

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY

(JTWA)

Monthly Meeting

July 28, 2020

7 pm

CALL TO ORDER

WALTER DITCHCREEK, CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Board members in attendance were John Wallet, Secretary; Bill Grubb, Asst. Treasurer / Secretary; Robb Piper, Vice Chairman and Don Hrapchak, Treasurer. Others in attendance were Fred Meier, Foreman; Willy Evans, Laborer; Debra Buksa, secretary; Pat Mulchay, Eads Group; Jim Deter, CPA; Kim Dorchak; Auditor and Allie Byers, covering for the *Nanty Glo Journal*. Bob Craft, a Jackson Twp. resident and Ken Kulback from Tri-County Alarm were also in attendance.

Walter announced that the Board and JTWA employees would go into executive session directly following the monthly meeting to discuss personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Dorchak from Kotzan CPA & Associates presented the 2019 yearly audit. As first time audits go, this one was a breeze. One adverse opinion is that JTWA does not depreciate and this makes financials look good but in reality it would wipe out the net income.

ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE 2019 AUDIT REPORT.

Bob Craft, a resident in Jackson Twp., was questioning the possibility of tapping into our system. The engineer had did a cost estimate that was in the ballpark of \$200,000. The board suggested that it would be more feasible for Mr. Craft to purchase water from Ebensburg.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY BILL AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2020.

CPA REPORT: (Jim Deter)

The Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual for February thru June 2020 was reviewed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Rt. 271 relocation project was completed. Stephanie will send copies of any costs incurred into Penn Dot for reimbursement.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (CJ Webb)

The Solicitor was not in attendance.

FOREMAN'S REPORT: (Fred Meier)

Fred read his report:

Pumping at Beulah is 260 to 295,000 a night and 28,000 at George Wyse.

No posting due to Covid-19.

We had 60 PA1 calls

Fred had explained that during the RT 271 relocation project that he had problems with the valves closing that are located in the middle of the road at the intersection of 271 and Benschoff Hill Road. They estimated the cost to be in the area of \$5,000 to replace.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT: (Debra Buksa)

Administrative

Water collections for the billing period 6/25/20 to 7/25/20 were \$60,928.97
Submitted monthly allocation reports.

Banking: As of July 28, 2020

Depreciation: \$10,849.05
Revenue: \$79,682.96
Customer Deposit: \$300.36
(\$721.55 outstanding checks)

PAYMENT OF JUNE'S BILLS:

ON MOTION BY BILL SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL TO PAY JUNE'S BILLS.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Attached

NEW BUSINESS:

ON MOTION BY ROBB, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADOPT AND SIGN RESOLUTION 7-28-2020 CHANGING JTWA'S FISCAL YEAR ENDING FROM JANUARY 31 TO DECEMBER 31.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken from Tri-County updated the Board about the status of the installation of cameras. The trees are proving to be obstacles. He has ordered transmitters that are more powerful, but due to Covid-19 everything is back ordered. Fred informed Ken that he and Willy were not getting the alarms on their phones. Ken said that he will address the issue and manually trip all the locations to make sure they work. Ken requested that he be paid for the extras while he continues to work on getting the system up and running.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY BILL AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJOURN AT 8:09 PM.

The Board and the JTWA staff went into executive session at 8:10pm to discuss personnel issues.