

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2013

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers (Original scheduled meeting for March 6 was cancelled due to weather/attendance). Council Members present were Chairman Greg Showers, Vice Chairman Charles Croft Sr., Matthew Miller, Dave Neidlinger, Mark Challenger Jr., Dennis Raho, Secretary Lynne Daniel, Solicitor Joseph Kerwin and Engineer Representative Joseph Bluge. Absent were Timothy Kessinger and Authority Manager, Joe D'Agostino. Citizens present: John Bender – Uni-Tec and Scott Peters.

Chairman Showers called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

The minutes of January 2, 2013 were approved as written

Citizen Scott Peters was present to inform the Authority that his property pins are missing. He also stated since the road was dug up at his property the water is running down to Klines' property. He also was under the impression his road would be put back to its original condition and it has not been blacktopped. He was informed the material was not blacktop but a mixture/scratch coat. He also stated where his "T" is located is an issue due to the fact delivery trucks, etc. are running over it. It was agreed he could move the T after getting a permit and an inspection completed but the authority would waive the fee. Authority will also contact Charlie Rodichok about getting his property surveyed and new pins put in.

Joe Kerwin discussed the approximate \$63,000 RUS funds available. Joe D'Agostino and Joe Kerwin are working on compiling potential acquisitions and quotes to put a final package together which he would like complete by next months' meeting. The plan to purchase a used tractor instead of a new one and the purchase of another truck for the sewer were discussed. Joe also discussed the timbering and stated there has been no activity or communications.

Engineer Joe Bluge informed the Authority of available grant money through Penn Works. It is for Water/Waste Water projects and the grant will fund up to 75% - up to 5 million dollars and the Authority would contribute the remaining 25%. It is required to hold a special meeting and pay a \$350.00 application fee. Joe also stated Swerp has completed the lining of the manholes and Wexcon is waiting for the weather to break to asphalt. When that is complete Swerp will do the remaining manhole work. Joe stated he has 2 payment requests and needed a motion to approve. He was asked if everything was acceptable and had Joe reviewed the videos; he stated he had. The pay request from Swerp was \$16,542.00; Charles Croft Sr. made a motion to pay, Dave Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor. The 2nd pay request was for Mr. Rehab for \$123,844.14;

Charles Croft Sr. made a motion to pay, Dave Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor. Joe Bluge also updated (I&I) rain event. The record flows for duration saw a reduction in the instantaneous peak and the in-flow issue also saw a reduction. Several area leaks were cured but will continue to monitor. Joe made a recommendation to start doing residential & commercial inspections for sump pumps and drains. Joe also informed Chairman Showers that Chapter 94 needs his review and signature.

The resignation of Lance Hoover from Glace Associates was discussed by the Authority. Due to the fact no one was officially contacted by Glace Charles Croft Sr. made a request to end dealings with Glace and go with Uni-Tek Engineering. Chairman Showers asserted they must go with the recommendations of the committee formed for selection of an Engineer and that Uni-Tek was not on the shortlist. Also an official recommendation must be made and then a council vote. Uni-Tek representative suggested a decision be made soon for the benefit of all involved.

Joe D'Agostinos' report was discussed. D. Coles informed Joe an additional controller was overlooked and not put in the original proposal but is needed for the pumps at the water plant at a cost of \$4,974.00. Implementing a change order was discussed but will be tabled till next meeting after further investigation. Joe also reported he has 2 quotes for push cameras but has found cheaper ones on Ebay.

Dennis Raho discussed W&S delinquents and requested a monthly report at meetings. Dennis also suggested DEP Testing and cross-training for Water/Sewer personnel. A request by Dennis Raho was made to Joe Bluge to provide updated prints for the new lines and to have up to date prints for the water & sewer.

Joe Kerwin requested an Executive Session to discuss legal issues at 8:25. Meeting reconvened at 8:45.

A motion was made by Charles Croft Sr. to pay the bills, Mark Challenger Jr. 2nd, all in favor.

A motion was made by Dave Neidlinger to adjourn at 8:55, Mark Challenger Jr. 2nd, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2013