

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY
(JTWA)

June 26, 2012

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; Robb Piper, Vice-Chairman and Don Hrapchak, Assistant Sec./Tres . Others present were Pat Mulchay, EADS Group Engineer; Sarah Petrunak, EADS GIS Specialist; Karl Smith, Foreman; Debra Buksa, Office Manager; Jim Deter, CPA and Jim Lauffer, reporter for the Nanty Glo Journal. Mark Mardis and Chris Kabo were also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Kabo addressed the board first. He argued the fact that he had received a letter in March stating that the taps are currently \$1,100.00. He came into the Water Authority Office after June 1st and was told that the tap is now \$1,500.00. He feels that he should be grandfathered. While acknowledging the burden of the tap increase, the board feels that it is necessary to adhere to the previously established deadline of June 1st.

Mr. Mardis was next to address the Board regarding the Martina Lane line extension. At the previous meeting he had stated that Mr. Greene was interested in contributing to this project; he has since changed his mind. Mr. Greene will be drilling a well. Mr. Mardis is asking that the Board either help with the cost or eliminate the fire hydrant. He would like to start this project in August. There are several residents interested in public water that would be along this line. Once the line is completed, Mr. Mardis wants the Authority to take possession. Karl stated that Mr. Mardis would need to provide copies of all materials used and receipts. With being tax exempt, JTWA is willing to purchase materials to help keep the cost down for Mr. Mardis.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of May 22, 2012 were approved as printed once the noted grammatical corrections are made. (land field to landfill and Aim Fire to AM Fire)

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Pat Mulchay)

Reports attached.

PennVest approved all changes and is ready to close; waiting on EPA's approval. We are hoping to get a response by the end of July. Liam Dunn is leaving PennVest and is trying to close the project out before she leaves.

Sarah, the GIS specialist has developed a hydrant map. She had a presentation regarding the capability of the GIS software that EADS is offering. John asked Pat to put together a proposal for the next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (CJ Webb)

The solicitor was not in attendance.

CPA REPORT: (Jim Deter)

The 3 & 4-month Statements of Income were distributed (attached)

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ending January 31, 2012 were also distributed.
ON MOTION BY DON SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE 3 & 4-MONTH STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

FOREMAN'S REPORT: (Karl Smith)

Karl read his monthly report. He also informed the Board that the Township would be borrowing the backhoe to break up concrete.

Concerning Mark Mardis and the water line extension – in the past the township paid for the fire hydrant, JTWA would get the tax for maintenance of hydrant and hydrants cost around \$3,000.00.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT:

Attached

ON MOTION BY WALT 2ND BY RAY APPROVED BY ALL TO MOVE MONIES FROM REVENUE ACCOUNT TO FNB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,567.44.

ON MOTION BY ROBB, 2ND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO EXTEND THE SOMERSET LOAN FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS.

PAYMENT OF MAY'S BILLS:

ON MOTION BY WALTER, 2ND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO PAY MAY'S BILLS.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Attached

NEW BUSINESS:

ON MOTION BY DON, 2ND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL TO SUPPLY THE FIRE HYDRANT FOR THE MARK MARDIS LINE EXTENSION CONTINGENT UPON THE ACQUISITION OF ALL THE PROPER DOCUMENTS AND THE LINE COMPLETION.

Health Insurance: Walter would like the Board to meet with Karl and David to discuss their health insurance. Karl is to talk to David and set a date and time.

OLD BUSINESS:

The bulk rate was discussed. Karl had figured \$11.97 per 1,000 gallons (mileage, service truck and his time). Robb felt a better figure would be \$13.60 per 1,000 (JTWA base rate of \$34.00 divided by 2.5 gallons) ***ON MOTION BY JOHN, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO INCREASE THE BULK RATE FOR WATER TO \$13.60 PER 1,000 GALLONS.***

Walter and Ray had talked to Kim Riek from Somerset Trust. Extending the Somerset Loan would not be a problem. Walter had also talked to CJ regarding the fire hydrant agreement with the Township. JTWA is waiting on a draft agreement.

ADJORNMENT:

ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY WALTER AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJORN AT 8:10PM.