

MINUTES OF THE ONLY REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONTH OF JULY
PERKASIE REGIONAL AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

The only regular meeting of the month was convened in the Authority Office, 150 Ridge Road at 6:30 p.m. on July 16, 2019 by Chairman David Watt. Attending in addition to the Chairman were Board Members J. Thomas Horn, Stephen Algeo, David Bedillion and Robert Wasson. Staff members present: Nicholas Fretz, Manager, Peter C. Andersen, Engineer, John N. Schaeffer, III, Esquire, Solicitor and Patricia Fluck, Accounting Assistant.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Horn, the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2019 were approved as written, with Bedillion abstaining.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- a) Perkasio Borough Council person, and PWTA representative, Steve Rose of Parkridge Drive was present.
- b) 701 N. 7th Street, Perkasio, PA - Ms. Hess (property owner) requested that the Board consider a senior discount on the water/sewer bills for any seniors in the service area. After some discussion with Board members and staff, the PRA Solicitor indicated to Ms. Hess that as an Authority, we were not allowed to charge different rates for just certain groups of people.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) BCCC 5K Fundraiser – The Manager informed the Board of the 3rd Annual Five Alarm 5K and asked if the Board would like to be a sponsor. Chairman Watt asked the Board if they agreed on the 4 Alarm Sponsor amount of \$250 with PRA's logo on the t-shirt with all Board members indicating they approved of that sponsorship level.
- b) ERT Zoning Hearing Board – The Manager stated that he received official notice from East Rockhill Township that the zoning hearing for PRA's Booster Station was scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2019.

PWTA:

- a) Minutes from the May 2019 meeting
- b) May 2019 flow reports – Chairman Watt, as well as other Board members and staff, requested that Mr. Wasson, since he was the PWTA Chairman, have the PWTA staff read the flow meters in all service areas every day instead of once a week. He further stated that not reading these meters daily has indicated on PWTA's reports that a couple of municipalities are showing a negative flow number, which was not possible. Mr. Wasson stated that it would be the entire PWTA Board's decision to request PWTA's Manager to read the meters every day instead of weekly. Chairman Watt, as well as the PRA's Manager, questioned if it was necessary for a PWTA Board decision, since this was procedural and doesn't affect anything other than the I & I infiltration for each municipality. In addition, they stated that all of the municipalities are required to perform and have an I & I program under the 1975 Agreement. He further asked if the other municipalities are conducting the required I & I program in their service area. Chairman Watt stated that since PWTA has been very close with capacity due to rainfall and Mr. Wasson as indicated that if PWTA violates its capacity, the DEP would put PWTA under a Moratorium where no more connections would be allowed, this issue is priority one due to the development in the area. There were continued discussions on this issue.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- a) Balance Sheet for June 2019
- b) Profit and Loss Budget Overview Reports for June 2019
- c) Statement of Trust Funds – June 2019
- d) Revenue Fund Requisition Number 530 in the amount of \$272,841.47.
- e) Construction Fund Requisitions Numbers 51 through 52 in the amount of \$40,204.50.
- f) Project Summary

Upon motion by Wasson, seconded by Horn, the Financial Report and the List of Bills – Items d) through e) were unanimously approved.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

- a) Activity Report
- b) Sewer truck report – Internal Use Value Report
- c) Average production by month for June 2019
- d) Precipitation Report for June 2019
- e) Water Production Reports for June 2019

Upon motion by Wasson, seconded by Algeo, the Operations Report was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- a) ERT Meeting – The Solicitor indicated that another lawyer from his office would be representing PRA at the ERT meeting on July 22, 2019.
- b) Severance Agreement (Michael Kerr) - The Solicitor submitted the Severance Agreement for Michael Kerr and asked for approval.

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Upon motion by Horn, seconded by Bedillion, the Solicitor's Report was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- a) Pennridge Airport – The Engineer informed the Board that they have been working with the airport's contractor to relocate any water/sewer laterals set to remain following the widening of Ridge Road.
- b) Booster Station – The Engineer stated that they are scheduled to appear before the East Rocking Zoning Hearing Board on July 22, 2019 and if the requested variances are granted, then a Conditional Use hearing would be scheduled, followed by a Land Development Application.

Upon motion by Bedillion, seconded by Horn, the Engineer's Report was unanimously approved.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- a) Severance Agreement – This was previously discussed under the Solicitor’s Report.
- b) Solar Panels – The Manager stated that this technology has had a lot of advancements in the last few years and believed that if the Board would want to pursue “green” energy, they may want to wait until newer, less expensive options were available. Chairman Watt asked the Board members to consider hiring a consultant that has expertise in “green” energy and the costs and options available and they will discuss the issue at the next meeting.
- c) 217 Branch Road – The Manager informed the Board that the property owner had appealed the court decision of a mandatory connection with the Health Department and a court hearing took place at the Doylestown Courthouse. The Manager stated that the property owner lost the appeal and was required to connect.
- d) 1213 Tunnel Road – The Manager stated there has been no contact from the property owner regarding the outstanding sewer bill, removed touch pads and required connection to public water. He further stated the Perkasio Borough Solicitor had also sent a letter to the property owner indicating that the sewer bills were to be paid, new meters installed and the required connection to public water within the next thirty (30) days. The Manager stated that he would update the Board at the August 2019 meeting on this issue.
- e) Jet Trailer – The Manager informed the Board that the bid went out on PennBid with the additional needed specifications for the jet trailer and submitted to the Board the three (3) bids that were submitted. The Manager stated that was priority one since the current jet truck needed to be towed and is now beyond repair.

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Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Horn, the Manager’s Report was unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION:

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Horn, the Board unanimously approved to accept the Severance Agreement for Michael Kerr.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Algeo, the Board unanimously approved to accept the bid submitted by Power Line Industries in the amount not to exceed \$42,455.00.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS:

None this meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM II:

None this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board will meet in a short executive session to discuss personnel and land and will not reconvene.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board in the regular session and upon motion by Watt, seconded by Horn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Fluck, Recording Secretary

David Bedillion, Secretary