

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY  
(JTWA)

January 22, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER**

WALTER DITCHCREEK, CHAIRMAN, OPENED THE MEETING WITH A PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Others board members in attendance were John Wallet, Secretary; Ray Dodson, Treasurer; and Robb Piper, Vice-Chairman and Don Hrapchak, Assistant Sec./Tres. Others present were Pat Mulchay, EADS Group Engineer; Karl Smith, Foreman; Jim Deter, CPA and Debra Buksa, Office Manager. Resident and customer, David Morris, also attended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

David Morris from 158 Dry Run Street (Leisure Village) addressed the Board concerning a \$25.00 posting fee. Robb explain that JTWA's policies are due to prior events. John informed Mr. Morris the only way to avoid posting fees was to become current with his account.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

***THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 18, 2012'S MONTHLY MEETING AND THE MINUTES FROM THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2013 WERE APPROVED AS PRINTED.***

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** (Pat Mulchay)

No formal report attached. Pat briefed the Board regarding Swigle Mountain Road. There had been several emails between himself, Cindy Rabish (EADS), Larry Gasparato (Pennvest) and Bob Chominski (EPA) concerning the Pennvest closeout. EPA's approval is the only thing holding up the money. EPA's holdup is stemming from the Buy American Act.

Ray questioned the subject of paying interest. Jim Deter and Pat both said that JTWA was not paying interest on the monies that are being held back. Robb informed Ray that the only interest JTWA was paying was for the Somerset Loan and losing any interest the Deprecation account would have made.

***ON MOTION BY RAY TO DRAFT A LETTER TO PENNVEST STATING JTWA'S UNHAPPINESS OVER THE LENGTH OF TIME IT IS TAKING TO CLOSEOUT THIS PROJECT*** - motion died.

Robb would like to have Senators, Robert Casey and Pat Toomey assistance on this issue.

Pat's last topic was DEP's retraction for a Bulk Water Management Plan. JTWA's had already completed and submitted the plan. DEP returned the plan and said that it is no longer mandatory and that it is a benefit to us to have the plan.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** (CJ Webb)

The solicitor was not present.

**CPA REPORT:** (Jim Deter)

Jim gave his report.

***ON MOTION BY DON SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE 11-MONTH STATEMENT OF INCOME.***

**FOREMAN'S REPORT:** (Karl Smith)

Report attached. Karl had requested permission to attend a seminar in Altoona on February 13, 2013 for 5 contact hours. Dave and he will need to accumulate 30 hours to maintain their operator's licenses.

Karl informed the Board that he was going on vacation the first of February and that Donny Rose would help David if need be.

Karl also informed the CPA that David would available for inventory.

**OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:** (Deb Buksa)

There was nothing out of the ordinary to report. Monthly account balances were given and Statement of Ethics forms were given to the Board to fill out.

The office received 27 résumés / applications for the part-time secretary. Acknowledgement letters were sent.

**PAYMENT OF DECEMBER'S BILLS:**

***ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL TO PAY DECEMBER'S BILLS.***

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Attached

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL FOR KARL AND DAVID TO ATTEND PRWA'S SEMINAR FEBRUARY 13, 2013 COVERING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR 5 CONTACT HOURS.***

***ON MOTION BY WALTER TO PURCHASE 10 LOGGERS FOR LEAK DETECTION.***

After review of our account balances, the motion was tabled. The purchase of leak detection equipment is to be kept on the agenda as old business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJORNMENT:**

***ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJORN AT 7:45PM.***