

NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2016

8:15 AM

ATTENDANCE

Bob Gregory, John Lechner, Paul Minner, Roger Shaffer, Patrick Suhrie, Dan Goncz, Karen Shipton, Jerry Johnson, Deb Plant, Lee McCracken, Dennis & Melody Mercadante, Pat Kelley.

****The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the U.S. Flag at 8:15 AM****

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 09/14/16 MEETING AS PRESENTED

****A motion was made by John Lechner and seconded by Bob Gregory to approve the minutes from the 09/14/16 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis & Melody Mercadante/East Lackawannock Twp./722 Pulaski-Mercer Rd. – Shared with the Board their concerns over the cost of the tap-in fee. They are not living at the property yet. The Board directed them toward the MCRPC for application of the grant money available once they move onto the property.

Pat Kelley dropped off some paperwork regarding being reimbursed for mileage while doing hook-up inspections. There was also discussion of infiltration at the plant.

Lee McCracken of Premier Power Solutions did some research on obtaining a lower electric rate for the Authority. Currently, the Penn Power rate is just under 7.4 cents. Changes every quarter. We can lock in for 1, 2 or 3 years. There is no guarantee the price will stay low, but looking at the history (17 years) our best bet is to lock into a fixed rate. Mercer County is paying 6.9/cents through PPS right now. One year is 7.03/cents. Two years is 6.9/cents. Three years is 6.9/cents.

****A motion was made by John Lechner and seconded by Bob Gregory to sign a two year contract with Premier Power Solutions at a rate of 6.9/cents/KWH. Motion carried unanimously.***

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance (Citizens): \$49,735.51. Expenses: \$18.50. Debits: \$161.34. Service Charge: \$3.00. Deposits: \$36,384.00. Ending Balance: \$85,936.67. John will pay \$177,000.00 of the tapping fees directly to our loan at MCSB today, bringing our balance to approximately \$204,000.00.

John reported that our 2015 Audit was finalized and everything looked good.

****A motion was made by Bob Gregory and seconded by Pat Suhrie to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

Board Solicitor Roger Shaffer stated that when the Authority was Incorporated, that had a statute of 50

years. This will expire before the loan is paid off so we need to extend or renew the time period. Each municipality will have to do an Ordinance to extend this. Roger will be working on a sample Ordinance for our review.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A. Sewage Facilities Report

Mercer County Jail – Dan met with the Maint. Dept. and they have agreed to clean the bar screen in the evenings and we will clean it in the morning.

No one questioning the EDU's. Karen is handling all of the restoration complaints. We will have a final walk through in April/2017.

Sludge Disposal – an ad was placed in the Herald for bids to be opened at 2:00 PM on 10/26/16 at the Findley Township Building; 369 McClelland Rd.; Mercer, PA 16137.

Easements – Easement requests were mailed to Samuel Winger and Clair/Patricia Winger. No response yet.

B. Operations Report

All permit requirements were met in August. Mike was called out for (3) grinder pump calls. One was a loose wire. 889 Scrubgrass Rd. pump tripping out on high amps. Lamor Rd. home had a GFI breaker, they pulled it out and put in a 30 amp breaker.

OLD BUSINESS

Tapping Fee Payments – Chris Conti will contact the Authority soon to discuss relinquishing the remaining grant money so it may be used elsewhere.

NEW BUSINESS

Springfield Township – They passed their resolution in July to re-join the Authority.

**A motion was made by Pat Suhrie and seconded by John Lechner to approve Resolution No. 07-2016 approving Springfield Township's membership into the Authority. Motion carried unanimously.*

Operating Budget – Dan presented an Operating Budget for 2017.

John Lechner stated he may have to resign his position on the Board sometime in the next 180 days.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bob Gregory and seconded by John Lechner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 11/09/16 at 8:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted;
Karen B. Shipton
Administrator

