

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY
(JTWA)

Monthly Meeting
August 26, 2014
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 Walle, Secretary; Ray Dodson, Treasurer; and Robb Piper, Vice-Chairman. Others in attendance were Pat Mulcahy, EADS Group; CJ Webb, Solicitor; Karl Smith, Foreman; Jim Deter, CPA; and Debra Buksa, Office Manager. Kristin Baudoux covered the meeting for the Nanty Glo Journal. Jack Houston, a water customer, had also attended. Don Hrapchak, Asst. Treasurer / Secretary was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Houston addressed the Board concerning his hot water heater. He explained that following a leak that JTWA had in May during flushing of the lines, he received damage to his heater. He further explained that he had spoken to his attorney and he recommended speaking to JTWA's Board. CJ (JTWA solicitor) inquired if he (Mr. Houston) contacted his insurance carrier. Mr. Houston said he had not and never gave it a thought. Walter thanked Mr. Houston for attending our meeting and that JTWA would discuss the matter further and let him know of their decision.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

***APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JULY 22, 2014 WERE PUT TO MOTION BY ROBB,
SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL.***

CPA REPORT: (Jim Deter)

Jim had supplied the 6-month Statement of Income prior to the meeting for review. ***ON MOTION BY WALTER SECOND BY JOHN AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE 6 -MONTH STATEMENT OF INCOME.***

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Pat Mulcahy)

Pat started with a sincere thank you to the Board and Staff for thinking of him and Stacy last month.

GIS – have not found replacement surveyor yet

Ford's Corner Tank – will meet Monday. There is significant damage to tank roof. Belzona is cleaning seams. The credit owed to JTWA is not enough to cover the material needed to repair tank roof. Belzona sent a quote of \$7,563.60 + warranty work. Pat feels that there really is not a warranty, the product was put on in 2010 and needs to be replaced. Pat has contacted Sherman Williams to see if they have any products that could be used. Pat is looking into other options in the interim.

Swigle Mountain Tank – the interconnection was made with Croyle Township. Mid Atlantic will start repairs the end of September.

Ogden Road Tank – overflowing of the tank had occurred due to data failure. Pumps ran for over 30 hours. Pat had talked to Ben Dorsuch, Trembol rep. Equipment needs to be updated.

Bonding / DT Construction – a letter was sent out - will be discussed in Executive Session.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (CJ Webb)

The solicitor present. He would like an Executive Session at the convenience of the Board. Board will wait to end of business.

FOREMAN'S REPORT: (Karl Smith)

Karl read his report.

OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT: (Deb Buksa)

Report attached. Account balances were supplied. ***ON MOTION BY ROBB SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ACCEPT THE OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT.***

PAYMENT OF July's BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

A list is attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

Robb informed the Board about the Storm Water Municipal Authority Act 123 of 2013 giving municipalities the right and option to tax. With neighboring entities implementing this right, he would like the Board to consider offering JTWA's services to the township should this ever occur. Robb is not implying that he is for the taxation, he just feels that the Township does not need another Authority and JTWA already has the infrastructure in place. This would benefit the residents in the long run if ever a storm water tax is accessed. CJ then informed the group that if or when the township would implement a Storm Water Tax and if JTWA would have any responsibility in the matter, JTWA's Articles of Incorporation would need to be amended. The Board then agreed to draft a letter to the Township Supervisors offering JTWA's services to this matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ford's Corner Tank –
Swigle Mountain Tank – } covered in Pat's report

First S (Poplar St) /Griffith Ave water line – on hold

Johnstown Sewer Agreement –no change

The Board went into an Executive Session at 8:07 pm. The regular monthly meeting resumed at 9:10 pm. Walter had to leave. The meeting was now chaired by Robb.

ON MOTION BY JOHN, SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO FILE AN INSURANCE CLAIM IN REGARDS TO JACK HOUSTON'S WATER HEATER DAMAGE.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION BY JOHN, SECOND BY RAY AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJOURN.