

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2013

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Members present were Chairman Greg Showers, Vice Chairman Charles Croft Sr., Matthew Miller, Dave Neidlinger, Tim Kessinger, Mark Challenger Jr., Dennis Raho, Secretary Lynne Daniel, Solicitor - Joseph Kerwin. Absent was Engineer Joe Bluge. Citizens present: David Peck – Uni-Tec., Bill Sourwine, Larry Wolfe

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

The minutes of April 3, 2013 were approved as written

Citizen Bill Sourwine requested forgiveness on his 4 properties located on Julian Street. He was under the impression the water would only be on until testing for leaks was completed and no water has been used since. He was informed council would take it under advisement. Citizen Larry Wolfe requested forgiveness on his bill for Feb., Mar, and April 2013; nothing is rented and no water usage. He was told the water must be shut off and the charges will be discussed.

Joe Kerwin updated council on expenditures for RUS funds. There is approximately \$18,000 left and a new vehicle and options were discussed. Joe D'Agostino will get prices. Most of the items being submitted for the funds have been purchased, not all have arrived. The final list should be ready by the June meeting.

The bidding for the well pump was discussed. Uni-Tek offered their services to do spec. out. Joe D'Agostino was in agreement. Tim Kessinger made a motion to have Uni-Tek spec. out the work, Dave Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor.

The Rules and Regulation manual was reviewed after initial changes were made. It was agreed that any new service applicants must fill out an application. Updates to be done by next meeting.

Joe Kerwin reported no one has heard anything about the incident in the water tank. The estimate for damages was sent (\$8,000); we may have to put a claim in with our insurance company. Joe also reported an account we have with Miners Bank in Pottsville will be closed.

Joe D'Agostino (per Joe Bluge) informed the authority about a grant being offered using gambling money which could enable us to replace all north and south running streets' water lines. In order to qualify you would have to submit an income survey.

Joe D'Agostino reported Wexcon would be working next week on the frames and covers and when complete Swerp would be in. Joe also reported a complaint from John Yanoscak about water on his property, a block at Kandybowski/Hrinda's and T. Dunlops' connection would be complete in the next few days. Joe also reported there are 3 properties that need to hook up on Greenfield Street.

Delinquent accounts and payment options on water and sewer accounts was discussed. It was agreed to put Joe D'Agostino's name on the Cut-Off notices; there will no longer be delinquent notices sent. It was also agreed there will no longer be payment plans unless the customer presents a reason at an authority meeting. Dennis Raho questioned how the cross-training between water and sewer was going and are our guys taking any classes. Joe informed authority all three of them are registered for classes and cross-training is going well.

Forgiveness for both Sourwine and Wolfe properties was discussed. Tim Kessinger made a motion to forgive the charges for Sourwine properties, Mark Challenger 2nd, all in favor. Tim Kessinger made a motion to forgive Wolfe charges but turn the water off, Dave Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor.

Charles Croft Sr. made a motion to pay the bills, Matt Miller 2nd, all in favor.

Dave Neidlinger made a motion to adjourn at 9:30, Matt Miller 2nd, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, June 3, 2013