

NEWPORT BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2019

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chairwoman Penny Frownfelter at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ENGINEER'S REPORT – via report and Howe Dam letters (Robert Hasemeier is absent)

OPERATIONAL REPORT – Dean Miller

1. Engineer's report, additional notes – The Burger King tapping fee will be about \$25,000 for 5 or 6 EDU's and a letter has been sent to them regarding their requirements to move forward with the water connection. The permit conditions have been complied with for the Howe Dam and a letter has been drafted estimating costs of \$180,000 to remove the dam. Wells 10, 14 & Campbell would have to be tested one a month for a year to satisfy DEP requirements before they would not require treatment for iron and manganese removal. USDA has provided some first review comments and is still waiting for the most up to date budget and the annual report which specifies the number of commercial and residential customers.
2. SEDA-COG funding – An award letter has been received notifying the Authority that \$120,000 in funding has been granted to address the issues required to make Well #1 functional.
3. Alarm/Shutdown letter & DEP Action Plan – A letter has been submitted to push the August 19th deadline back for the one item that we cannot comply with. All other items are completed. A response was received from DEP today requesting specific information to make a determination. Control 21 will be onsite next week to install a meter that can shut down the plant, when the turbidity levels are too high.
4. Update 5th/6th/Fickes – No new complaints this month. There was a complaint from 135 S. 5th St. The water has been tested and all of the sampling results are in, showing no contaminants. The water is bacteriologically safe for human consumption, beyond that to improve taste or look is the customer's responsibility. The results will be mailed to the owner.
5. River Plant operation – It is continuing to go well, the compressor was replaced and is onsite, however still waiting for an additional piece and then the contractor will complete the installation.
6. Lead/Copper Testing – The samples have all been collected and the results so far show that the Authority will pass the testing this year. One sample was over the action level for lead and one sample was over the action level for copper but that did not put us over the 90th percentile for Lead & Copper program.
7. There was a substantial service leak on Mulberry St. It was repaired on Saturday morning, August 31st. It has changed the loss of water in the tank from 3 to 5 feet a day to 1 foot a day. Fahnestock found the leak, which had likely been going on since the sewer work was done, about 3 to 6 months ago. The copper water service line had a tear in it and that line was very close to the sewer line.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Adam Britcher

1. Sewer agreement & overpayment – Frownfelter signed the new letter regarding the payment from Sewer for the overpayment by Water. The terms of the Sewer/Water agreement are still in progress.
2. Liens/Sheriff Sales – None this month. The house that burned down is up for Judicial Sale, so the Authority will most likely not receive any payment because that's a free and clear sale.
3. Personal Property & Real Estate Claims – These are still in progress.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

1. Delinquent Accounts –

Moved by Kaufman, seconded by McNaughton to approve the August Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kaufman seconded by McNaughton to approve the August bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Fahnestock, seconded by Kaufman to approve the August Adjustment Report. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Moved by McNaughton, seconded by Fahnestock to approve the August 5, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Bond agreement – Britcher will locate the original documents and Frownfelter will send notification to the Borough that billing will begin in January.
2. 2019-2020 Budget – Miller and Frownfelter will continue to work on the budget for presentation to the Board at the October meeting.
3. Fairgrounds – McNaughton mentioned that the fairgrounds committee would like to receive an estimate from the engineer of the costs to run the lines. There was an estimate from HRG, an engineering firm from Harrisburg, but it did not include a loop, which is necessary. Frownfelter will email Hasemeier requesting an estimate to develop an estimate for the project.

NEW BUSINESS – None

BOARD COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Kaufman, seconded by McNaughton to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Debra Kunish
Recording Secretary