

# **Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes**

**August 5, 2020**

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday August 5, 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 Joseph Kerwin and Secretary Lynne Daniel. Sewer Operator, Scott Maurer was also present. Hanover Engineers Robert Lynn and Rebecca Stakem were also in attendance. Due to Covid 19 the meeting was closed to the public.

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 corrected.

Robert Lynn was present to update member on the applied for grant and any others available. The CDBG grant awards should be announced sometime between August and October. He stated there are other grants out there but many of them are very competitive, require pre-planning and include matching funds. He doesn't feel we are eligible for gaming grants unless we have a sponsor, for example East Hanover Township or adjacent townships. County Commissioners could also possibly serve as sponsors. Bob also suggested there may be loans available such as a 10 year PIB investment loan with interest rates at approximately 1.2%. Joe Kerwin stated there is talk of new Covid related grants being offered for municipalities and authorities. Both Robert and Joe will keep their eyes out for any updated information. Joe also stated everything is set up with the Samba organization.

Scott Maurer reported the Muffin Monster is up and running well. The filter media installation by Culligan is scheduled to begin on August 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. Scott also stated they have figured the code out at the water plant and they now have water running through the well. Bob Lynn stated having the well on-line is very important.

The delinquent report was reviewed. Steve Denkovich stated the Ebenezer Church will be installing a valve at the church to avoid any future problems with undetected leaks. The resident at 116 East Street requested a \$200.00 a month payment plan for water/sewer past dues. The board approved the plan as long as it is paid each month. Lee Moss questioned why the firehouse is not paying for water/sewer when the EMS is required to pay. It was discussed and Jack Schaeffer, Jr. made a motion to begin charges at the residential rate beginning in October. Michael Minnich 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor.

Jack Schaeffer, Jr. updated everyone on the Ray Street curbing/sidewalk issue. He stated the resident now says her sidewalk is sinking. Jack and Ken Drum looked at it and Ken is not sure what the cause of it is. They decided to wait until Ken digs up for the curbing and they will make a determination then. Robert Lynn suggested the owner should go through her insurance company.

Lee Moss made a motion to pay the bills. Mike Minnich 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor. Lee Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Challenger, Jr. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

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