

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

July 6th, 2022

Williamstown Borough Authority met July 6th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Board Members present were Chairman Stephen Denkovich, Vice Chairman Jack Schaeffer, Lee Moss, Mark Challenger Jr., Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, Secretary Rikki Merwine, and Operations Manager Joe D'agostino. Absent was Dale Edinger. Citizens present were Jane Teter, Mel Gochenauer, and Barbie Merwine.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The minutes from the June 6th, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved after corrected.

Jane Teter and Mel Gochenauer were present to represent the Sacred Heart Church. The church was broken into, and water pipes were cut which caused excess water to flow freely through the basement of the church resulting in a \$285.00 over-usage water bill. Jane Teter asked for forgiveness of the water bill. Jack Schaeffer Jr questioned what will stop it from happening again if the Authority forgave the bill. Jane Teter stated that the furnace has been turned off and doors will be secured. Mel Gochenauer stated that the door was left unlocked because of furnace issues and maintenance checking in. The Diocese has a meeting to sell the church. Jack Schaeffer Jr requested that the water be shut off the following day. Lee Moss motioned to forgive the excess usage. Mark Challenger Jr 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Barbie Merwine was present to address concerns of her property being flooded by water personnel during hydrant flushing. Barbie has stated that her property has been affected three separate times now. She (Barbie) has explained that the water personnel has no right to cause damage to her property at any level. She informed the Authority that the personnel did not even knock on her door or leave a note to apologize for the damage. She questioned why the Authority does not have hoses to re-route water for hydrant flushing. Chairman Denkovich stated that they cannot use hoses. Barbie had already given a list of things to repair/clean up. She stated that nothing was done but a quick raking of her property. She has requested an apology in writing from the water personnel. Chairman Denkovich stated that the hydrant in front of her property at 550 W Market will not be flushed until the Authority finds a solution to rerouting the water. Chairman Denkovich told Barbie that the Authority will get back to her by the next meeting regarding her concerns.

There are no grant updates. The Authority is still waiting on the other meters.

Solicitor Kerwin reported that he will get the current bill to Gonder and start the payment agreement between Gonder and the Authority. Hopefully within the week, Gonder will make a payment.

Managers Report was reviewed. Joe Dagostino reported that about 12-15 new meters were already installed. The problem with Pump Station 1 is ongoing and it blew up again. It is pushing 118 amps. The insurance will cover the Pump Station bills. Scott Warfel has failed a class and will study for the last class. Chairman Denkovich requested that Joe Dagostino help scott study to ensure he passes. Shane Zellers has everything he needs regarding classes and training. We have not heard from JP Enterprises yet regarding the start on the filter media project. Joe Dagostino reported that the plant is running well besides Pump Station 1.

The Delinquent report was reviewed. The Authority will change Virginia Hoffman's account to only bill one unit instead of continuing to bill two since Virginia has passed. A letter will be sent out to the resident stating that the past due amount will need to be paid.

An executive meeting was called at 7:30 PM. The meeting reconvened at 7:41 PM.

Jack Schaeffer stated that there may be some changes to the budget once it is reviewed at the end of the year. There may be new expense accounts.

Motion to pay the bills and payroll for \$25,465.94, - Lee Moss motioned, Mark Challenger 2nd, all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM on the motion of Lee Moss and Mark Challenger Jr.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, August 3rd, 2022

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