

Newmanstown Water Authority

October 28, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Newmanstown Water Authority's office. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

In attendance were:

John Kantner

Steve Hickernell

Charles Duffy

Susan Harper

Scott Sweigart

Jason Coyle

Robin Bomgardner

William Zimmerman

Brian Focht, Engineer with C2C Design Group and Josh Martin from CMJM LLC were present at the meeting to present the plans for the Bethany Road Subdivision project. The project includes the construction of ten (10) single homes and inquiry was made as to connecting to public water through Newmanstown Water Authority. The challenge with servicing all ten (10) homes was providing water pressure to all of the homes. The final plan includes water service to the three (3) bottom lots, each with its own meter, and the remaining seven (7) lots will dig wells for water. Brian indicated that they must update the plan with the Township and the County and will get back with us with the final findings. We thanked them for the update and they left the meeting.

A motion to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes was made by Charlie and seconded by Robin. All aye, so approved.

Secretary's Report

Water bills are due on Thursday, 10/31/24. Our Lead and Copper report was accepted by DEP on October 9, 2024. The next step, after acceptance, is to mail letters to any of our customers that have galvanized or lead lines on their property. We have two customers that have galvanized lines and letters were mailed by certified mail to advise them that these lines need to be replaced. It was discovered on our spreadsheet that there were two other customers that were marked as galvanized lines, but after checking it was confirmed that they do indeed have copper lines. The correction form for this was processed and submitted. Discussion was held as to Public Access to Documentation on this project and we are checking to see what the best possible way to inform our customers will be. Customers will be advised when a decision is reached for access to this spreadsheet.

Operator's Report

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of September was 3,626,967 gallons. The average chlorine residual was 1.37% and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 09/04/24. The PFAS testing came back negative and this now means that we will test for PFAS on a tri-annual basis. Wells are running well. Hydrant flushing took place on 10/14/24, at which time a leak was detected in Cardinal Run. A H Moyer assisted the water authority with this repair.

Engineer's Report

Jason reported that he has been in contact with Todd Shoaf on an update from Trigon. Two sets of plans will be sent to Jason for review with us. Comprehensive Monitoring Report was submitted to Samantha Fry with DEP. Jason spoke to Christina from M J Reider, Inc. concerning the chlorine violation we received last month for a missed reporting. We were told that they have checked our testing/reporting schedule through 2028 and all looks good. This violation will be posted in our Consumer Confidence Report next year for public notice. Jason to review pipe size recommended for the Bethany Road Subdivision Project and the newly submitted plans.

Chairman's Report

John discussed in detail the leak discovered at 8 Cardinal Run, while flushing fire hydrants. A H Moyer, Inc. assisted in the excavation. Because the water line was under the driveway, repairs will be made to the driveway by Ronnie C. Folk Paving. Paperwork for rate increases were distributed to the Board for review and discussion at the November meeting.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report this meeting.

Old Business

Spare magmeter from LRM, Inc. was ordered. Material to replace siding and J channel on the gable ends of the office were ordered by Restoration By Day, work to begin when material received. Light was repaired at the water tank. Fire hydrants were flushed on 10/14/24.

New Business

- a. Proposal was received by Garcia Garman & Shea, PC for our annual audit for year ending 02/28/25. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Bill to accept this proposal for the audit.
- b. Fire hydrant painting is being done by Robin Bomgardner.
- c. Bethany Road Subdivision Project – CMJM LLC – A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Charlie to provide water service to the three (3) lower lots, with meter pits connecting to the main. Contractor will provide wells for the remaining seven (7) homes and possibly a jockey pump for any property that reads not less than 25 psi. Six members voted aye and one member, Scott Sweigart, abstained. Motion approved.
- d. NWA Project list for 2024
 1. Krall Landscape—grade and plant grass at well house #5-John advised that the work was delayed because of the dry conditions.
 2. Continue and complete painting of fire hydrants
 3. Continue to locate all water service laterals into homes and mark/repair as needed
 4. Trigon Plastic Sale/Project – update as per Jason above
 5. CMJM LLC, Bethany Road Project – update as per Jason above
 6. Any other item will be added to the list, if recommended by another board member and approved.

The bills for October 2024 were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Robin to approve the bills as read. All aye, so approved.

The treasurer's report for the month of September 2024 was read. Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and seconded by Steve. All aye. Treasurer's report approved.

Susan made a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 25, 2024 at 7 p.m. (Please note this is a change in date.)

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary/Treasurer