

July 19, 2022

At 7:00 PM Vice Chairman Jeff Gonsar called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Jeff Gonsar, Jeff Warfel, Ken Hoover, Jon Miller, and Carl Bahner. Tim Neiter and Jeff Enders were absent. Operator Jeff Grosser, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin and Consultant Bob Kissinger were also present.

#### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Ken Hoover moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jeff Warfel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Carl Bahner moved to approve the report as presented. Jeff Warfel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **ENGINEER'S/CONSULTANT'S REPORT (after Solicitor's Report) (Note: Tim Neiter arrived at 7:20)**

Vice Chairman Jeff Gonsar reviewed the Engineer's Report.

- A. DEP COA/STP upgrade: Ken Hoover moved to approve PennVest Payment Requisition #20 in the amount of \$233,091.47. Tim Neiter seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Sewer Expansion: See written report.
- C. Well #4: Jeff Warfel moved to approve notifying SRBC that the Authority will operate that well within the means which do not require certification. Carl Bahner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT (moved to the beginning of the meeting)**

- A. Solicitor Kerwin has been working with Engineer Justin Mendinsky to prepare the easements required for the Sewer System Expansion Project.
- B. From New Business: A-Tapping Fee in Yeager's Development- Discussion ensued regarding a situation that has been brought to the Authority's attention. A resident of Halifax Township, lives in "Yeager's Development" and is NOT currently connected to the water system. He is having some issues with his private well and has inquired about connecting. According to memory, as no written record can be found, when Mr. Yeager developed the area, he paid to run the mains and service lines to each house, as result of his installation, the Authority waived tapping fees at the time circa 1997/1998. This resident is now asking if he will be required to pay a tapping fee if he'd like to connect to the system. Discussion ensued regarding the issue(s).

Carl Bahner moved to approve assessing a 50% tapping fee plus the meter charge for the resident to connect. Receiving no second, the motion died on the floor.

Further discussion ensued. Opinions and advice were sought from the Solicitor and the Consultant.

Carl Bahner moved to approve the resident's connection to the system subject to 50% of the current tapping fee UNLESS the resident could provide sufficient, written documentation that the tapping fees were waived and/or paid. The resident will be required to pay for the initial meter as per Authority policy. The resident will be responsible for any plumbing and/or repair from the main line into the house. The water MUST be tested prior to consumption at the property, the fee for testing will be paid by the Authority. Jon Miller seconded and the motion carried unanimously with Tim Neiter abstaining. (Tim Neiter abstained as he had arrived at the meeting too far into the conversation to be able to obtain all of the information and reach an informed conclusion.)

#### **OPERATOR'S REPORT**

During the last month the operator(s) have mowed the grass, complete many PA One Calls, worked with the contractors, fixed leaks, addressed pressure issues, inspected three connections in Lenker Estates, discovered the fire hydrant behind the school is broken, decanted twice, dealt with a leak at the park, pulled two water samples, pulled three asbestos samples, pulled four arsenic samples, had a meeting with DEP, and assisted with hydrant painting.

#### **CONSULTANT REPORT**

None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Letter sent regarding Sewer Extension Project - Jon Miller shared with the Board that he had received some complaints from residents along the planned route of the sewer extension regarding their current systems and being forced to connect. The resolution to the issue was to encourage residents to attend the public meetings which are being held at the school as a way to inform the public.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. See Solicitor's Report

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Jon Miller moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Tim Neiter seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Tim Neiter moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57PM. Ken Hoover seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W Hoover  
Secretary