

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER
PERKASIE REGIONAL AUTHORITY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the month was convened in the Authority Office, 150 Ridge Road at 5:30 p.m. on September 9, 2024 by Chairman David Watt. Attending in addition to the Chairman were Board Members J. Thomas Horn, Vicki Miller, Gregory Martin and 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 Martin, seconded by Miller, the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2024 were unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- a) Jennifer Wright – 400 Three Mile Run Rd - Jennifer commented to the Board that there were many people in the Ridge Run Development that had concerns about the water coming from well #5 and wanted well #5 shut down. The Board advised Jennifer that PRA is below the running annual average at each sampling point.
- b) Nick Lengetti – 2122 Hill Rd - Nick commented to the Board that he had purchased a house recently and was not notified about any previous contamination in the area. He stated he was too young to know about the Tire Fire.
- c) Amy Price – 108 Ridge Run Rd - Amy commented to the Board that if there was an issue with one well then why couldn't PRA be proactive and shut off well #5. She further asked the Board if there was an action plan to get the required grants approved for the treatment plant. The Board advised Amy of a grant submission that PRA is working on to help offset some of the costs for a treatment plant at well #4.
- d) Jeff Yerkes – 247 Laurel Ln - Jeff asked the Board if there were any type of filtration recommendations for these types of chemicals. The Manager recommended activated carbon filter, resin filter, and reverse osmosis.
- e) Dewey Sneed – 1144 Ridge Rd. - Dewey asked the Board which wells he would get water from. The Board advised Dewey the wells his residence would use.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) 129 Sunnyside Lane – The Manager presented to the Board the e-mail correspondence regarding the resident's water bill.
- b) 705 Shadywood Dr. – The Manager presented to the Board a relief request from the resident's bill due to a water heater that was replaced that had built up pressure causing water to go back and forth through the meter. The resident had fixed the issue by installing a backflow preventer.
See Official Board Action

PWTA:

- a) Minutes from the July 2024 meeting
- b) July 2024 flow reports

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- a) Balance Sheet for August 2024
- b) Profit and Loss Budget Overview Reports for August 2024
- c) Statement of Trust Funds – August 2024
- d) Revenue Fund Requisition Number 596 in the amount of \$98,981.63.
- e) Bond Redemption and Improvement Fund Requisition Number 1177 thru 1183 in the total amount of \$115,570.51.
- f) Developer Escrow Releases & Summaries

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

OPERATIONS REPORT:

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

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- a) PFOA/PFOS Litigation Update – The Solicitor stated that the litigation was still moving forward.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Algeo, the Solicitor's Report was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- a) 809 Three Mile Run Rd. Subdivision – The Engineer stated that they received plans for a 24-lot subdivision and the first review had been issued.
- b) Green Ridge Estates West – The Engineer stated that they completed a 4th review.
- c) Ridge Rd. Reservoir Tank – The Engineer stated that the grass had grown sufficiently enough to close the contract.
- d) Bethlehem Pike Water Main Extension – The Engineer stated that all punch list items had been addressed and they are recommending close out of the contract.
- e) Old Bethlehem Pike Water Main Extension – The Engineer stated that there were still issues with a couple of residents that the contractor was still working on. He recommended close out of the contract.
- f) McClennen Tract – The Engineer stated that they were developing a punch list of remaining work to be done for final inspection.
- g) Well #14 – The Engineer stated that the Township gave their preliminary approval of the new building location and that they were working through the approval process.
- h) Well #4 – The Engineer stated that they were seeking to apply to PennVEST by October 30th in order to make the Jan. 22nd board meeting. They contacted the Farmland Conservation Authority for approval. Categorical exclusion letter had been submitted and documents are being uploaded to PennVEST.
- i) 9th St. Water Main Lining – The Engineer stated that PRA finished the connection of the main and the temporary services were removed.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) 2025 Budget – The Manager presented to the Board the updated 2025 preliminary budget with the average customer seeing a 4.68% increase in their water/sewer bill.
- b) Old Bethlehem Pike Letter of Acceptance – The Manager presented to the Board the Old Bethlehem Pike Letter of Acceptance.
- c) Lawn Avenue Subdivision – The Manager presented to the Board the Lawn Avenue Subdivision agreement for a 65 unit subdivision. The Manager stated that he was waiting on the plans.
See Official Board Action

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Algeo, the Manager's Report was unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION:

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Horn, the Board unanimously approved to credit 705 Shadywood Dr. for the water/sewer charges in the amount of \$169.30.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Miller, the Board unanimously approved the Lawn Avenue Phase 1 Subdivision Agreement.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Horn, the Board unanimously approved the PFOA/PFOS Sample results and compliance memo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

The Manager presented to the Board a memo regarding PFOA/PFOS Sample results and compliance. The Manager wanted to share a few facts and put to rest any concerns regarding the source water at the Authority. He stated that this memo would be sent to the four surrounding municipalities. A copy of the memo was provided to all of the public in attendance.

See Official Board Action

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

None this meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM II:

- a) Jennifer Wright – 400 Three Mile Run Rd - Jennifer asked the Board if we had significantly lower production amounts then why PRA could not close well #5. The Board advised Jennifer of the lack of water supply there would be if there were a fire in that area.
- b) Amy Price – 108 Ridge Run Rd - Amy asked the Board what the community could do to help push along the process for these grants. She also requested the Board to have another company do the well testing. The Board advised Amy that she could contact her local representatives to help the funding get approved and that they would take into consideration to contact another testing company.
- c) Jeff Yerkes – 247 Laurel Ln - Jeff thanked the Board for their service as an Authority and thanked the community for coming together. He further stated that having an authority rather than a privatized water/sewer company had its advantages with trying to communicate face to face, have local appointed officials who can be held accountable, as well as lower quarterly costs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None this meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board in the regular session and upon motion by Horn seconded by Martin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Snyder, Recording Secretary



Victoria Miller, Secretary