

JACKSON TWP WATER AUTHORITY
(JTWA)

Special Meeting
August 4, 2011

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; Ray Dodson, Treasurer; Don Hrapchak, Assistant. Sec/Tres.; Jim Deter, CPA; Pat Mulcahy & Steve Sewalk, Engineers; Karl D. Smith, Authority Foreman; and Debra Buksa, Authority Secretary. Others in attendance were Guy Ellenberger, Connie & Tim Simmons, Bill Grubb and Bernie Smith, all residents along the Swigle Mountain Road Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Pat Mulcahy & Steve Sewalk)

Outline of water rate options attached.

Discussion took place regarding the Ebensburg Borough letter dated June 22, 2011 concerning a rate increase. Pat recommended option #2. John requested that Pat call and ask if Ebensburg has made any decisions yet, since the paper stated that Ebensburg was going to re-examine their figures.

The Board was informed that Karl and Pat met with Croyle Township informally today. Croyle would like to purchase water from JTWA, they have approximately 400 customers. To do this JTWA would have to submit a request for a new allocation permit from DEP.

Installing a pump station at Burkhart's Crossing stirred some discussion. The pros and cons of this plan were debated. John instructed Pat to call and talk to Dan Penatzer (Ebensburg Borough) concerning the bulk water rate. If a new pump station would be approved, Steve (Eads) best estimate for completion would be one year, start to finish.

The idea of a rate district was brought to the table. One big obstacle to this idea is PENNVEST. They frown on rate districts. Robb requested that the engineer and CPA rerun the numbers with the minimum usage at 2,500 gallons for the next meeting. At this time we will have more concrete numbers as to the project cost.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (CJ Webb)

The solicitor was not in attendance.

CPA REPORT: (Jim Deter)

Jim also, handed out two sheets on water rate increases, using Ebensburg water and one with Nanty Glo water.

FOREMAN'S REPORT: (Karl Smith)

Karl reported that the bacteria samples were taken at the tank site and the results will be here on Friday. In the mean time they back flushed the system and will take more samples on Friday with the results on Monday. The chlorine residuals are good.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Deter addressed the board as to the \$338,000.00 setting in the construction account that JTWA has with FNB. Eric Rummel (FNB) would like to apply the monies to the interim financing loan. The Board will wait to make a decision until the next meeting. At the Board's request this issue is to be put on next month's agenda under old business,

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ON MOTION BY WALTER, SECOND BY DON AND APPROVED BY ALL TO ADJOURN AT 8:40PM