

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017. PRESENT WERE MR. THOMAS, MR. FISHER, MR. LINDSEY, MR. SPOCK, GENE ZYNEL, THE SOLICITOR AND SECRETARY.

SALUTE THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There were no citizens present.

APPROVE OF MAY MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Fisher and second by Mr. Lindsey. Vote 4-0.

APPROVE MAY PAID INVOICES

Mr. Lindsey made a motion to approve paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$ 59,120.26 and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 66,366.14. Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2088-A)

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$ 35,944.02 The Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 25,365.69 and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$ 100.73. Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2088-B)

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2088-C.
Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve financial statement and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 4-0.

SEWER DIVISION REPORT

Please see Reference 2088-D.

BOD removal is at 99%; TSS removal is 99%; both numbers are excellent. Sludge removal for May 2017 is 43.81 dry ton and compared to May of 2016 is was 47.73 dry ton. We are on the 35th dumpster at this time and we are on track for the budget per Gene Zynel.

Albarell Electrical inspected all electrical connections and work is all completed. They are also looking into the scada system setting an alarm off when John Yefchak does the weed whacking at the treatment plant in a certain area.

The treatment plant roof leak was repaired and work also completed.

The wet test is on schedule for week of 7/9/17 to 7/14/17.

Weather Station with tri-pod is ready for installation at the treatment plant.

Fred Rose worked the one weekend at treatment plant and he had a low pH reading that must be reported to DEP but Fred did not report this to certified operator of the plant. Gene Zynel thinks it was the probe needing to be changed because the before and after tests of Fred's results were still consistent and in good standing without anything being done. Gene is worried about DEP considering it a violation but Attorney Fagan recommends to put equipment error because Monday morning when plant was retested the pH level was fine and no one changed anything to get a good result at that time. Mr. Fisher wants to put a system in place, in case, something like this happens in the future.

WATER DIVISION REPORT

John Garges and Ed Pinto from GHD Engineering were present at meeting to discuss putting the transducers into the residential wells for the upcoming testing of proposed well on Crescent road area. They are waiting on approval from DEP with the number of residential wells that GDH has on proposed

list. Once approved they will contact driller to come back and install the transducers. GHD is concerned with the possibility of homeowners coming back to authority if they have a problem with their wells during or after the testing portion of the proposed new well and they wanted to be sure that the authority understood the risk before they started. In which, Attorney Fagan stated we are aware of the risks. GDH also stated that DEP could come back to the authority and want more or less homeowners contacted but at the moment we have 10 wells in place for testing. The quote for the 10 wells to be monitored is \$12,500, which includes placing of the transducers. Mr. Fisher also asked about the estimate for the well driller to do the 72 hours testing and the measuring of the observation wells which is not included in the \$12,500 quote. At this point, the authority decided to table the approval until they also had a quote for the well driller on 72 hours of well drilling and monitored of the observation wells. This continued meeting was decided for July 6th at 6 PM and GHD does not need to be present. Mr. Spock requested a copy of the list of homeowners who agreed to have their wells monitored so he can take back to the Foster Township meeting and he was given a copy of the map and list of homeowners. (Reference 2089-A)

ENGINEERING REPORT

See attached Reference 2089-B.

Samantha Albert of Borton Lawson Engineering firm was present for the meeting and was discussing the PA DEP Act 537.

Mr. Kavitski was present at this time via Skype @6:37 PM.

Samantha Albert was informed by Mr. Kavitski to gather all information to submit the POTW pretreatment report to EPA by July 1, 2017.

RUS approved the Kohl Brothers pumps for the new project and Samantha Albert will go over the quote to be sure everything is correct before we submit purchase through Co-Stars – the quote is to contain the 2 pumps with the controls for \$70,000 and they will take up to 12 weeks after order is placed.

The bid opening of the reservoir project will be handled by Dave Wieller of Borton Lawson Engineering on July 6, 2017 at 6 PM via phone.

The water system map that Borton Lawson Engineering firm is working on showing mains, hydrants and shut off valves is coming along and they want to meet with Bill Ondish or Donald Yanoski on June 27, 2017, which will be arranged for when they are here before the pre bid meeting for the reservoir project.

At this point in time, Mr. Kavitski could hear us but we could not hear him via Skype and he disconnected the call to try and call back for better connection – 6:53 PM. Re-established connection at 6:54 PM with Mr. Kavitski.

Herb Spencer will attend July 19th meeting to present the water quality report.

RUS APPROVAL OF \$7,741.51

Mr. Kavitski made motion for approval and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2089-C)

BORTON LAWSON INVOICES

Mr. Lindsey made motion for approval and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2089-D)

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Fagan stated the agenda items are penalties for PGA and Citterio, with possible water shut offs if they do not respond to the payment of penalties, they have incurred.

At this time, we lost the connection with Mr. Kavitski via Skype @ 7:01 PM.

Attorney Fagan has had discussion with Attorney Sensky, who represents Citterio and Attorney Sensky stated that Citterio wants to go to Greater Hazleton Sewer plant for their sewer treatment because they feel they cannot get their TDS down to our acceptable levels. Mr. Spock is going to find out if Citterio has ever met with Foster Township in regards to help with their TDS. Mr. Spock did inform us that Foster Township did offer to help Citterio find a grant to help them with their pretreatment plant but they never

followed through with Foster Township on the offer. No one seems to know, what, if any, things they have tried to resolve their high TDS. Citterio seems to think they can just change who their sewer flows go to but they have a debt obligation to Freeland Municipal Authority and Foster Township. Also, most of Citterio's water, Mr. Spock stated comes from Hazleton City Authority. At this point, they tabled the idea of shutting water off to Citterio and will discuss this further at the continued meeting on July 6, 2017 @ 6 PM. (Reference 2090-A)

Motion to put in a curb stop at PGA for access to shut water off was discussed by Mr. Lindsey, who questioned, if we shut water off, would it affect the sprinkler system and Mr. Spock said it would. PGA has not given us any samples or even responded to any of the NOV's that were sent to them. At this time, they tabled the discussion to the continued meeting on July 6, 2017 @ 6 PM.

Mr. Fisher did make a motion to install a tap on PGA's water line and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 4-0.

Attorney Fagan did state he will prepare a statement for employees, in regards to wearing their uniforms provided by the authority at next month's meeting.

Attorney Fagan informed the authority that the lien for Michael Crofcheck and Michael J Crofcheck at 1015 Ridge Street Freeland PA, which the authority has for outstanding water and sewer, Freeland Borough wants to combine all liens. Mr. Fisher made the motion and Mr. Lindsey second the vote. Mr. Thomas did abstain from the vote. Vote 3-0. (Reference 2090-B)

At this time 7:27 PM Mr. Thomas left the meeting and Mr. Fisher took over the meeting.

OTHER/OPEN ACTIONS

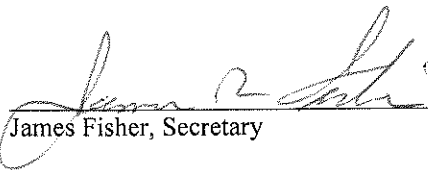
Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve Gera Contracting quote for \$3600.00 for concrete work on sidewalks and office steps and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 3-0. (Reference 2090-C)

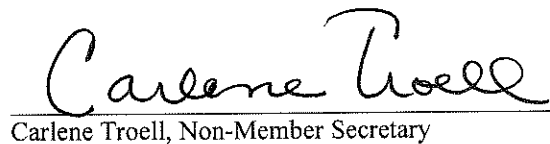
The advertising of certified water/sewer operator and technical manager was tabled for the continued meeting.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve Diane Kanuck for cleaning the authority office and Mr. Spock second. Vote 3-0.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to continue meeting to July 6, 2017 at 6 PM and to close this meeting and Mr. Spock second. Vote 3-0.

These minutes are certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


James Fisher, Secretary


Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary