

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY
(JTWA)

Monthly Meeting
August 22, 2017
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, Robb Piper, Vice Chairman; Raymond Dodson, Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer / Secretary, Don Hrapchak. Others in attendance were Patrick Mulchay, EADS Group; Jim Deter, CPA; Karl Smith, Foreman; Fred Meier, Laborer; and Debra Buksa, Office Manager. Covering for the *Nanty Glo Journal* was Allison Graver. Also, present were residents, Jeff Baxter and Ed Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Edward Smith requested a reduced rate for his rental property on Harmony Drive. He explained that the house was empty and no water was being used. He then talked about the pipe line going through the township and asked the Board to please protect our water.

Mr. Baxter requested a refund on his tap that he recently paid for, since he was an existing customer.

The Board said they will discuss the requests and let them know their decision.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

ON MOTION BY WALTER, SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL THE MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2017.

CPA REPORT: (Jim Deter)

Jim had emailed the 6-month Statement of Income for review.

ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY ROBB AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE 6-MONTH STATEMENT OF INCOME.

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Pat Mulchay)

GIS mapping- need 2 more good days and should be done.

Power Plant – in contact with Scott (Kiewit) regarding tap to be installed. John emphasized that JTWA needs to be in charge of this project due to the fact it is JTWA's line. *ON MOTION BY DON SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO HAVE EADS DRAFT SPEC AND DESIGN TAP THAT WILL BE INSTALLED.*

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (CJ Webb)

Solicitor was absent

FOREMAN'S REPORT: (Karl Smith)

Karl read his report. Karl's report is attached. He reported that he had installed 2 new taps. Fred and he had replaced 35 meters for a total of 125 for the year. They repaired a 6" main on Leidy Lane that Penelec hit. JTWA mismarked the area. Leak on Swan Lane was repaired.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT: (Debra Buksa)

The secretary's report was reviewed. Report is attached.
A new phone system was installed by Guy Ellenberger.

PAYMENT OF July's BILLS:

ON MOTION BY WALT SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO PAY JULY'S BILLS.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A complete list of correspondence is attached to minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

JTWA's billing software is no longer supported. Secretary is looking into several different software companies. A comparison will be made and then reviewed.

The issue of continual dirty water was discussed. Karl and Fred flushed lines affected. Several factors are contributing to the dirty water.

Walter inquired about the Ford's Corner tank. He had seen that a tree had fallen and asked if it damage the fence and or the tank. Karl said no to both the fence and tank. Fred and he had trimmed out as much as they could.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Baxter and Mr. Smith's requests were denied. JTWA's Rules and Regulations are pretty clear. Water is charged by EDUs not usage and tap fees are established.

John mentioned that the Township will be using the hot box if Karl needed anything paved. Karl said that along RT 271 there is 2 areas that Penndot would like redone due to bubbling.

Robb attended a meeting in Johnstown. Bob Winters from Homeland security was guest speaker. He would do a free inspection of our system.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION BY DON, SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJOURN AT 8:15PM.