

NEWPORT BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
MID-MONTH MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2018

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Penny Frownfelter, Gerald Robinson, John McNaughton, Harry Fahnestock and Trevor Kaufman

OTHERS PRESENT – Adam Britcher (Solicitor) and Dean Miller (Operations Manager).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chairwoman Penny Frownfelter at 6:39 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OPERATIONAL REPORT – Dean Miller

1. DEP Report/Permit Renewal – The permit was renewed as of June 18th, and it is now a full-fledged operation permit for the membrane plant. DEP did a total plant performance evaluation and they were very pleased with the progress that has been made.
2. PRWA Meter financing – This is still available for a maximum term of 5 years. There is another opportunity that would allow for a longer term and lower payments. Miller will report on this as more information becomes available.
3. Update 5th/6th/Fickes – No complaints in the last 60 days. The auto flushers are in place and working.
4. Buffalo Crossings – Nothing to report
5. The upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant and the sewer separation project are ongoing. When actual excavation begins, one of the Water Authority staff will be onsite all day.
6. 5th St project – This project has been started.
7. Annual consumer confidence report – The report will be posted to the website by July 1 and notice was printed on the June bills.
8. Norfolk Southern Railroad – They have moved about 20 rail cars into town, that are being used as housing. It is not clear where they are getting water for the residents of the rail cars and they have a hose running from the railroad yard towards a hydrant.
9. Dam timeline – Will need to research this.

Moved by Kaufman, seconded by McNaughton to approve June bills. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Moved by Fahnestock, seconded by Kaufman to approve June 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. 112-114 Market St –

Motion by Kaufman, seconded by McNaughton to settle the lien for \$5,756, with a time limit of 90 days. Motion carried with Fahnestock and Robinson opposing.

2. PRV ridge – Frownfelter inspected the lot and found a large mound of dirt and pipe with weeds growing everywhere. McNaughton will call Roger Fleisher for a quote.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. 238 N Third St, Mill – The owner wants to retire the Mill EDU and disconnect the water main. Britcher will inform him that removal of the EDU will require proper zoning from the Borough and a contractor to disconnect service at the water main.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion to move into executive session to discuss litigation by McNaughton, seconded by Kaufman at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to move out of executive session by McNaughton, seconded by Kaufman at 7:37 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by McNaughton, seconded by Kaufman to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Debra Kunish
Recording Secretary