

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2014

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, May 21st, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Members present were Chairman Charles Croft, Sr., Matthew Miller, Dave Neidlinger, Mark Challenger Jr., Secretary Lynne Daniel, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Interim Manager John Bender, Uni-Tec Representative Pat Ward. Tim Kessinger was absent. Citizens present were Brenda Jones and Jim Jones, Jodi Carl.

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

The minutes were reviewed and were approved as read.

Citizen Brenda Jones asked if there were any developments concerning the neighboring property's gray water running into her basement and if it was complete. She was informed a registered letter was sent and the allotted time period of 60 days was not expired yet. She informed the authority that clean-up and remodeling of her home was complete and she is concerned with possibly future damage from the running water. Joe Kerwin suggested she look into filing a personal complaint with the District Justice since the handling of it may be more timely. The Authority and Borough Council must follow procedures. The same letter sent to the resident will be sent to the owner of the property.

Citizen Jodi Carl was present to express her problems with her neighbor concerning her lateral hook-up to the line located through the neighboring property. She was informed in order to avoid conflicts she could contact Ken Drum for a price to run her own line but the neighbor cannot force her to do that. Jodi informed council she has received numerous threats from him including digging up and smashing her sewer pipes. She was advised to call State Police if further conflicts continue.

The issue at 711 Julian Street was reviewed along with penalties for non-compliance. Joe Kerwin will investigate whether or not an easement was issued for the properties in question. Joe also stated the mandatory water connection ordinance will soon be finalized and there has been no activity on the timbering issue. Joe would also like to review the Authority's financial accounts in the near future.

Pat Ward updated the Authority on the CFA Grant and the upcoming meeting with PennVest set for June 4th, which 2 board members should attend. Pat also suggested the possibility of using the Gaming monies and any possible CFA grant award together as one project. Mark Challenger made a motion to allow Uni-Tek to move forward managing the gaming money project on Ray Street. Pat also expressed to the Authority the need to address our user rates for the Water Authority and our current rates impact on grant funding amounts offered to us.

John Bender reviewed his Managers Report. On May 22nd himself, Roy Miller and Charles Croft Jr. will be taking their water license tests; John Mazich will operate both plants in their absence. John reviewed the need for the HVAC unit for the lab, the status of the Well/Booster Pumping System Upgrade and the requirement to have a wetland inventory. John informed council the wetland inventory cost is \$1,970.00 and the HVAC unit is \$4,025.00. Purchase of the 2" Omni Meter will be put on hold for now.

Mark Challenger Jr. made a motion to approve purchase of the HVAC unit, Dave Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor. Dave Neidlinger made a motion to approve the completion of a wetland inventory by URS, Mark Challenger Jr. 2nd, all in favor. John also suggested the Authority consider modifying water rules and regulations to include bulk water sales and sewer rules and regulations to address sewer connections/laterals.

Delinquent water/sewer accounts were reviewed. 75 delinquent notices were mailed, there was 1 Turn-off. Recoverable delinquents total \$5658.24.

Mark Challenger Jr. made a motion to pay the bills, Matt Miller 2nd, all in favor. Dave Neidlinger made a motion to adjourn, Mark Challenger Jr. 2nd, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014

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