

October 20, 2022 - Minutes

The Telford Borough Authority Meeting held this date was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman John Harrell. The following members were in attendance: Dan Cole, Dave Musselman, and Robert Nice. Also present were Solicitor Jim Jacquette, Engineer Patrick DiGangi, Public Works Director Gary Yoder, Interim Manager Cary Vargo, and Recording Secretary Diane Windfelder. In the audience was Dale Nice, Borough Council members Emiline Weiss, and Bill Ashley, Mayor Jerry Guretse, and Hal Schirmer, West Rockhill Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the September 15, 2022, Authority meeting were approved unanimously (4-0) by a Nice/Musselman motion.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: No comments from the audience

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Feasibility Study for Hidden Valley:

Patrick DiGangi reported that he has completed a draft of the feasibility study for the extension of public sanitary sewer to the Hidden Valley/Circle Drive area of West Rockhill Township (WRT). The study evaluates the use of a low-pressure sanitary sewer system versus a gravity system. The study also discusses if the sewage would go to the PWTA WWTP or the Telford Plant for treatment. Robert Nice reported that Franconia Township might be interested including their residents in the hookup of the sewer along County Line Road. Mr. DiGangi also provided a summary of the current activities in the Almont region of West Rockhill Township, including planned developments and the water main extension planned by NPWA. Mr. DiGangi also explained that as per TBA's service agreement with WRT, the extension of sanitary sewer to the Hidden Valley area may be needed in order to extend water and sanitary sewer service into the Almont region.

Mr. DiGangi reported that John Harrell and he have a meeting scheduled with West Rockhill Township Manager and Engineer to discuss this topic.

2. Perkasio Regional Authority request to purchase EDUs:

John Harrell reported that he had talked to the Eileen Bradley the Manager of Sellersville Borough with regards to the Perkasio request for EDUs and at this time they are declining to provide any EDUs at this time. After some discussion, a Cole/Musselman motion carried unanimously (4-0) approving the sale of up to 100 EDUs to Perkasio Authority at a price of \$5,500 per EDU with a 30-day payment schedule.

Mr. Harrell also indicated that we have not received any monies from Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority on their request to purchase an additional 50 EDUs from us. He indicated that he will be reaching out PWTA to discuss if we can withdraw our letter from Hilltown Township and reallocate those EDUs in a future date.

3. PWTA Resolution:

Solicitor James Jacquette reported that the PWTA is due for a 50-year re-certification process, and discussed the current voting structure of the Authority, and the procedures stated in the PWTA governing documents. Mr. Jacquette will follow up with the PWTA management to clarify the basis of the current voting structure and whether it should be adjusted. The deadline for the process is 3/19/23.

4. Resignation of Eric Kratz:

Chairman John Harrell reported that he got an email from Eric Kratz resigning from the TBA board, after a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the board to accept his resignation with regrets and well wishes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted as presented.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

Gary Yoder reported that 3rd Street project is wrapping up and we are waiting for the sidewalks to be replaced and will be paving next year.

Gary Yoder reported that we are still waiting to hear from AC Schulties on why their motor at Well #3 blew up.

Gary Yoder has not heard a definite on when the state will be in to repave Main Street but did hear that it is still happening this year. Mr. Harrell asked Mr. Yoder to fill potholes in where needed until this project is completed.

COLLECTION REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

Gary Yoder reported that we completed the installation of the new electrical station to the North Lift station.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

PTWA REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Jim Jacquette provided a verbal report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: We received a written report for the file.

Patrick DiGangi reported that the WWTF roof, he indicated that we are missing Insulation and plywood for this job and the contractors are looking into getting it resolved as soon as possible.

Patrick DiGangi reported that we received the temporary construction easement agreement from Gormley;s located along Clymer Avenue and are awaiting the easement agreements from the representatives of the Woodspring Meadows homeowners association. Mr. DiGangi reported that we will be setting up a preconstruction meeting next week.

Patrick DiGangi reported that the generator hookup is installed at Well #6.

OTHER BUSINESS: Nothing was discussed

Payment of bills and requisitions for the month of August in the amount of \$251,154.21 was approved unanimously (4-0) by a Nice/Cole motion.

PENDING ITEMS:

*A letter should be sent to all customers on the excess usage list with an explanation as to why TBA is reviewing accounts and announcing a new rate program being considered by TBA. The Solicitor, Engineer, Manager and Chairman will continue to work on this letter.

*Mr. DiGangi to prepare a proposal with recommendations as to how to improve treatment and flow at the WWTF.

*Pursue cost information (lease vs. purchase) for generators at TBA's wells; also, research used equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm by a Coll/Musselman motion.

Respectfully submitted,

David Musselman

Secretary