

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONTH OF APRIL
PERKASIE REGIONAL AUTHORITY
MONDAY, APRIL 08, 2024

The regular meeting of the month was convened in the Authority Office, 150 Ridge Road at 5:29 p.m. on April 08, 2024 by Chairman David Watt. Attending in addition to the Chairman were Board Members J. Thomas Horn, Vicki Miller, and Gregory Martin. Absent from the meeting with consent of the Board was Stephen Algeo. Staff members present: Nicholas Fretz, Manager, Sean Torpey, Engineer, John N. Schaeffer, III, Esquire, Solicitor, and Laura Snyder, Accounts Payable.

NEW BUSINESS:

None this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None this meeting.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Martin, the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2024 were unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- a) 627 Highland Dr. – Dave Byrne requested relief from his bill due to a backflow preventer that was installed improperly.
See Official Board Action
- b) Evan Ridington – Arthur Hall Insurance – Evan Ridington presented to the Board information on commercial insurance and what Arthur Hall Insurance has to offer over other insurance companies. The Board directed the Manager to discuss this in more detail with Evan closer to renewal time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Quakertown Borough Donation Request – The Manager presented to the Board the Quakertown Borough Donation Request. The Board decided not to donate.
- b) Perkasie Rotary Donation Request – The Manager presented to the Board the Perkasie Rotary Donation Request. The Board decided not to donate.
- c) PMAA Region 1 Spring Meeting – The Manager presented to the Board the PMAA Region 1 Spring Meeting held at PineCrest Country Club.

PWTA:

- a) Minutes from the February 2024 meeting
- b) February 2024 flow reports
- c) UV Disinfection Replacement Letter – The Manager presented to the Board the UV Disinfection Replacement Letter received from PWTA. PWTA planned to replace its ultraviolet disinfection equipment and had sent each municipality estimated costs based on their EDU capacity. PRA's total cost share would be \$213,949.00.
- d) PWTA Audit – The Manager presented to the Board the PWTA Audit documents.
- e) Resolution to extend PWTA – The Manager presented to the Board the resolution to extend PWTA for another 50 years with 10 representatives on their Board.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- a) Balance Sheet for March 2024
- b) Profit and Loss Budget Overview Reports for March 2024
- c) Statement of Trust Funds – March 2024
- d) Revenue Fund Requisition Number 591 in the amount of \$303,015.22.
- e) Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund Requisition Number 1148 thru 1150 in the total amount of \$56,561.30.
- f) Developer Escrow Releases & Summaries

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Martin, the Financial Information was unanimously approved.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

- a) Activity Report for March 2024
- b) Average production by month for March 2024
- c) Precipitation Report for March 2024
- d) Water Production Reports for March 2024
- e) Sewer truck reports

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Horn, the Operations Report was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- a) PennVEST Grant for Old Bethlehem Pike water main – The Solicitor stated that a homeowner had filed suit against Pact One for damage to their foundation.
- b) Pennoni Lease Agreement – The Solicitor stated that he reviewed the agreement for Pennoni to renew their lease for 1 year with a 3% increase in rent.
See Official Board Action
- c) PWTA Amendment – The Solicitor stated that PWTA was extending their articles of incorporation for another 50 years with a 10 representative Board.
- d) 3M Lawsuit – The Solicitor stated that the 3M lawsuit was still in the process and the next step would be to file a claim.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Martin, the Solicitor's Report was unanimously approve.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- a) Ridge Rd. Reservoir – The Engineer stated that the fence repair had been completed and they expect all remaining work to be completed by May.
- b) Bethlehem Pike Water Main Extension – The Engineer stated that the final paving restoration was expected for May.
- c) Old Bethlehem Pike – PennVEST – The Engineer stated that the final paving restoration was expected for May.
- d) McClennen Tract – The Engineer stated that a punch list would be developed for final inspection.
- e) Well #14 – The Engineer stated that there was no new movement on the project.
- f) Well #4 – The Engineer stated that they received conditional use approval from East Rockhill Township. They also received a conditional Waiver of Land Development approval conditioned upon addressing comments in the Township Engineer's review letter. He further stated that they began the application process to PennVEST for grant funds and would be calculating costs for the building and generator.
- g) 9th St. Water main Replacement – The Engineer stated that they received the backup documents from the contractor.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Miller, the Engineer's Report was unanimously approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Bond Council Engagement Letter – The Manager presented to the Board the Bond Council Engagement Letter with Steptoe & Johnson. The Manager stated that this was the same representative we had been using but he had moved to a different company.
See Official Board Action

Upon motion by Martin, seconded by Horn, the Manager's Report was unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION:

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Miller, the Board unanimously approved to credit 627 Highland Dr. for the water/sewer charges in the amount of \$290.00 plus the late fee.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Pennoni lease with a 3% increase beginning June 1, 2024 and ending May 31, 2025.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Bond Council Engagement Letter with Steptoe & Johnson.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

None this meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

None this meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM II:

None this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None this meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board in the regular session and upon motion by Watt seconded by Martin, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Snyder, Recording Secretary



Victoria Miller, Secretary