

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2020

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Board Members present were Chairman Stephen Denkovich, Mark Challenger, Jr., Jack Schaeffer, Jr., Michael Minnich, Lee Moss, Solicitor Joe Kerwin and Secretary Lynne Daniel. Sewer Operator, Scott Maurer was also present.

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

Solicitor Kerwin has continued trying to contact Engineer Bob Lynn concerning any update on the grants. The County should be going back in full swing in the next week or two and there may be some movement with the grant. Scott Maurer will relay a message to Farley to have Bob contact us. Joe also stated there may be grant possibilities for municipalities developed because of the Corona Virus; he will keep looking into any updates. Chairman Denkovich stated he believes there is a clause in municipality rules where if billing is at 2% of medium income the municipality is eligible for assistance. He will look for the documentation on this. Solicitor Kerwin stated he has placed a lien on the Gonder property for amount due for services.

The delinquent report was reviewed for \$16,855.75. There is still a no shut off policy in effect but once the county is in the green delinquent accounts will be shut off.

Scott Maurer stated while having the new auger installed it was found there is a broken gear. They are hoping to find a repair kit but if not they will get prices on a new gear box. A water rate increase was discussed and it was decided to advertise a \$3.00 monthly water rate increase in the July newsletter and in the paper to be effective in the 4th Quarter Billing (October). Lee Moss made a motion to approve the increase; Mike Minnich 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Prices and options for new meters was discussed and it was decided to revisit the meter project in October. Jack Schaeffer, Jr. also brought up the need to look into filters and filter media. There is an account with currently \$24,000 in it but the estimated cost for 3 filters and media is approximately \$111,500. A grant will be needed to fund the media but in the meantime they discussed the possibility of repiping and also seeking a 2nd quote from another vendor.

Both the sludge hauling and auto bill for the Durango were questioned. Mike Minnich made a motion to pay the bills, Lee Moss 2nd and all were in favor. Mark Challenger, Jr. made a motion to adjourn, Jack Schaeffer, Jr. 2nd and all were in favor.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

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