**Newmanstown Water Authority**

**May 24, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the Newmanstown Water Authority was called to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance were:

John Kantner Steve Hickernell Robin Bomgardner

Susan Harper Charles Duffy William Zimmerman

Leonard Ontkos David Bright

In attendance by phone:

Carl Kreiner

A motion was made to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes by Charlie. Seconded by Bill. All aye. Minutes approved.

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of April was 3,190,280. The average chlorine residual was 1.07%, and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 04/07/21.

Flushing of the fire hydrants was completed on 05/11/21 and all went well. Discussion was held on discharge of chlorinated water and a fact sheet from DEP was given for review.

Steve was in contact with Township Supervisor, Scott Moyer, concerning future projects being discussed for the land that is adjacent to the Water Authority office and garage. Possible projects include a walking path around the perimeter of the property (Dave to send the Township a well head protection map), a pavilion with a picnic area and frisbee golf course.

Dave reported that he is still waiting for the review of the DRBC application, and he will send an email to check the status. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) was completed and has been uploaded to the website. David Linton contacted Dave to report that changes have been made and approved to our sampling plan locations.

Final location for test holes were approved and permits acquired on the Penn Dot 419 Project. A PA One Call will be coming after Memorial Day.

Through discussion it was heard that negotiations are being made to the purchase agreement on the Cold Summit project.

Discussion was held on the Senate Bill 597, which places authorities and municipal water and sewer systems under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code (PUC), which goes to committee vote on May 25, 2021. The Authority has contacted several Senators throughout the state in opposition of this bill.

Susan reported that Susan Valerio with Jonestown Bank and Trust retired and the Authority sent a gift card with our congratulations and thanks for her work and help throughout the years. A thank you from her was read to the Board.

There are 14 delinquent customer payments from the 1st quarter billing of 2021 that were forwarded to the collection agency.

The website is up and running, check it out at <http://www.newmanstownwaterauthority.org>. As mentioned before the Consumer Confidence Report was uploaded to the website, as well as the Xpress pay option for payment.

A letter to customers, to be included in the 2nd quarter billing, was reviewed as well as a revised billing format to include the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) and payment options.

OLD BUSINESS

It was reported that the ductile iron pipe that was at well #4 was moved to the Womelsdorf/Robesonia storage pad.

The old garage doors were sold at a price of $410.00

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to approve the addition of two signers (Vice President and Treasurer) to the Lebanon Federal Credit Union account for insurance purposes. Bill made the motion and seconded by Robin, all aye, so approved.

In checking with Jonestown Bank and Trust, we were advised that because our accounts are under the same EIN tax number, the insurance remains at $250,000.00. It was discussed that because we are a government municipality that we should have additional Federal coverage on this account. We will check with the bank again on this matter.

We were made aware that one of our customers, age 37, in Newburg Village passed away from Covid-19. An article from the Reading Eagle concerning his family applying for assistance from a Federal Emergency Plan to help with funeral expenses, was shared.

Three bids were received for the purchase of a new mower from Umbergers of Fontana, Manor Equipment, Inc. and Binkley and Hurst. The low bid was received from Binkley and Hurst. This bid includes two trade-in mowers. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Charlie to purchase the new mower. Accessories of LED lights, a canopy, a trailer hitch and gas cans will also be purchased.

The bills for May 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Charlie to approve the bills, all aye, so approved.

The treasurer’s report for the month of May 2021 was read. Bill made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as read and seconded by Carl. All aye. Treasurer’s report approved.

Lenny made a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7 p.m.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY! Thank you to all who served!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harper, Secretary