

# WILLIAMSTOWN BOROUGH AUTHORITY

April 6, 2011

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, April 6, 2011 in Council Chambers; Members, Chairman Timothy Kessinger, Vice Chairman Scott Slough, Dennis English, Gregory Showers, Charles Croft Sr., Matthew Miller, and David Neidlinger were present. Also attending were Secretary/Treasurer Amy Rexroth, Manager Joseph D'Agostino, Engineer Robert Reisinger, and Solicitor Joseph Kerwin were present. Citizens present were Mark Challenger, Mary Cinqmars, Sarah Underkoffler, Ken Bowman, Gary Bopp, Jeanette Crabb, Scott Cary, Carl Slough, Dane Williard, Rosanne Daub, and Michael Harris.

Chairman Kessinger called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The Authority minutes for March 4 & March 16, 2011 were approved as written.

Lykens Borough was present to get permission from the Authority to build an access road to be able to reach their land for timbering purposes. Currently Lykens Borough is in the preliminary stages of planning. A motion was made by Croft Sr. and Slough to tentatively agree to allow Lykens Borough to build an access road on Authority property to reach their land. Solicitor Kerwin will be drawing up a mutual agreement. All were in favor of the motion.

Citizens: Michael Harris was present to ask the Authority to have his water turned back on. His water was shut off due to non-payment of his water/sewer bill and the sewer tap on fee.

Sarah Underkoffler was present to see when the landscaping was projected to start. The area around the PPL pole in front of her house is washing away and needs to be filled in.

Mary Cinqmars was present to see the status of Pump Station #1 and again ask if she can have her \$2,000.00 tap on fee returned to her.

Rosanne Daub was present to ask to set up a payment plan for her sewer tap on. She is able to afford her regular water/sewer payment plus \$400.00 a quarter to put towards her tap on.

Kenneth Bowman was present to discuss his water bill that he received. The bill stated that he used 428,000 gallons of water at 526 W Market Street. The water department will remove the meter and test it for its accuracy.

Dane Williard was present to ask the Authority if they would give him a break on his water at 137 West Street. The tenants living at this location let their oil run out, which in return busted the water line causing his to use 182,000 gallons of water.

An executive session was held from 7:55PM until 9:19PM for legal matters.

The board agreed to cut half of Dane Williard's bill at 137 West Street minus his regular estimated use at that location. A total of \$377.50 will be removed from his account.

The board agreed to turn on Michael Harris's water back on if he agreed to pay his bill current and keep it current. He will also have to pay \$100.00 per month towards his sewer tap on fee at an interest rate of 3.75% APR. If the terms of the agreement are not met, termination of his service will occur again and service will not be reconnected until the full amount is paid.

The board agreed to allow Rosanne Daub to pay \$400.00 per quarter towards her sewer tap on fee. She must remain current on her water/sewer bills. If the terms of the agreement are not met, termination of his service will occur again and service will not be reconnected until the full amount it paid.

Member English inquired if there was anything going to be done about Vine Street behind his house on E Market Street. The road grindings need to be removed. Currently he has no back access to his house in which he did before this project started.

A motion was made by Showers and Miller to send Mark Gonder a registered letter in which the Authority will be placing a meter pit and special meter at his property at 674 E Market Street to have a physical disconnect from his property. Since termination of his water occurred in March of 2011, his tenants Chad Gonder placed his well into operation. Due to possible cross-contamination of Authority water, these measures will have to be taken at the property owner's expense to ensure a physical disconnect and no possibility of cross-contamination. A motion carried with Croft Sr. voting no due to the cost to the Authority.

Chairman Kessinger wanted to readdress the situation of vehicles going out of town to get serviced. A motion was made by Miller and Slough to have the Authority vehicles be repaired in town. Motion carried with Kessinger abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Engineer Reisinger reported that there will be a meeting on Monday, April 18, 2011 with DEP at the sewer plant to address the inlet valve to control the flow into the headworks.

The Authority agreed to have Engineer Reisinger contact Quandel and have them install Pump Station #1 ASAP.

D'Agostino reported that Mike Krepich of 854 W Market Street is reporting water in his basement since construction of his sewer line. The Authority agreed he should contact his plumber for rectification.

D'Agostino also asked why nothing was done in the past ten years to the sewer system other than plant maintenance. A lot of the manholes in town need to be replaced and/or repaired and we have major infiltration at the plant. Tower City will be coming down to camera our system.

D'Agostino reported that DEP is requiring testing 4 times a year for SOC. He is applying for a waiver through DEP since all samples for the first quarter was all non-detects. This will be a cost savings of \$4,500.00.

D'Agostino reported that the hydrant on Grant and Julian has a leak.

A motion was made by Croft Sr. and Neidlinger to approve the Water and Sewer bills for the month of March 2011. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Neidlinger and Slough to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 PM.