

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 5, 2017

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 Haaf, Kurtz and Lacey. Also present were Solicitor Blakely, Manager Troutman and Recording Secretary Hayford. Authority member Bickel and Engineer Maas were absent; there were three people in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Lacey, seconded by Haaf, approving the minutes of the June 6, 2017 Regular Business Meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTE: 4/0

Motion by Kurtz, seconded by Haaf, approving the June Treasurer's Report as presented.

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 June 2017 expenses.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

VOTE: 4/0

Residents David Ostrowski, 2815 Chelsie Drive, Bob Sokolowski, 8511 Oliver Road and Mark Woods, 8519 Oliver Road were present to discuss on-going problems with discolored water. Specifically, they asked what is causing this and what was being done to keep it from happening again. They also expressed concern that the water did not appear to be safe to drink during this situation.

**RESIDENTS
D. OSTROWSKI
B. SOKOLOWSKI
M. WOODS**

Troutman explained that the sediment that they are seeing is thought to be iron or other mineral deposits that have settled in the main which are stirred up during periods of high demand. He further explained that several steps have been taken to prevent these occurrences including replacing some valves and filter media. The Authority has also cleaned the backwash water recycling tank and flushed several of the mains, the most recent being June 20th. He is also considering replacing a valve at Jamie Lane and Oliver Road to see if it improves the situation.

While the residents agree that there has been no dirty water since June 20th, there was one day that the water was cloudy. This was the result of a broken valve on Rt 97.

Mr. Sokolowski also complained of a "musty" smell in the water and said that the water leaves a "gray ring" in one of his toilets.

A variety of water samples, drawn from each of their homes, was presented for the Board to see.

The Board assured these gentlemen that they have been, and will continue to; seek out a solution to this problem. They also offered their assistance with having the water tested, including a test for Iron and Manganese, in each of their homes specifically. The same will be sampled from the main in that area.

Lastly, Woods asked if there would be any compensation given for water that is used to flush their internal systems when this dirty water comes through. Troutman answered

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that he would review the usage from when there was a lot of flushing and draw a comparison to their average usage to determine if there is a substantial difference.

Manager Troutman announced at on June 15th, that DEP issued the necessary permit for the backwash water recycling system. This will be going out for bid shortly.

A pre-construction meeting for Contracts 1-2017 and 2-2017 will take place tomorrow morning at the Water Authority office with construction to commence soon thereafter. Troutman also mentioned that cost estimates for the electrical portion of the project are higher than anticipated. With this in mind, we will be required to solicit bids.

Lastly, Board members were provided with a brief update on the Hershey Road / Route 99 project including changes that needed to be made to the initial design. The first request for payment under our Cost Sharing Agreement with the State has been submitted.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Kurtz, seconded by Lacey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

VOTE: 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen L Hayford

Recording Secretary

7/11/17

**DEP PERMIT
ISSUED FOR
BACKWASH SYSTEM**

**CONTRACT
1-2017 & 2-2017**

**HERSHEY/RT 99
UPDATE**

ADJOURNMENT