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A special meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, August 20, 2018 for the purpose of discussing possible options for a well replacement. Mr. Slusser and Mayor Hernley were absent. President Kroft called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Brian Evans from United Environmental Services and geologist Kevin VanKuren P.G. were present to discuss where we are at in the process of a well replacement and the possible options available. Mr. Evans shared the following information: There was one special sample that had initially been taken which contained gas. The resamples after this were okay. Rutter's had contamination so they removed the tanks, product, soil and they installed monitoring wells on and off site. The bed rock monitoring wells have shown no contamination for some time. Two of the over burden monitoring wells still have contamination. The supply well has shown no contamination for 3 years. Proactively Rutter's has been paying for replacement water supply. The remediation is finishing up and all of these are being paid for from the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF). Rutter's has fulfilled their obligation to remediate their site. Mr. Evans stated that when DEP signs off it is unsure if USTIF will continue to pay for replacement water supply. The hope is to cost effectively find a replacement and get the cost reimbursed. The old well was grandfathered previously and if the permit had been maintained on the well it could've gone back into service with a couple steps to do so. Since it was terminated DEP will no longer allow that well to go back into service. A test well had been done off of Meadow Road and it came back with not enough water.

President Kroft asked if the suggested test well sites do not work out what are the options after that. Mr. Evans is not aware of any other viable options other than continuing to purchase water from Dover Township or look to expand the production of our existing wells. The one existing well is not on Borough property and the experience with DEP is that when you go to enhance a permitted well it has to come up to current compliance. That has not been looked into at this time.

Mr. Sabold asked Mr. VanKuren what his thoughts are on this. He feels the higher probability of finding suitable ground water is the site they are suggesting on the Borough land. Mrs. Koch thought that area is in a floodplain. Before a drill rig could come in, DEP would need to do a site survey. President Kroft commented that the area is rocky and wooded and he wondered if it is feasible to put a well there because of the terrain. Mr. VanKuren says if you can get a rig down there then a well can go there also. Mr. Evans thought the site could be entered into through the sewer plant. Mr. Spangler asked if the stream would have any impact from the drilling test which he said that is part of the process. Mrs. Koch recalled an expansion they wanted to do to the plant several years ago on that property and they were told that it was not feasible. She is wondering how a well can be feasible if that expansion was not. She did not recall the objections to it. Mr. VanKuren says this will only be an 8" hole and not a sewer plant. Mr. Spangler reminded that the well still may not produce enough water and that purchasing water may need to continue. In the past the Borough has always purchased some water. He is wondering if it is worth putting another well in to be responsible for if we will still need to purchase water anyway. President Kroft asked, in order for USTIF to pay for that well to go in does it have to produce equal or greater to the well that we had. Mr. Evans says that is something that the attorneys at USTIF would determine. That would not be known until after the test well would be completed. Mr. Spangler asked if the test well doesn't work and the Borough would just decide to buy water because that is probably the only option and USTIF would be notified that we have exhausted all options does that terminate us? The Borough understands there was a million and a half dollar cap on the USTIF fund. President Kroft asked if there are no other options and say a million of the fund is used, will they continue to reimburse for water until it is exhausted. Mr. Evans said they cannot answer that. The fund would need to make that decision because once the site is cleaned up and Rutter's has fulfilled their obligation for remediating the ground water at their site and the public supply well is no longer effected or diminished it is then a legal question. Your solicitor and the legal department at the fund would have to make a determination if they have an obligation to continue to pay for it. No one here can answer that question. Mr. Sabold asked if they know where we are currently with the

fund and if it would cover the installation of a new well. Mr. Evans does not know and they will not release that information to the consultants. He can check with Rutter's since USTIF would release that information to them. The Borough solicitor and the USTIF solicitor could work together on this. Once a location is found a cost estimate is given to them and they will review and approve before we can proceed. There is no blanket approval up front. They will look at it on a per task basis and they will tell us if it is reasonable and necessary.

Mr. Sabold stated he feels we should try to do the test well and if it doesn't show anything then we know we are done. If it would be a good well, at the time the total cost would be figured out and submitted to USTIF to see what amount they would pay of it or if there would be a proration for the Borough. We will only find that out if we move forward with the test well.

Mr. VanKuren asked if the Borough has considered selling to Dover Township since we are in their well head zone 2. Mr. Sabold said York Water would like to take over and they have spoken to the Borough in the past. Mr. Sabold likes the fact that Dover Borough manages what we have. If you bring another party in then what happens happens. They may keep the rates for 2 years and then after that it could really jump up.

President Kroft asked council if anyone would like to go down and look at the actual site or if they are ok with what is on the map provided. Council is familiar with the location and discussed where they would enter the site area from the sewer plant. The area is currently wet because of all the rain we have had. Another option mentioned was to move the site east where it would be a little dryer on the adjoining property. The closest connect would be in Cranbrook or out to Canal Street. There is a 4" line coming back part way to the sewer plant.

President Kroft agreed with Mr. Sabold that we should at least test it and when the results come back we can discuss where we can tie in and what would need to be done then that information is what would need to be submitted to USTIF anyway. Mr. Evans says a survey would be the first thing then bring DEP in and when they are on board the test would be done. Mr. Sabold made a motion to give United Environmental the OK to survey the property and if that works out alright have DEP come in to proceed with a test well on the Borough property adjacent to the Fire Co. lot. Mr. Ferry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

There was no other business to discuss.

Mr. Sabold made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mr. Ferry. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer