

**JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY
(JTWA)**

Monthly Meeting
March 25, 2014
7 pm

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; Don Hrapchak, Asst. Treasurer / Secretary and Robb Piper, Vice-Chairman. Others in attendance were Sara Reasback, EADS Group; Karl Smith, Foreman; Jim Deter, CPA; and Debra Buksa, Office Manager. Jim Lauffer covered the meeting for the Nanty Glo Journal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2014 WERE APPROVED AS PRINTED.

CPA REPORT: (Jim Deter)

Jim had supplied the 1-month Statement of Income prior to the meeting for review. John questioned the insurance variance. Jim explained that it washes out eventually. This happens because JTWA pays the premium every six months. Robb inquired about the vehicle expense: the GMC has had some major repairs over the winter.

ON MOTION BY DON SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE 1-MONTH STATEMENT OF INCOME.

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Sarah Reasbeck)

Really nothing to report. He is working on the annual report and will be here next month. She has been in contact with Karl regarding the GIS. Once the weather improves they will resume marking the system.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (CJ Webb)

The solicitor was not present.

FOREMAN'S REPORT: (Karl Smith)

Karl read his report. He would like to hold off Mid Atlantic's repair on the Swigle Tank until a meter pit is installed. Croyle would be willing to sell JTWA water at a rate of \$4.00/1000. The tank would be off line for 3 days and right now we are averaging 4,000 gallons a day. The residents along this line would have more pressure if JTWA receives water from Croyle Township than if we back feed. There is approximately 60 feet to tie in and we already have most of the supplies. Karl requested that the Board authorize the purchase of a post indicator gate valve (it's above ground and reflects if it is open or not and can have pad locks). A regular gate valve is approx. \$156.00 and a post indicator valve runs around \$1,300.00. One other factor with the post gate valve, both entities would have to be in agreement to have it turned on or off.

The Board feels that we can learn some useful information from this tie-in. Robb would like a formal agreement made between JTWA and Croyle. John will talk to Attorney Barbin.

Karl had also done some preliminaries on the Poplar Street extension.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT: (Deb Buksa)

Report attached. Account balances were supplied.

PAYMENT OF FEBRUARY'S BILLS:

ON MOTION BY WALTER SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL TO PAY FEBRUARY'S BILLS.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A list is attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO SIGN THE CO-OP AGREEMENT BETWEEN JETSA, JTWA AND THE TOWNSHIP.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ford's Corner Tank –Karl is to contact reps, keep line of communication open.

Swigle Mountain Tank – on hold until JTWA talks to Croyle

First S (Poplar St) /Griffith Ave water line – Karl is to cost estimation.

Johnstown Sewer Agreement –no change

GMC truck body –get the body, if transmission goes out we have the option to put bed on new chassis

An executive session was called at 7:27 for personnel reasons.

The regular monthly meeting resumed at 7:40 pm.

ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO INCREASE FRED MEIER'S PAY BY \$0.97 AN HOUR CONTINGENT THAT HE SIGNS A NEW JOB DESCRIPTION WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1/15/14.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJOURN AT 7:44 PM.