

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2015

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Members present were Chairman Charles Croft, Sr., Dave Neidlinger, Matt Miller, Tim Kessinger, Mark Challenger, Manager Charles Croft Jr., Secretary Lynne Daniel. Solicitor Joseph Kerwin was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge to the Flag was recited. February minutes were approved as corrected.

Tim Kessinger requested a letter of thanks be sent to Audrey Putt for her donation of an electric snow blower to be used at the Sewer Plant. It will be very helpful with clearing snow from the tops of the tanks.

The letter from EMC denying coverage for the recent hydrant damage was reviewed. Tim Kessinger stated a claim is currently active with Nationwide but the Authority feels EMC should have covered the claim and that hydrants should be covered in our current policy. Shopping elsewhere was discussed and EMC should be informed of the Authorities dissatisfaction.

Mark Challenger Jr. asked if the Authority had any plans to submit application for gambling money grants. It was mentioned there may be something in the works now with our Engineer but if not we will look into what is available.

The Uni-Tek situation was discussed and Joe Kerwin will be asked to contact them requesting the return of items they have that belong to the water/sewer plants, i.e., Joe D'Agostino's daybook and our well permit. The recent letter received from DEP concerning violations must be scanned and sent to Solicitor Kerwin. It was also suggested that our engineers contact DEP and request they come to our facilities and tell us exactly what they want/require from us. Joe Kerwin will be asked if he feels it would be beneficial to hire an outside attorney who specializes in the type of litigation we require to pursue compensation from Uni-Tek.

Manager Charles Croft Jr. informed the Authority the Bay Report has been submitted. He also stated Becca from Hanover Engineering is going to compile a guidebook concerning EDMR's, report guidelines, submittal requirements and deadlines. Charles reported on the various water main leaks and residential frozen pipes. (Tunnel Street, Firehouse, East Market). The sewer block at Drums on Broad Street was dug up, and cleaned out/rotor routed. Charles reported our lateral was blocked and when the weather breaks he would like to camera it since the camera cannot be used in temperatures under 30 degrees. There have been several other weather related problems for instance the decanters froze and the EQ tank iced up and pipes were sheared off. Charles also reported the problems with the hydrant on Julian Street were traced back to when the handicap ramp was cemented and caused twisting of the hydrant. It was suggested if grant money becomes available we may want to consider putting the water mains deeper in the ground.

Delinquents were reviewed. Other delinquent accounts, in particular the township residents who are not hooked up to the sewer, were discussed. Options such as contacting Light & Heigle and reporting them directly to DEP are options. Looking into the Rules and Regulations concerning the policy for

shutting off a residents' water who is paying but is in ownership of a separate home that is not hooked up and payments are not being made was discussed.

Payment of our recent invoice from Glace for prints of our water/sewer system was discussed. They should be reviewed and if they are what we want and need, payment of the invoice was approved.

Tim Kessinger made a motion to pay the bills, Mark Challenger Jr. 2nd, all in favor.

A motion was made by Tim Kessinger to adjourn at 8:15pm, Dave Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

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