

WEST EARL TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY – July 6, 2020

The West Earl Township Water Authority held their scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the West Earl Township Municipal building.

Phil Machonis, Chairman (Via Zoom)
Jeff Zimmerman, Vice Chairman

Shawn Erb, Treasurer
Dale Kopp, ARRO

Township Manager Jenna Seesholtz was also in attendance.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Dave Thornton, Township Supervisor and Butch Keppley, Township Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Machonis called the meeting of the West Earl Water Authority to order at 7:10 pm.

MINUTES

Minutes of June 1, 2020: A motion by Zimmerman second by Erb to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Township Supervisor Butch Keppley and Township Supervisor Dave Thornton were in attendance to get an update on the progress of the Not Well rehabilitation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nolt Well Rehabilitation Update: Engineer Kopp noted that the Public Water Amendment was submitted to DEP electronically and via US mail. Supervisor Keppley asked several questions about the progress of the well rehabilitation. Keppley asked how much time is the Authority will be let lapse before making a decision on the well. There have been several tests completed on the well after the rehabilitation was completed and the amount of dissolved solids is at the same high level it was before the rehabilitation. The Authority would like to give it a year before making any decisions on whether to close the well or maintain the well.

Akron Hill Tank: Discussion on the Akron Hill Tank took place. It was decided that the water tank painting, originally scheduled for 2021, will be pushed off until 2022 due to the unknown economic impact from COVID. Township Supervisor Keppley would like to see the Authority work on securing an agreement between West Earl Township and Akron Borough to acquire a secondary water supply for the Township and vice versa. There is an existing valve between the two municipalities that could be used to supply either municipality with water in during an emergency. This agreement should be in place should the Water Authority and Township Supervisors decide to close down the Nolt Well. Engineer Kopp noted that the Authority tried several years prior to secure this agreement, but the attempt was not successful.

Audit Agreement: After discussion on the total price of the Capital Asset document proposed by the Authority's auditor, a motion by Zimmerman, second by Erb to table the Capital Asset document preparation until 2021. Motion carried.

Rules and Regulations: Engineer Kopp presented the Water Authority with the proposed changes to the Water Authority's Rules and Regulations and the Standard Specifications. Motion by Zimmerman, second by Erb to have Manager Seesholtz present the Rules and Regulations and Standard Specifications to the Board of Supervisors for their review before the Authority approves the changes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zeiset EDU Request: Mr. Reuben Zeiset, owner of 215 S. State Street, Talmage, requested an additional EDU for the property. He intends to complete a multi-family conversion of this property which will contain 2 dwellings. A motion by Zimmerman second by Erb to approve one (1) additional EDU for 215 S. State Street, Talmage as requested. Motion carried.

Martin's Appliance EDU Request: No action taken on this item.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Shawn Erb, Treasurer for the Water Authority reported on this month's bills:

- ARRO Consulting, Inc. (\$3,528.73) Consulting Services, Nolt Well – Regular Account
- Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell & Kane, PC (\$666.00) Regular Account
- Verizon (110.14) Regular Account
- Morgan, Hallgren, Crosswell & Kane, PC (\$18.00) Marlee Escrow Account
- Brownstown Elem. (\$180.00) - Escrow Account

Payment of Bills: A motion by Zimmerman second by Machonis to approve payment of invoices as presented on check register dated July 6, 2020. Motion carried.

MEMBER BUSINESS

There was no member business to report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business in front of the Water Authority, a motion by Erb, second by Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jenna Seesholtz
Township Manager