

At 7:00 PM Solicitor Joe Kerwin called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present Jeff Warfel, Carl Bahner, Dennis Malone and Jon Miller. Jeff Enders, Jeff Gonsar and Tim Neiter were not present. Engineer Logan Jury, Consultant Jeff Grosser and Operations Manager Derek Grosser were also in attendance. Citizen Tammy Blain and Citizen Kevin Helm were present.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Citizen Tammy Blain requested clarification on grinder pump responsibilities for maintenance/repair. It was reviewed and discussed that HAWASA will maintain/repair the grinders as needed/required for the duration of HAWASA's PennVest loan. (Exception would be for repairs required due to misuse, abuse, deliberate damage; the homeowner would then be charged by HAWASA for all related expenses to repair/replace as needed. Mrs. Blain also expressed her continued dissatisfaction with the standard grass seed being utilized to restore yards as her property has a specialty zoysia grass. She has declined grass replenishment from HAWASA/Contractors.
2. Citizen Kevin Helm requested consideration of reducing the tapping fee for his property on Peters Mountain Road from 2 tapping fees, to 1 tapping fee. While his property has been split into a 2-dwelling unit (a 3BR & a 1BR), his contention is that there will be one lateral line to connect, and usage has been historically consistent and inline. He is willing to pay the two sewer EDUs until such time as the tenants move out and the property is restored to a single-family unit. There are multiple properties in the service area that may be in the same situation. Mr. Helm provided statute (Title 53 PA CS Section 5607) referencing 5607 (a)(24)(C)(V)(f) on page 15. The topic was tabled for further review by the Solicitor and Board consideration later.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

TREASURERS REPORT

Jeff Warfel moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Dennis Malone 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 #22 for the Halifax Area Water and Sewer Authority's Sewer Extension Project is \$672,833.61 of interest costs and construction costs.

Jon Miller moved to approve PV Request #22. Dennis Malone seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

- b. Change Order Request 9 presented for \$25,200.41. Change order to include stormwater & pavement modification at Roadcap Lane, from 225 to station; two underdrain installations due to lateral drilling hitting a spring and bogging down resident yards; 102 Sycamore septic investigation, pump out and repair.

Jon Miller moved to approve Change Order Request 9. Dennis Malone seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

- c. Solicitor Kerwin and Engineer Jury are still working towards resolution for non-compliant property owners: some with possible exemptions, refusal without exemption consideration by others.
- d. Substantial completion is targeted for June 2025 but will more likely be July 2025.

2. 5th & Armstrong Street Water Project *See HRG Engineer's Report*

- a. Final punch list completed in 1.5 days by Mid-State Paving. Close out documentation in progress. The remaining funds suggested by Engineer Jury to replenish Authority Funds as a reimbursement for Engineering fees.

Jeff Warfel moved to approve applying available funds to reimburse for Engineer expenses. Carl Bahner seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Halifax Commons:

- a. No report, no activity

4. Rise Street Beverage

- a. Solicitor Kerwin working on easement relinquishment.

5. Baker's Pump Station

- a. Grant application has been submitted.

6. Misc Items:

- a. Lead/Copper Survey due. An updated list has not yet been provided to HFS office. Engineer Jury suggested HAWASA gaining access to an application "ARC GIS" which would allow the current water/sewer system mapping to go from view only to updating. Operators & HFS to review.
- b. PSI requested the Authority to waive pump station electric bills (3) after October 2024. Substantial completion has not been met, and the stance of PSI is that it is out of their control and the cause is on DOLI.

Jon Miller moved to approve Engineer Jury to advise PSI that their Pump Station electric responsibilities can end effective October 2024. Dennis Malone seconded the motion; the motion was carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR REPORT

1. Rise Street easement is almost complete.
2. Letters out for non-compliance.

CONSULTANT REPORT

No report.

OPERATOR'S REPORT

Changed Oil and Filter in F-150, PFAS/PFOS class, Fix Service leak at 3 Dustin Drive, Fix Service leak at 3399 Peters Mountain Rd, Fix Main leak south of Bakers Archery on 225, Mowed Grass 4 times, Fixed Schools sewer line, Hydrant flushing 4/30 and 5/1, DEP sewer plant Inspection, Klines hauled 8 loads and clean digester, pulled water/wastewater samples, Derek attended class on Planning for the future on 5/20

OLD BUSINESS

1. Building renovations: Renovation renderings received. Chairman Enders to work on soliciting price quotes to present for feasibility.
2. Kendall Communications, on behalf of Harmoni, regarding the land rent proposal for communication tower, has advised that the required height could not be achieved based on the site elevation and make the financials work.
3. The grant application for water meter upgrade/replacements was not approved however, there are over 100 that are either not working or have significantly aged. A proposal was offered by Derek Grosser on behalf of EJP, Inc for \$34,000.00 all in for 100 meters to start the multi-year process.

Jeff Warfel moved to approve the expenditure of \$34,000.00 for meter upgrade/replacement. Jon Miller seconded the motion, Carl Bahner abstained. The motion carried by majority vote.

4. Halifax Borough has voted to proceed with the Savvy Citizen Alert System and has offered sharing the program with HAWASA. Halifax Borough will gather more information for consideration for Halifax Township who has expressed interest. Savvy Citizen is already "set" up by "Borough", "Township", etc.
5. PP&L account switch from HAWASA to the Borough has been requested and a water meter is being installed at the Boro (former Authority) shed.

6. HARA/Pool Water & Sewer bill waiver request is tabled to next meeting for Board discussion and participation request from HARA/Pool members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PP&L Rate Increase effective June 1, 2025 will from \$0.10446 kWh up to \$0.12114 kWh, an increase of \$0.1668 kWh. This will result in, roughly, \$1050.00/month increase across the multitude of HAWASA PP&L accounts. Electric rates price shopping was discussed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Carl Bahner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Jon Miller seconded; the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hoover Financial Services
Secretary