

At 7:00 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 Tim Neiter, Jeff Warfel, Carl Bahner, Dennis Malone. Jeff Gonsar and Jon Miller were not present. Engineer Logan Jury, Consultant Jeff Grosser, Operations Manager Derek Grosser, Operators Shane Schadel and Logan Stiely were in attendance. The following Citizens attended the meeting: Keith Rainey, Jeff Chubb, Jeff Noblitt and Gene Nye.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Citizen Jeff Chubb expressed his dissatisfaction and displeasure with the project effect on his property and the failure to follow through with promised dates of resolution. His yard has been torn up since last fall and while multiple dates have been planned by Doli and shared with Mr. Chubb by Engineer Logan Jury, no restoration work has come to fruition. Doli has the crew to do the work, but they had not yet been allocated. Engineer Jury shared that Doli stated that yard grading repairs would begin June 18th followed by seeding repairs. Open discussion commenced on resources and options available to hold Doli accountable to no further delayed progress. Mr. Chubb also inquired about the agricultural exemption option for connections and why that was not offered or shared with Citizens. The project was planned and operated under the guidelines and within the authority of the Municipal Authority Act; any possible exemptions would be at the responsibility of the property owner to explore and request. Referring to the agricultural exemption, it is the Board's opinion that it is not applicable.
2. Citizen Keith Rainey, of Calvary Fellowship Church (formerly Matamoras Bible Church until 04/28/25), attended with another church member and inquired on the EDU assignment and the multiple buildings. It was determined that the church is within the 150' distance required to connect. However, the Parsonage and Family Life Center are not and have their own grinder pump system. The request includes the church EDU assignment and exclusion of the Parsonage & Family Life Center. HRG to explore & review.
3. Citizen Jeff Noblitt attended as an observer and participated in open discussions with business from the floor.
4. Citizen/Professional Gene Nye was in attendance to offer his professional services for building maintenance at the Water Reservoir office.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jeff Warfel moved to approve the Secretary's report. Carl Bahner seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT

Carl Bahner moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Tim Neiter seconded the motion: the motion was carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

See HRG Engineer's Report at the end of the minutes.

1. Sewer Extension Project-

- a. PENNVEST Payment Request #23 for the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority's Sewer Extension Project is \$855,738.84 of interest costs and construction costs.

Tim Neiter moved to approve PV Request #23. Dennis Malone seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

- b. Regarding Change Order #5, Doli has requested an additional extension, currently, of 1 day. The initial completion date extension was for 199 days, to May 29, 2025. (Even with rumored additional requests of an additional 18 days, the deadlines have all been exceeded.) The extension requests are simply formalities at this point. An additional discussion was had regarding recourse options of the Authority including Liquidated Damages and 5% retention through Substantial Completion.

Jeff Enders moved to approve the 1-day extension request. Tim Neiter seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

- c. Engineer Jury advised that he has received multiple reports/complaints on road condition deterioration due to the detours required for the project including Creek Road, Price Road and several others.

2. 5th & Armstrong Street Water Project

See HRG Engineer's Report

- a. Project is complete & close-out documentation has been submitted.
- b. Grant funds of approximately \$60,000.00 remaining. At the May meeting it was voted/approved to roll that money back into HAWASA to reimburse the Authority for project related Engineer expenses. Discussion at this meeting also offered options including applying to other fees/expenses, Coupling with gaming money and possible related sidewalk/road repair.

3. Halifax Commons:

- a. No report, no activity

4. Rise Street Beverage

- a. Solicitor Kerwin has submitted the requested letter and plan.

5. Baker's Pump Station

- a. Grant application has been submitted; response is not expected until November 2025.

6. Misc Items:

- a. ARC GIS Mapping by PA Rural Water- PA Rural Water suggested "Diamond" software as a more affordable, user-friendly option. Derek to investigate and advise. Need to confirm compatibility with existing mapping files.
- b. Consumer Confidence Report is complete and available for website and public location posting. To be sent by Engineer Jury to Derek and HFS office.
- c. Engineer Jury suggested/presented preparing a design permitting plan for the chlorine gas usage at Deppen park & behind Messick's for a change over to liquid. Plan estimated cost at \$15,000.00; project estimated at \$75,000.00.

Jeff Enders moved to approve drafting of the design permitting plan. Jeff Warfel seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR REPORT

1. Helm Property Tapping Fee Review: Tabled to next meeting. (Single family home with 2 units/2 renters)
2. Sewer Extension Project: Suggested a special meeting to discuss Substantial Completion & punch list items. (Engineer issues Substantial Completion Request; 30 Days to Inspect- Walk through with Engineer, Lead Operator, HAWASA members if wanted/available; punch list created; Doli has 60 days to complete the punch list.

CONSULTANT REPORT

No report.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

1. Word of Life Chapel reached out to Lead Operator Derek Grosser regarding the church being charged 2 EDU's. (Parsonage separate)
2. PA1 calls, locating for Doli, Mow Grass, Meetings with homeowners, HRG and Doli, Water Shut offs, Pump Maintenance, mower maintenance, Arsenic Samples, Coliform samples

OLD BUSINESS

1. HFS office drafted information for Halifax Township who has expressed interest. Savvy Citizen is already "set" up by "Borough", "Township", etc. To "share" with the Boro, no postings would show under "Halifax Township" in the app. Tim Neiter to share the information with the Township.
2. HARA/Pool Water & Sewer bill waiver request submitted for consideration.

Carl Bahner moved to waive 2025 Water & Sewer charges for the pool. Dennis Malone seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Lead & Copper Survey: Mapping (See notes under Engineer's Report)
4. Building Renovations: Gene Nye presented rough numbers as Professional Services building maintenance repairs at the office/garage building at the Water Reservoir. Further details pending review.

Jeff Warfel moved to approve Gene Nye as Professional Services and perform maintenance/repairs on the building. Jeff Enders seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PennVest loan payments for the sewer extension project scheduled to begin 07/01/2025- per contract agreement and will be just under \$30,000.00. No action required.
2. 3703 Peters Mountain Road initially billed at three EDU's/Tapping fees due to three separate businesses operating at this address. A phone call with the property owner explained this and advised that it should be four EDU's/tapping fees as there are now four businesses operating from this address. Shortly thereafter, the Sewer Connection Application was received along with payment for three EDU's/tapping fees. Invoice correction required.
3. Wage increase discussed for Operator's who passed their test. Employee Personnel Handbook to be reviewed and potentially revised. Tabled for the next meeting. Will offer back pay for wage increase if warranted.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Tim Neiter moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Jeff Warfel seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Malone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Jeff Warfel seconded; the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoover Financial Services
Secretary