



# WEST EARL TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY

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Jeff Zimmerman, Chairman · Curtis Miller, Vice Chairman  
Thomas Hopta, Treasurer · Bob Youndt, Secretary · Jimmy Dennis, Asst. Secretary

## Minutes of June 6, 2022

The West Earl Township Water Authority held their scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 2022 at the West Earl Township Municipal Building.

Jeff Zimmerman, Chairman  
Craig Miller, Vice Chairman  
Jimmy Dennis

Tom Hopta, Treasurer  
Bob Youndt

**Additional Officials in attendance:** Jenna Seesholtz, Township Manager; John Enck, Water Operator; Kim Mazur of Entech

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** Dave Thornton, John Ford, Dale Wissler, Butch Keppley

### CALL TO ORDER

Member Youndt called the June 6, 2022, of the West Earl Water Authority meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### REGULAR BUSINESS

**Minutes of May 2, 2022:** A motion by Miller second by Hopta to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022 with amendments. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Akron Hill Tank Rehabilitation Project – Alternate Bid:** Motioned by Dennis, second by Youndt to approve Alternate Bid #1 to install a 3'6" high railing made of 7-sided steel at the top of the water tower. The alternate bid submitted by Minoan Industrial Services in the amount of \$19,700 was approved. Motion carried. The WEWA members also chose "Robin's Egg Blue" as the color choice for the tower.

**Hilltop Standpipe Removal:** WEWA Engineer Mazur reported that he did receive an estimate of the cost to remove the tower that is next to the Hilltop Water Tower. The paint on the standpipe does contain lead but the contractor was not concerned with the lead for demolition. The removal of the standpipe would cost somewhere in the ballpark of \$20,000. DEP was contacted and has no regulatory requirements for the removal process. Engineer Mazur will look into possible grants to assist in funding the demolition of the unused standpipe.

**Commercial Water Usage:** Manager Seesholtz will provide the Authority members with a report that resembles the report that was submitted to the WEWA member at their May 2017 meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Green Acres Mobile Home Park – Update:** Manager Seesholtz will reach out to WEWA solicitor regarding an easement agreement for the project. WEWA may wish to change the agreement if this agreement cannot be fully executed.

**Akron Hill Tank Rehabilitation Project -Work Order Approval:** Motioned by Miller second by Dennis to approve Entech Work Order # 4665-EWO-12083 in the amount of \$20,600. This work order includes survey, design, permitting and services during the Akron Hill Tank Rehabilitation project. Motion carried.

**East Main Street Update:** Manager Seesholtz will reach out to Rettew for a full survey packet.

**DS Waters:** DS Waters (AKA Primo Waters) has decreased their production line at the Brownstown, PA plant located in West Earl Township. They will only operate Monday through Friday and use 35,000 gallons less a day during the week. The representatives of DS Waters met with West Earl Township staff and Chairman Zimmerman to discuss the future of the plant. They have no plans to close the plant. There was also discussion about replacing the meter at this location. No action was taken.

#### **AUTHORITY FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

##### **Payment of Bills and Treasurer's Report:**

Tom Hopta, Treasurer for the Water Authority reported on this month's bills:

- Entech (\$7,031.59) Engineering
- Service Supply (\$19.88)
- Verizon (\$100.94) Communications
- West Earl Township (\$397.50) Tank Painting
- Escrow (\$340.00) Green Acres

**Payment of Bills and Treasurer Report:** Motioned by Miller second by Youndt to approve payment of invoices on check register dated June 6, 2022, as submitted, in the amount of \$7,549.91 and approved the Treasurer's Report of April 2022 as submitted. Motion carried.

#### **MEMBER BUSINESS**

Chairman Zimmerman met with representatives from West Earl, DS Waters and LASA to discuss the future of DS Waters on June 6, 2022.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business in front of the Water Authority, a motion by Miller, second by Hopta to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jenna Seesholtz  
Township Manager