

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY  
(JTWA)

March 27, 2012

WALTER DITCHCREEK, CHAIRMAN, OPENED THE MEETING WITH A PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Others board members in attendance were John Wallet, Secretary; and Ray Dodson, Treasurer; Robb Piper, Vice-Chairman and Don Hrapchak, Assistant Sec./Tres. Others present were Jim Deter, CPA; Steve Sewalk, EADS Group Engineer; Karl Smith, Foreman; Debra Buksa, Secretary, and Amanda Deibler, reporter for the 'Nanty Glo Journal'.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

***THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2012 WERE APPROVED AS PRINTED.***

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** (Steve Sewalk)

Report attached.

Pat was unable to attend; Steve represented The EADS Group. Steve explained that the final payment is the hardest to obtain.

Pat will need to meet with Debbie to gather need information regarding the claim against DT and the bonding.

The Pressure Reducing Station on Chickaree is moving along. Hope to have up and working by end of summer.

***ON MOTION BY JOHN, SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEER'S REPORT.***

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

The solicitor was not in attendance.

**CPA REPORT:** (Jim Deter)

The 12-month Statement of Income was distributed (attached)

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

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

Karl gave his monthly report (attached)

The meters JTWA is currently using will not be made after the year 2012; no parts will be available two years after that. Karl will purchase extra meters to have on stock.

The issue of TTHM's was discussed. Mile Hill and Swigle Mountain Tanks have the same problem – not much water turn over; in turn low chlorine residuals. Steve suggested that Karl take residuals at point of entry and test again in ten days.

The fire hydrant tax was revisited. Steve will get a map using the county's GIS. This will be the fastest and easiest route.

***ON MOTION BY WALT, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO TRANSFER \$4,567.44 FROM THE DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT (SOMERSET TRUST) TO THE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT (FNB).***

***ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL TO EXTEND THE SHORT TERM LOAN HELD WITH SOMERSET TRUST FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS.***

**OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:** attached

**CORRESPONDENCE:** list attached

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TAP FEES:**

The subject of the tap fees was discussed. Actual cost and tap fees are running very close. The board asked the engineer to put some numbers together for the next meeting. Residents along the Wagner-Chickaree Project will be grandfathered in at \$1,100.00.

**VACATION WATER RATE:**

***ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ABOLISH THE VACATION WATER RATE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND TO HAVE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISED TO REFLECT THIS MOTION.***

ON MOTION BY JOHN, ANY PROPERTY OWNER REQUESTING THEIR WATER SERVICE TO BE SHUT OFF WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY A MONTHLY MINIMUM BILL OR PAY A NEW TAP FEE WHEN WATER SERVICE IS RE-ESTABLISHED. Motion died due to debate.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO PAY THE BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2012.***

***ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY JOHN, AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 PM.***