

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2016

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Members present were Chairman Charles Croft, Sr., Dave Neidlinger, Mark Challenger Jr., Tim Kessinger, Keith Kocher, Secretary Lynne Daniel, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, and Manager Charles Croft Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. October minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Croft reported he had spoken with Engineer, Bob Lynn concerning the water issues with the West Street project. There were several discrepancies with the actual layout from what the engineers had drawn up. One issue being the valves and the need to purchase and install two of them. The approximate cost will be somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a piece. Bob Lynn stated there may be some money in a contingency fund to pay the extra cost.

Solicitor Joe Kerwin reported he has sent all the paperwork to the attorney for the timbering company and has not heard anything back from him to date. Joe has also been in contact with different banks to get financial information concerning refinancing the sewer plant loan.

The 2017 Budget proposal was reviewed and a rate increase was discussed. It was decided to keep water rates where they are currently for now but increase sewer rates \$2.00 monthly. It will be advertised in January and become effective in the 2nd Quarter billing beginning in April 2017. Tim Kessinger made a motion to approve the increase, Keith Kocher 2nd the motion and all were in favor. 2017 Employee raises were discussed. Mark Challenger, Jr. stated he had no issue with a raise but is not in favor of periodic increases when employees pass individual tests necessary to eventually get licenses. A 50 cent increase was suggested. Tim Kessinger made a motion to approve the increase, Dave Neidlinger 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Manager Charles Croft, Jr. provided his report stating sludge was hauled, pump stations have all been cleaned and a loose wire that was found was replaced. There is still a high level sensor on order but everything is running well. Charles reported the water plant will haul sludge next week, all hydrants have been greased but one cannot be opened and will need to be sawed off and the cap replaced. The owner of the old unemployment office asked permission to use plastic 1-1/4 inch piping for their waterline, Charles, Jr. approved. The estimate from Lykens Valley Fencing for the gate opener is \$3,115.00. Tim Kessinger made a motion to purchase and install the gate opener. Dave Neidlinger 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Tim Kessinger made a motion to approve payment of the bills and payroll. Dave Neidlinger 2nd the motion, all were in favor. Tim Kessinger made a motion to adjourn, Mark Challenger, Jr. 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

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