

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2023

Williamstown Borough Authority met February 1st, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Board Members present were Vice Chairman Jack Schaeffer, Mark Challenger Jr., Dale Edinger, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin, Secretary Rikki Merwine. Absent was Lee Moss, Operations Manager Joe Dagostino, and Chairman Stephen Denkovich. Dane Williard was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. The minutes from the January 9th, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Grant Updates- Vice Chairman Jack Schaeffer Jr reported that he has not heard back from the state. Solicitor Kerwin will check with State Representative Kerwin regarding grant. The Authority received an invoice from JP Environmental for Filter 2. Will pay \$18,000 from Maintenance budget. Was discussed and voted on in a prior meeting. The Authority will apply for gaming grant when it opens.

Solicitor- Solicitor Kerwin talked about reorganization and that Chairman Denkovich questioned the schedule for reorganization and why it was done this year. Historically, the Authority has reorganized every year. The Authority can reorganize at any time, but the Authority will follow suit and reorganize on every even year – same as the Borough. Kerwin stated to keep an eye on the grant. There was not anything else from the Solicitor.

Manager's Report- Reviewed. Vice Chair Schaeffer Jr talked to Joe D'ag about train 2 being done for media, waiting on temporary license and then onto Filer 2 project. The doors on water plant need replaced. The authority will have to get quotes. Replacing fire hydrants was discussed. The cost is about 5K for hydrant alone. Dale Edinger suggested maybe grant money can be used. Vice Chair Schaeffer Jr will see how many we can do.

New Business:

Vice Chair Schaeffer Jr reported that there is new lead and copper testing that will need to start being done. It is a giant expense. We will need to have inventory on every service line, need to be inspected. DEP has a spreadsheet. The initial spreadsheet will need to be done by October of 24. We will get engineer report, after 1991- it is not lead. We will also need a Penndot permit for every digging that is done.

The Authority changed suppliers for PPL Electricity, the rates were attached to their meeting reports, and the savings should come in at about \$2,000 a month with new rate.

Delinquent Report- Reviewed. Vice Chair Schaeffer Jr questioned if we can force a sherrif sale on the Gonder property. Solicitor Kerwin stated that we can, but we would have to buy out the mortgage on the property. Solicitor Kerwin questioned 2 overdue properties, one was a meter misreading that needs to be adjusted and another is a rental property that is catching up on payment.

Classes: Scott signed up for DEP Water Sludge test in June. The Authority will re-assess his position then. Shane needs more sewer time before taking test for Sewer license.

Bills & Payroll: *Motion by: Dale, to approve timesheets. 2nd Mark. -Motion Carried. Motion by: Dale, to pay bills. 2nd by Mark. -Motion Carried.*

Adjournment- *The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM on the motion of Mark and Dale.*

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, March 1st, 2023

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