

Williamstown Borough Authority Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2015

Williamstown Borough Authority met Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Members present were Chairman Charles Croft, Sr., Dave Neidlinger, Matt Miller, Mark Challenger, Solicitor Joe Kerwin, Manager Charles Croft Jr., Secretary Lynne Daniel. Tim Kessinger, was absent.

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

Contract documents and Notice of Award documents were presented to the Authority for the Ray Street Water Main Replacement agreement with Aungst. Joe Kerwin reviewed and approved the documents, Mark Challenger, Jr. made a motion to approve and sign, Matt Miller 2nd, all in favor.

The 4 homes that had excessive water usage due to frozen and broken pipes were discussed. The Authority agreed due to the fact that none of the homes were occupied at the time and the treated water ran across the meter the overages must be paid in full.

Joe Kerwin brought up the car accident that took out one of our fire hydrants. It was determined the drivers insurance is responsible for the costs. A claim is currently active with that insurance company and Joe confirmed it is definitely a recoverable claim.

It was decided Joe Kerwin would handle the correspondence and any negotiations/litigation that may arise with the Authority's issues with Uni-Tec. Joe will compile all the information and paperwork necessary to relate our position to Uni-Tec.

Delinquents were discussed, in particular the Gonder properties. The bill for 674 E. Market is over \$5,600.00 and it was determined the owner, not the tenant, is responsible for the amount outstanding. Joe Kerwin will look into putting a lien on the owner's residence. Also discussed was the ongoing delinquency with multiple rental units and the owners of those properties. The possibility of putting separate meters on each unit was discussed but Solicitor Kerwin related these properties are grandfathered into the previous requirements and only new construction units can be required to have separate meters for each unit.

Manager Charles Croft Jr. informed the Authority there had been one leak at Ray and Vine Streets and 3 freeze ups. There was also a broken plate found at 440 W. Market which was replaced after working hours. It was decided the owner of that rental unit should be charged for that service. Charles informed the Authority that Moyer Instruments were in and all calibrations

were completed at both water and sewer plants. Charles reported 14 loads of sludge were taken out the sewer plant and there will be an airline repaired the next time it is completely emptied. Charles discussed the need to block off Ray Street to the trucks coming off of the mountain when work begins. Cones and signs will be placed at the site for those trucks only since cars and emergency traffic will need to have access. The need for a weight limit sign at the bridge on Walnut Street was also discussed. Charles also discussed the maps Aungst has for the Vine and Ray Street intersection not matching the actual location of the water lines. He stated Aungst will be doing ground radar at the site. Charles also discussed the possibility of available money to do work on Water Street to coincide with borough work on storm drains.

Dave Neidlinger 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, MAY 6, 2015

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