlane. She also said that she hoped the member municipalities would not continue to take the word of the OASA.

Mrs. Bell wanted to know if New Garden privatized due to financial limitations. Mrs. Fleishman said no.

Mrs. Fleishman said that the Act 537 plan has a massive service area. She would like the Oxford Region Planning Commission to look at the service area in the plan and see if it is even feasible.

Mr. Todd said that the OASA thinks it's the fault of the municipalities that there isn't enough money, even though Ed Lennex told the Supervisors that the revenue stream would pay for the debt service. Mrs. Fleishman said the OASA had to prove to the USDA that they had the capacity for expansion and that the loan could be paid. What information was given to the USDA to illustrate that is unclear. Mr. Todd said Oxford Borough was worried about selling it because rates would go up. He said typically, rates are frozen for a period of time, but it has to pay for itself. If privatized, the PUC would govern the company that takes it over.

There was discussion about the money the OASA saved when building the lagoon and the depletion of the reserve. It was suggested that perhaps a detailed financial audit needed to be conducted since the financials presented at the meetings don't match up with actuals. Mrs. Bell said that a case could be made for someone not attached to the OASA look at the books.

There was also discussion about the OASA not being willing to run sewer service lines. A private company would invest in infrastructure to increase revenue. Right now, the OASA is relying on developers to run the lines.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Bell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Wilmont seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace Miller  
Secretary/Treasurer