

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY  
(JTWA)

JULY 27, 2010

WALTER DITCHCREEK, CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING WITH A PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Others board members in attendance were Robb Piper, Vice Chairman; John Wallet, Secretary; and Don Hrapchak, Assistant Sec./Tres.; Rich Wray, Engineer; CJ Webb, Solicitor; Karl D. Smith, Authority Foreman; Debra Buksa, Billing Secretary and Amanda Deibler, reporter from the 'Nanty Glo Journal'. Several guests were in attendance also: David Durbin from Ogden Street, Ed Smith from Harmony Drive and Phil Johnston.

*THE MINUTES DATED June 22, 2010 WERE APPROVED AS PRINTED.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *David Durbin* addressed the board concerning the condition of his property due to the Swigle Mt. Project. He presented before and after photos. Several restoration issues were discussed; his property survey pins were removed and replaced incorrectly. A property map was given to the engineer so that the pins could be reset; the lack of grading and seeding; trash-material left behind by contractor; and the contractor cutting his power and telephone service. John and Don explained that these concerns will be placed on the "punch list" and will be rectified before the contract completion date. The solicitor had asked if any out-of-pocket costs occurred due to the contractor's error. Mr. Durbin feels that he won't know for several months if any damage has been done to his appliances. The Board assured Mr. Durbin that his property would be restored to original state or better.

*Ed Smith* questioned the results listed in JTWA's Customer Confidence Report. He would like JTWA to coordinate with Nanty Glo Water regarding our Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) hits and distributed informational handouts. He also feels that the unit of measure needs to be more realistic. Considering our water source is surrounded by 4 coal combustion power plants, Mr. Smith would like to see more monitoring for contaminants. The Board listened to his concerns and will discuss the issue with Nanty Glo Water.

Gas well drilling was another concern for Mr. Smith. He passed several handouts out regarding the subject. He feels that the drilling of gas wells will damage our aquifers. He believes that once our water is compromised it is too late. Mr. Smith requested that JTWA do what they need to do to protect our most precious resource: water.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** (Rich Wray) (Report is attached)

An update on the Swigle Mt. Project was given. Project is approximately 90% complete.

*ON MOTION TO APPROVE FNB REQUISITION #10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$547,018.44 FOR ENGINEERING, FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, MID ATLANTIC STORAGE SYSTEMS, FNB FOR INTEREST AND DT CONSTRUCTION BY WALTER, SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

*ON MOTION TO APPROVE PENNVEST REQUISITION #6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,116.79 FOR ENGINEERING, FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND INTEREST DURING CONSTRUCTION BY DON, SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

*ON MOTION TO APPROVE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS VOUCHER #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$684,631.06 FOR ENGINEERING, MID ATLANTIC STORAGE SYSTEMS AND DT CONSTRUCTION BY JOHN, SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

*Bureau of abandon mines does not require any specific forms; Rich will submit request for funds.*

*ON MOTION TO HAVE THE VINCO TANK DRAINED AND INSPECTED BY MID ATLANTIC STORAGE SYSTEMS AND MAKE REPAIRS NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00 BY JOHN, SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

Corrections have been made to the Annual Report. Rich will produce a copy for the Township as a PDF file so that it can be added to the website.

**CPA'S REPORT:** the 5-month Statement of Income was distributed.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** C.J. Webb requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.

**FOREMAN'S REPORT:** (Karl Smith) Karl read his report. (attached)

*ON MOTION TO PURCHASE BELZONA (A REPAIR SYSTEM) FROM MOLECULAR REPAIR SYSTEMS, INC. TO REPAIR THE FORDS CORNER TANK ROOF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,780.00 BY JOHN, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. *Insurance bids.* One submitted by CBIZ Insurance. Subject was tabled until next meeting.

**PAYMENT OF JUNE'S BILLS:** *ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY JOHN, AND APPROVED BY ALL TO PAY THE BILLS FOR MAY 2010.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

An executive session was called at 8:20 pm for potential litigation. The regular monthly meeting was resumed at 8:29 pm with no formal actions or decisions.

*ON MOTION TO FILE A SUIT AGAINST KEVIN & LOUISE SEKERAK WITH THE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE REGARDING THE TAPPING INTO THE WATER SYSTEM BY JOHN, SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

*ON MOTION TO APPLY AN ADDITIONAL LIEN ON THE PROPERTY OF KEVIN AND LOUISE SEKERAK LOCATED AT 619 OGDEN STREET, MINERAL POINT BY WALT, SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

*ON MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2010-07-01 RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, ENTITLED "RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY REGARDING CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS" BY JOHN, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL.*

*ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:35 PM.*