

Newmanstown Water Authority September 27, 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
Susan Harper
Leonard Ontkos*

*Steve Hickernell
Charles Duffy*

*Robin Bomgardner
William Zimmerman
David Bright*

In attendance by phone:

Carl Kreiner

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

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of August was 3,539,539 gallons. The average chlorine residual was .99%, and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 08/04/21.

“No Trespass” signs, for the property surrounding the tank, were received and Steve will start posting them this week.

Scott Moyer, Township Supervisor, advised the walking path and frisbee golf are being planned for the property adjacent to the Water Authority office and garage. Steve advised Scott the Board would need to see the plans before proceeding.

Dave reported that the Delaware River Basin Commission approved and issued our docket through September 2031.

Dave shared drawings for the sub-surface work to be completed by Penn Dot. The properties involved are at Main and Peach Street, Townhouses at 315, 317 and 319 West Main Street, and at Ft. Zeller Road. Possible that water lines will have to be moved to complete this work. Work can be completed by the Authority or the State will include in their project, or the work can be shared between the two. This will go out for bid in December of 2021 and projected to be started in spring of 2022. Dave will contact Penn Dot to determine the potential costs of the project.

Dave was in contact with two customers for construction of properties in the township.

- 1) The property owner at 322 W Main Street asked for information on costs for constructing three townhouses on the property.
- 2) The property owner at 117 E Main Street is planning on construction of a four unit building on his property at 127 E Main Street. Dave spoke to the contractor, who was asking for information on costs for this construction.

Dave advised that each should send their plans in writing to the Water Authority so that plans and costs can be determined for these projects.

Susan reported that all customers, with the exception of one, paid the 2nd quarter billing.

Jonestown Bank and Trust Company contacted the Authority to meet with them to discuss a credit card payment plan through “Certified Pay”, a third-party vendor that works with Jonestown Bank. The plan is very similar to the plan we started in the 2nd quarter with “Xpress Pay”, with the exception that Xpress Pay works directly with Quikwater, our billing contractor. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Lenny, to honor the one year contract the Authority signed with “Xpress Pay” and we will look into the new plan at the end of that year. Susan to contact Jonestown Bank and Trust Company, in writing, to convey this decision. All aye, so approved.

Jonestown Bank and Trust Company advised us that each of our bank accounts has \$250,000 insurance coverage, and through a Pennsylvania law, any amount that exceeds the \$250,000 is covered by Jonestown.

John reported on September 9, 2021, a new monitoring/reporting G380028 requirements, was received from Dave Linton of DEP. A copy was forwarded to Dave Bright (SSM), Steve Hickernell, and Christina Kistler (MJ Reider).

A leak was discovered at 4 West Main Street when meter was read for billing. The water meter pit was repaired by A H Moyer on 9/21/21.

One person remains on the delinquent list, water is off.

On September 22, 2021, the 2021 Act 205 plan declaration for filing of pension plans was received. This was forwarded to Garcia, Garman & Shea to look into this. The Authority must file this, even though we have no pension plans for employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Krall Landscaping to complete the remaining work before winter.

No news of the Cold Summit project.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire hydrants will be flushed the week of 10/25/21 through 10/29/21. This information will be placed on the website and a sign put in the post office. We will check with Mr. Hurst at Kountry Kraft if this information could be placed on the electronic sign in town.

The bills for September 2021 were reviewed. It was noted that the listing includes a payment to L/B Water Service for work that was completed for Pete Shirk. This invoice will be received this week and to be included in September's payments. A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Carl to approve the bills, all aye, so approved.

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

Lenny made a motion to adjourn and Carl seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary