

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2015

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Members present were Chairman Charles Croft, Sr., Dave Neidlinger, Matt Miller, Tim Kessinger, Mark Challenger, Jr., Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Secretary Lynne Daniel, Manager Charles Croft Jr. was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM. The Pledge to the Flag was recited. January minutes were approved as corrected.

It was reported that the letter was sent to the owner of the apartments at 240-242 E. Market informing him of the decision to install separate meters for each rental unit. There has been no response from him to date. It was also reported that a letter was received from our insurance carrier EMC stating the fire hydrant claim had been received and was being reviewed. There was some question, however, on whether the hydrants are included in our insurance coverage.

Joe Kerwin reported there is paperwork from Aungst that needs to be signed and given to Hanover for the Ray Street Project. Joe will talk to Hanover and get the specific paperwork needed. Joe also reported he had been approached and questioned on the medical opt-out payment owed to Roy Miller. The Authority informed Joe they are holding the payment until they find out what repercussions come from inaccurate reporting and testing done by Roy from DEP. Solicitor Kerwin also reported it may be difficult to pursue compensation from Uni-Tec, he is attempting to find a "Cause of Action". It was stated they feel Uni-Tec, specifically John Bender, misrepresented himself and was incompetent in performing his role as Manager. Joe stated we will see how the situation develops and document any actions against the Authority because of Uni-Tec's performance. Joe reported the loggers are timbering in Tower City but the Authority has had no correspondence from them. Joe is also awaiting the AT&T tower contract and proposal with our options as far as payments.

Chairman Croft stated he feels that the homes that have had their water cut off previously but are still residing in the homes should be charged for sewer rents. Solicitor Kerwin suggested a resolution stating if a dwelling once had water service but currently doesn't due to delinquency and the sewer system is still being used, a bill will be issued for sewer services. Joe stated they probably will still not pay but a lien on the property can be pursued. It was also questioned on the ability to prove the sewer system is being used.

Tim Kessinger asked about the possibility to get the quarterly bills out in a more timely manner and that a customer informed him they did not receive the last bill until the 17th of the month. Tim was informed that the bills had been mailed on the 11th and that it is impossible to start the new billing process until somewhere around the 5th of the month, depending how the month falls, but every effort will be made to try and get them out sooner.

Tim Kessinger made a motion to pay the bills, David Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor. Tim Kessinger made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm, Dave Neidlinger 2nd, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

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