

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Business Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

The regular business meeting of the Summit Township Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Davis at 6:00 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag. Present were Authority members Lacey, Stevens, Kurtz and Schaefer. Also present were Solicitor Blakely, Engineers Zack and Aiken, Manager Mitchell, Assistant Manager B. Hiles and Recording Secretary K. Hiles. There were eight people in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the minutes of the July 7th Regular Business Meeting, having been reviewed by all Board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTE: 5/0

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Schaefer, to approve the July Treasurer's Report as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF
TREASURER'S REPORT**

VOTE: 5/0

Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Kurtz, that said amounts be drawn upon the treasury for payment of the July 2021 expenses.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

VOTE: 5/0

Engineer Zack reported the Standard Operating Procedures meeting with Authority staff was held Monday July 26th and information gathered from the meeting has been added to the Water Model. CT has completed the Physical Water Model except for an update needed to include the new Hamot Road waterline, once the update is completed, the Model will need recalibrated. Substantial completion of the model is on track for the end of September. Once the model is complete, CT will start the Unidirectional Flushing Program which will allow the system to be flushed in one direction.

**CT CONSULTANTS WATER
MODEL PROGRESS**

Zack announced meetings that have been scheduled for August 2021. The first meeting, scheduled for Friday August 6th at 9AM, is with Mike Hadden from the DEP to keep them updated on the Authority's progress. The second meeting, scheduled for Friday August 6th at 11AM, is to continue updating the Graphic Information System (GIS). Greenman-Petersen, the Authority's former Engineering Company, did not release the CAD Drawings requested, so CT is recreating the missing information. And finally, a funding strategy meeting is scheduled for Friday August 13th at 9AM with Jennifer Brown from CT.

**MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR
AUGUST 2021**

Solicitor Blakely informed the Board that the Summit Township Supervisors approved and signed the Lease Agreement for the Hamot Road property. Once the Board signs the agreement, we will have possession and the ability to use the property.

**LEASE OF HAMOT ROAD
PROPERTY**

Manager Mitchell explained to the audience that the Authority is leasing the property on Hamot Road so we can put in a new well to alleviate the issues Saddlewood Subdivision is having with discolored water.

John Hanke, 2636 Saddlewood Drive, explained the history of the issues with discolored water and Parker Lord fire line testing that Saddlewood Subdivision has been experiencing. He then questioned Engineers Zack and Aikens about what plans they have as our new Engineering Company to fix the problems. Zack responded; it is his understanding that the last 2 times Parker Lord did their testing the Authority had no complaints. Hanke answered that after several years of complaining without results, people

JOHN HANKE

stopped complaining. Hanke also expressed his frustration that they were not notified about the last Parker Lord fire line test. Mitchell explained that it is cost and labor prohibitive, however, he will approach Parker Lord about sharing in the costs.

Engineer Aikens explained that CT is working on a computerized model of the distribution system. The model will track pressures and water age throughout the entire system, this will give CT actual numbers of things that affect water quality. Aikens wanted to be clear, the water meets all USCPA and DEP quality requirements, however, sediments collect in all water systems. Aikens then stated the Model will come up with a procedure to flow the entire water system in one direction to clear the lines of sediment. This is the Unidirectional Flushing Program that was discussed earlier. Sediments get stirred up with high velocity so the Water Model will allow CT to look at ways to resolve the discolored water issue by bringing down the velocity or moving the water in another direction.

WHAT THE COMPUTERIZED WATER MODEL WILL DO

Randy Hunsberger, 2620 Saddlewood Drive, asked if we could put a camera in the pipes. Aikens responded that because of the color and lightness of the sediment and the color of the pipes, it has never been done successfully. Hunsberger feels if Parker Lord would refill their tank slowly after midnight, it would resolve the turbulence that stirs up the sediment. Hunsberger went on to talk about this being a long-standing problem, even before Parker Lord entered the picture, and with no resolution he also stopped calling and coming to the meetings. He also expressed his appreciation of being able to speak with CT and the Board and is hopeful that the problems will be resolved. Mitchell asked that everyone call when having issues so we know there is a problem.

RANDY HUNSBERGER

Karen Locke, 2550 Saddlewood Drive, asked why the hydrant at the corner of Hessinger and Glory has a hose attached and is constantly running when they are having so many problems with the water already. Mitchell explained it is needed to keep the water clean in that area by keeping it moving.

KAREN LOCKE

Lacey thanked the audience for coming to the meeting. The Board is excited to work with CT in resolving the issues happening in Saddlewood Subdivision.

THANK YOU

Zack then explained that before CT was hired as the new Engineering Company, Parker Lord would not allow Authority employees in the plant. Now that CT has come aboard, CT and Authority employees are allowed in the testing area and Jeremy Hedderick welcomed us in to tour the plant. Zack stated they will have hard factual information from the Water Model to make Parker Lord be a part of the solution. Discussion ensued regarding previous and current attempts to have Parker Lord help with the costs associated with fire line testing and other possible solutions to the water issues.

PARKER LORD

With no further business to come before the Authority, motion by Kurtz, seconded by Schaefer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathlene M. Hiles
Recording Secretary 8/18/21