

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The regular business meeting of the Summit Township Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Haaf at 6:00 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag. Present were Authority members Lacey, Bickel and Mitchell. Also present were Solicitor Blakely, Manager Troutman and Recording Secretary Taylor. Secretary Kurtz was absent and there was no one in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Bickel, seconded by Lacey, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Reorganization and Regular Business Meetings as presented, having been reviewed by all Board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTE: 4/0

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bickel, to approve the January Treasurer's Report, as submitted.

APPROVAL OF
TREASURER'S REPORT

VOTE: 4/0

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Lacey, that said amounts be drawn upon the treasury for payment of the January 2019 expenses.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

VOTE: 4/0

Although Manager Troutman requested that the Lord Corporation wait a couple of months to perform their quarterly diesel and electrical pump test due to previous dirty water complaints, he discovered that said test was conducted on January 10th without the Authority's knowledge. It was not until a couple weeks later that Troutman learned of this matter. Troutman reported that Lord's was able to pump 2,000 gpm for 10 minutes, enough to satisfy their insurance company and without causing any dirty water issues. Future tests will be performed on the second Thursday of April, July and October.

LORD TESTING UPDATE

Troutman also updated the board on a recent meeting with DEP officials to discuss dirty water issues, permitting of the Old Perry Highway Pump Station and results of Lord Corporation water tests. Satisfied with steps the Authority has taken to reduce the amount of dirty water in the system, a DEP representative will report back to Representative Bob Merski as a follow up to complaints their office received in the past.

DEP MEETING UPDATE

Before issuing an operation permit for the Old Perry Highway Pump Station, DEP wants to perform several water tests to see how water from two systems (Erie and Well Fields) will blend. It will likely be quite a while before the Authority can start using this pump station.

OLD PERRY HIGHWAY PUMP
STATION PERMIT

DEP is also mandating that Authority employees upgrade their operator's license to be compliant with the amount of water the Authority is now pumping.

EMPLOYEES TO UPGRADE
OPERATOR'S LICENSE

Starting in March 2019, DEP will be assessing all public water suppliers a new annual fee to ensure sufficient funding for officials to carry out responsibilities under state and federal Safe Drinking Water regulations. This fee will be based on population served and public water supply type. Since the Authority has a population of 12,226, our fee will be \$20,000 with the option to pay in full by March 31st or pay \$5,000 quarterly (March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st). Troutman said he opted for the quarterly payments.

NEW SAFE DRINKING WATER
ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED

Manager Troutman informed the Board that he is getting prices for a GIS system (Geographic Information System) a technology used to map locations of water mains, valves, etc. throughout the Authority's system. Troutman further explained that both the Township and Sewer Authority have been using it and the Supervisors are requesting the Water Authority do the same. The estimated cost will be roughly \$95,000 will take about 2 years to complete. Troutman hopes to have quotes ready for approval at the March meeting and start with the application in April or May, weather depending.

**AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT
GIS SYSTEM**

The Authority recently established a Facebook page to keep customers informed of water related issues as they occur.

FACEBOOK PAGE ESTABLISHED

Motion by Lacey, seconded by Bickel, to appoint and hire Jim Kupetz at the rate of \$50/hour as a consultant for the Authority.

**JIM KUPETZ APPOINTED AS A
CONSULTANT**

VOTE: 4/0

With no further business to come before the Authority, motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bickel, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: 4/0

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Taylor
Recording Secretary
2/5/2019