

A special executive meeting of the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board was called by Chairman Peterson on Monday, March 17, 1969 at 2:00 p. m. in the Board Room 501, City Hall Building, Asheville, North Carolina.

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order and Mrs. Swicegood, Secretary, called the roll with the following members present: Mr. Peterson, Mr. Garrison, Mrs. Swicegood, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Tandy, and Mr. Williams.

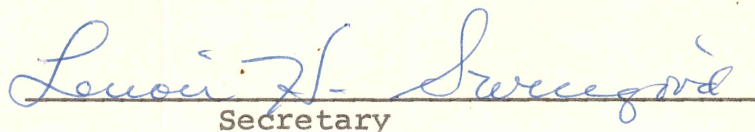
Chairman Peterson explained that we would have an informal discussion of problems which involves Board policies; Mr. Johnson presented the following items:

1. Mr. Robinson was reminded he needed to be sworn in for reappointment. Mr. Redmond, Attorney, and Mr. Robinson agreed to go to the Clerk of Courts' office after the meeting.
2. Mr. Johnson, Engineer-Manager, brought up the problem of requests of refunds dating as far back as twenty months. The Board ruled that it was an administrative matter, however, suggested that no refund be made for a date prior to initial application for refund. Also, that no refund be made where a sewer line is available and where the sewage has not been treated by an approved method. A suggestion that it is a discretionary matter in the cases for sewage being treated by an individual under a permit and under supervision of the Buncombe County Health Department. In these cases the management is to review each request.
3. The following group appeared to be heard on the matter of Gerber Screening Plant: Mr. Hugh Gentry, President of Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Z. B. Robinson, Vice President, Mr. Sam Irvin, Past President, Mr. Bernard Manley, Staff Director, and Mr. Stewart Rogers, Architect, and Mr. Harry Clarke, Western Carolina Industries. Mr. Johnson summarized the Metropolitan Sewerage District's position which is that waste of the Gerber Screening Plant is garbage that has been screened and trucked away to the garbage dump since the inception of the plant, therefore, it must not be allowed to enter the sewer system. Mr. Hendon verified from an engineering standpoint that the sewer system was not designed to take this type of waste. Mr. Gentry outlined the Chamber of Commerce's position in this matter and requested that the Board make every effort to aid in this problem. Mr. Hendon pointed out that in his opinion the Bond Resolution prohibited the MSD from expending sewer funds for the purpose of garbage collection. Other members of the group asked questions and it was the consensus of opinion that the group would discuss the matter with the County Commissioners. Mr. Gentry thanked the Board for the time and Mr. Peterson thanked Mr. Gentry for coming. The MSD Board took no action at this time, and suggested that the management wait until either Gerber or the County Commissioners make a future approach.
4. The Beaverdam Sewer line situation was discussed and action was tabled until a future meeting.
5. Mr. Redmond reported that he was negotiating with attorneys for Mrs. Joe Tandy for the Crescent Hill Plant site.

Members were presented with Auditors Reports, the February Operation & Maintenance Balance sheet, and formal legal opinions by Mr. Redmond as they related to items on the above agenda. Other items on the agenda were deferred until a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p. m.

March 17, 1969


Secretary