

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

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 Kurtz, Haaf, Lacey and Bickel. Also present were Solicitor Blakely, Engineer Maas, Manager Troutman and recording secretary Taylor. There was no one in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Kurtz, seconded by Lacey, to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 Regular Business Meeting as presented, having been reviewed by all Board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTE: 5/0

Motion by Lacey, seconded by Haaf, to approve the April Treasurer's Report, as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF
TREASURER'S REPORT**

VOTE: 5/0

Motion by Haaf, seconded by Kurtz, that said amounts be drawn upon the treasury for payment of the April 2016 expenses.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

VOTE: 5/0

Engineer Maas reported that the Water Authority needs to obtain a permit from DEP prior to repairing and painting the South Tower. Depending on when said permit is issued, the project could start as early as this fall. In the meantime, the Authority can perform test runs to experiment with the tank's down-time to ensure that there will be no problems during the actual project.

**SOUTH TOWER REPAIR
PROJECT UPDATE**

Manager Troutman updated the Board on the Moore Road Well Rehab Project by explaining that Rindfuss has successfully completed the project with the final cost being approximately \$16,000. Rindfuss also recommended that the Authority perform this rehab every two years.

**MOORE ROAD WELL
REHAB PROJECT**

Surveys (10 total) were recently sent out to determine if there is enough interest in extending the water main along Old French Road from Robison Road north to I-90. The results are as follows:

**SURVEY RESULTS:
8260 OLD FRENCH ROAD TO I-90**

3 – Yes

4 – No

3 – No Reply

Troutman explained that it would be a very costly project since that stretch of road is not densely populated. Residents could expect to pay more than double the cost of previous waterline projects which were \$4,500. After a brief discussion, Board members agreed not to pursue the project at this time and directed Troutman to pass their decision onto the parties involved.

**PROJECT PUT ON HOLD DUE
TO LACK OF INTEREST**

In other business, Manager Troutman presented the Board with an agreement between the Water and Sewer authorities allowing for the termination of water service for non-payment of sewer bills. Troutman explained that the Sewer Authority would be responsible for making sure all steps leading up to the termination of water service are completed in accordance with PA statute and the Water Authority would only have to complete the act.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN WATER
AND SEWER AUTHORITIES FOR
TERMINATION OF WATER FOR
UNPAID SEWER BILLS**

Troutman went on to explain that current Water Authority Rules & Regulations would have to be amended to increase the present charge from \$25 to a minimum of \$50 each for termination and the resumption of service in order to cover employees' wages and overhead. The fee would be \$50 each if the job can be done within 1 hour or \$50 an hour if more time is required. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Kurtz, seconded by Haaf, to amend and restate Paragraph 24.a. of the Rules & Regulations of the Authority to hereafter read as follows:

**APPROVAL TO AMEND
PARAGRAHP 24.A. OF WATER
AUTHORITY'S RULES &
REGULATIONS**

The Authority reserves the right at all times, after due notice, to terminate water service to any Customer of the Authority as a result of (1) the nonpayment of water bills, (2) the nonpayment of sewer bills following request for termination properly made to the Authority by the Summit Township Sewer Authority under the existing agreement between the Authority and the Summit Township Sewer Authority for the termination of water service for nonpayment of sewer billings, or (3) neglect or refusal of a Customer to comply with any applicable Rules and Regulations of the Authority. Following any termination of water service under this Section, the fee payable by the Customer for reestablishment and resumption of water service by the Authority will be \$50.00 for the first one (1) hour of service time required to reinitiate water service plus \$50.00 per hour or portion of an hour in excess of the first hour required to reestablish such service.

VOTE: 5/0

Motion by Kurtz, seconded by Haaf, to adopt the shut off agreement with the Summit Township Sewer Authority, contingent upon Solicitor Blakely reviewing said agreement with the Sewer Authority solicitor.

**APPROVAL OF SHUT OFF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WATER AND SEWER
AUTHORITIES**

VOTE: 5/0

With no further business to come before the Authority, motion by Kurtz, seconded by Haaf, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Taylor
Recording Secretary
5/9/2016