

At 7:01 PM Chairman Jeff Enders called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present Jeff Enders, Ken Hoover, Jon Miller, Jeff Warfel and Tim Neiter. Carl Bohner and Jeff Gonsar were absent. Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Engineers Justin Mendinsky and Logan Jury, Operator Jeff Grosser were also in attendance. Operator Derek Grosser was absent. Citizens Peach Snyder, Mark Soltzberger & Jim Wilburt were present.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- A. Citizen Peach Snyder reported and shared concern over extension project construction causing property & road damage as well as the length of time it will take for property damage repairs to be completed. Chairman Jeff Enders advised it is in the contract that the contractors make any damage right again and while no timeline could be promised, it is the hope that repairs will be resolved by summer. A collaborative effort will need to be made between the three townships and the construction company to coordinate the repair of the property damage and the roads.
- B. Citizen Mark Soltzberger attended the meeting to find out the homeowner's financial responsibilities for connecting to the new sewer extension. Engineer Justin Mendinsky fielded this question to advise the tank, electrical service, Authority tapping fee as well as inspection costs. Mendinsky also advised that PENNVEST is/will offer a loan option of up to 20 years at 1.75% AP.
- C. Citizen Jim Wilburt shared concerns regarding the quarterly sewer price increase of \$30, from \$220/quarter (residential) to \$250/quarter. Mr. Wilburt offered concerns of affordability, rising costs, the ability to keep his home, fixed/retired income challenges. Chairman Enders acknowledged these concerns and shared that these factors were heavily weighed when determining the amount of the increase. He further explained the necessity of the increase to help offset the sewer system expansion which was required due to exceeded capacity. However, the retired citizens in the HAWASA community are important and were significantly factored into the price increase.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ken Hoover motioned to approve the secretary's report. Tim Neiter seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Warfel moved to motion the treasure's report. Tim Neiter seconded the motion, carrying the motion unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. WWTP Upgrade-
 - i. Work is completed. Working with DEP for closeout inspection, anticipated to happen roughly the first week in March. This inspection is required to close out PENNVEST.
 - ii. Motion requested for PENNVEST Payment Request #35 (the final Payment Request) for the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority's Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is \$456,571.24. Jeff Warfel motioned to approve PENNVEST Payment Request #35. Ken Hoover seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.
 - iii. HRG Supplement #1 Request submitted for construction phase over contract, days, etc. Ken Hoover motioned to approve HRG Supplement #1. Tim Neiter seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.
 - iv. Some Notices to Connect could go out as early as March.
- B. Sewer Extension Project-
 - i. Multiple Doli crews are working on multiple locations- grinder pumps & sewer laterals.
 - ii. PSI is working on pump stations.
 - iii. Misc projects in progress
 - iv. Sewer extension public meetings held in January were well attended.

- v. Motion requested for PENNVEST Payment Request #7 for the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority's Sewer Extension Project is \$656,522.49. Tim Neiter motioned to approve Request #7. Jon Miller seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.
- C. Halifax Commons-
 - i. Halifax Commons has requested fire hydrant flow testing to test the pressure for fire suppression system pressure. HRG to coordinate with Jeff Grosser & Tim Neiter (Halifax Fire Department) once the weather warms up.
- D. 5th and Armstrong Street Water Project: Engineer Proposal – No report
- E. Piscioneri Vacant Lot Lateral Request-
 - i. HAWASA has requested an agreement to be drafted by the Solicitor who is working with HRG to complete.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- A. Potential release requested for self-installation of the grinder pump control panel; it is possible a release of liability may be needed.
- B. Solicitor Kerwin to coordinate with HRG to draft proposal/agreement for Piscioneri Vacant Lot Lateral install.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

- A. Formal retirement notice submitted by Manager Operator Jeff Grosser, effective March 29, 2024. He has offered his availability on a part-time basis specified parameters working towards full retirement on January 30,2025. After full retirement, he may consider filling the Consultant role.
- B. Worked on file maps
- C. Had many PA One Calls
- D. Working on three annual reports
- E. Water leaks repaired.
- F. DEP Water Inspection completed, passed with no violations.
- G. Submitting Chapter 94 data to HRG
- H. Lea Service Line Surveys; Submit inventory 10/2024 is the first step

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Jeff Warfel moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Ken Hoover seconded the motion, carrying the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Miller moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM. Ken Hoover seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoover Financial Services
Secretary

