

WEST EARL WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
September 8, 2020

ATTENDANCE

Phil Machonis, Shawn Erb, Curt Miller, and Dale Kopp (ARRO) were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Phil Machonis called the meeting of the West Earl Water Authority to order at 7:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made Shawn Erb, seconded by Curt Miller to approve the July 6, 2020 Authority Minutes.
All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Rules & Regulations and Standard Specifications:** Not knowing if the Supervisors approved the Rules & Regulations, the item was tabled until the October meeting.
- **Nolt Well:** Dale Kopp reported that he was in contact with Dave Gettle of Kohl Brothers and they have all the parts necessary to do the installation with the exception of a weather proof enclosure panel. There is not a long lead time for acquiring the panel and Kohl Brothers will get back to ARRO this week on an installation schedule.
- **Water Treatment Plant:** - The Water Department would like to eliminate the caustic soda feed system. ARRO has worked with the Water Department and have confirmed that it is not needed. ARRO had some discussions with PA DEP and they want to see a Public Water Supply Permit Application. The application fee is \$2,500.00 and a rough engineering estimate to put the application together is in the neighborhood of \$2,000 to \$3,000, however ARRO will provide the Authority with a cost at the October meeting. The Authority would know the pH of the finished water with and without the caustic soda addition. The topic was tabled until the October meeting.
- **Martin Warehouse Domestic Water Capacity Request:** Mr. Kopp reported that the Architect for the Martin Appliance Warehouse forwarded a letter stating that the new building will not require a fire suppression system. The Authority had been delaying approval of their domestic water capacity request of 6 EDUs until the building design was far enough along that a determination could be made on whether a fire suppression system would need to be installed.
Motion made by Curt Miller, seconded by Shawn Erb to approve the domestic water capacity of 6 EDUs.
All in favor, motion carried.
- **Akron Borough Emergency Interconnection:** Mr. Kopp reported that he had contacted the Borough Manager and had conversations with the Borough's Solicitor. The Solicitor forwarded a September 23, 2002 Agreement and a 2004 Amendment to the Agreement. The 2002 agreement states in paragraph 13 the following: "The parties recognize that an interconnection of the Akron Hill System after the Authority extends the existing West Earl Water System to supply the Akron Hill System and the Borough Water System for use in times when one system is experiencing a water shortage and the other system has available capacity will benefit customers of both water systems. The parties agree that they shall work with each other to provide temporary interconnections during times of emergency." The 2004 Amendment identifies the limits of each water system at the interconnection point, following improvements made by West Earl Water Authority of the Akron Hill Water System.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Martin Appliance Warehouse Agreements:** The Authority reviewed the agreements as prepared by the Authority's Solicitor.
Motion made by Curt Miller, seconded by Shawn Erb to approve the agreements.
All in favor, motion carried.
- **Creek Hill:** The Authority reviewed a request to reduce the escrow account to \$0.00.
Motion made by Shawn Erb, seconded by Curt Miller to reduce the escrow account to \$0.00 following all payment

of all charges against it.
All in favor, motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

- Creek Hill: Dale Kopp reported that in anticipation of dedication of the water extension that the Water Department field checked all valve boxes and curb stops on August 11, 2020 and found everything in order with no repairs needed.
- Martin Appliance Warehouse: The Authorities Solicitor forwarded draft agreements and a utility easement for the Authority's review.
- Nolt Well: On August 19, 2020, Kohl Brothers tried to install level detection panel inside the existing weatherproof enclosure, however it did not fit. Kohl Brothers will provide a new weatherproof enclosure.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Shawn Erb reported on this month's bills (Regular Account):
 - ARRO Consulting, Inc. (\$693.75) Consulting Services – Regular Account
 - Longley Insurance (\$400.00) Insurance and Bonding – Regular Account
 - Verizon (\$110.14) – Communications – Regular Account
- Shawn Erb reported on this month's bills (Escrow Accounts):
 - ARRO Consulting, Inc. (\$180.00) Martin's Appliance – Escrow Account
 - ARRO Consulting, Inc. (\$2,309.83) Marlee Properties – Escrow Account

Motion was made by Curt Miller, seconded by Phil Machonis to approve all invoices as presented.
All in favor, motion carried.

MEMBER BUSINESS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion by Shawn Erb, seconded by Curt Miller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.
All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted
Dale H. Kopp