

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2015

The regular business meeting of the Summit Township Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Kupetz at 6:00 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag. Present were Authority members Lacey, Kurtz and Haaf. Also present were Solicitor Blakely, Engineer Maas, Manager Troutman and Recording Secretary Taylor. There were two people in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Haaf, seconded by Lacey, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 Regular Business Meeting as presented, having been reviewed by all Board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTE: 4/0

Motion by Kurtz, seconded by Lacey, to approve the May Treasurer's Report, as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF
TREASURER'S REPORT**

VOTE: 4/0

Motion by Haaf, seconded by Lacey, that said amounts be drawn upon the treasury for payment of the May 2015 expenses.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

VOTE: 4/0

Norman Ponitowski, 7891 Pagan Road, was present to ask for leniency in paying a very high bill he received resulting from a combination of an estimated meter reading back in January and the discovery of a leaking pressure reducing valve in April at his rental property. Mr. Ponitowski further believes that the bill would not have been so big if the meter was actually read and not estimated, even arguing that how could the meter at his residence be read but not the rental? Manager Troutman explained that no reading could be obtained on the rental unit because the read box was frozen. Troutman added that the leaking pressure reducer is the responsibility of the property owner since this is a meter pit situation. Board member Kurtz asked about the use of heat tape and Norman confirmed that it was present but not in use when this incident occurred. The Board expressed sympathy for Mr. Ponitowski's situation but explained that in the past customers with leaks had to pay for their water loss. Discussion ended with the Board deciding to discuss the matter further before making a final decision.

**NORMAN PONITOWSKI
PAGAN ROAD**

Larry Kniess, 8724 Oliver Road and current nursing student at Edinboro University, was present to get a better understanding of what the Water Authority does to protect the community against vulnerability against diseases. Board members explained that Summit is served by two sources of water; one being water that is purchased from the Erie City Water Authority and the other which is produced by wells. The board further explained that water from our well sources is filtered but water from Erie does not require additional filtration; however, both water supplies must meet the same drinking standards and are tested as required by DEP and monitored by EPA. After a brief discussion, Board member Lacey suggested that Manager Troutman take Mr. Kniess on a site visit in order to get a better understanding of our system.

**LARRY KNISS
OLIVER ROAD**

Engineer Maas reported that the new filter media at Moore Road has been online for about a month now and is working well. Backwash frequency has been reduced as anticipated. The next step is to proceed with the backwash recycle station.

**MOORE ROAD FILTER MEDIA
UPDATE**

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Dave Morrison of Waterford Township recently contacted Manager Troutman regarding the possibility of getting public water along Route 97 from Shunpike Estates to Moore Road and wants to know what our tapping fees would be. Engineer Maas cautioned about having enough connections to serve that area and said he would find out for sure. Solicitor Blakely informed that an extra-territorial ordinance would have to be drafted since the future connections will be located in Waterford Township. The Board directed Maas to call Morrison and answer any questions he may have regarding this matter.

**WATER SERVICE TO WATERFORD
DISCUSSED**

With no further business to come before the Authority, motion by Kurtz, seconded by Lacey, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Taylor
Recording Secretary
6/4/2015