

NEWPORT BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2022

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chairwoman Penny Frownfelter at 6:02 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Robert Hasemeier

1. Meter replacement – The bid opened and there was one bid. There is a letter recommending an award of the project, conditional upon approval from USDA. The cost of the project has increased by \$80,000 due to the addition of per diem and other expenses.

Moved by Kaufman, seconded by McNaughton to accept the bid for the meter replacement project. Motion carried unanimously.

2. SRBC – Nothing to report, the application is still being reviewed.
3. Well #1 pump & PA DEP –SEDA-COG has approved the change order, so Modern Pump can order the additional piping and parts. The geology report went to DEP in March with the permit modification for a new water source. The report does not show actionable levels of Iron/Manganese so it may be that the water treatment equipment does not need to be reinstalled, DEP will need to be in agreement. The geologist recommends a backup plan and Hasemeier estimates \$200,000 to \$250,000 to replace the treatment equipment. Miller stated that the historical documents in the application show that it was there in the past and above allowable levels. Chlorination might bring out the iron/manganese and customers may be affected by hard water. The geologist will do additional testing. CBDG is paying some of the costs for the well and may help with the treatment equipment. Hasemeier will move forward with Well #1 and the treatment equipment will be handled as a separate project.

Moved by Robinson to move forward without treatment. Motion died due to lack of votes.

Moved by Kaufman, seconded by McNaughton to add approximately \$250,000 to the PENNVEST loan for the iron/manganese treatment addition to Well #1. Motion carried unanimously.

4. River & Howe Plant – Working on details and the permit, nothing to report. Will be able to put out for bid in mid to late August.
5. Land Development/Customers – Nothing to report.
6. Pay Requisition/budgets – None this month.
7. 5th Street project, Market to Mulberry – Penn Vest & Bid – Bids have been taken, but the project will not be awarded until the loan has been approved.

OPERATIONAL REPORT – Dean Miller

1. General report – Well water check valves came in and were replaced today. The new meters have not been delivered yet. A leak was detected in the main behind Giant and repairs are planned for this week, either late night or early morning.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Adam Britcher

1. 300 Bretz Court – Britcher received an email from the owner but payment has not been received.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

1. Delinquent Accounts –

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

Moved by Fahnestock seconded by McNaughton to approve April's bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Robinson, seconded by Fahnestock to approve the April Adjustment Report. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Moved by Kaufman, seconded by Robinson to approve the April 10, 2022, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Fourth St main and laterals – There is concern that the main from Catherine to the stone bridge may need to be replaced. Robinson confirmed that the main had been replaced in 1979, so the pipe is good and does not need to be replaced. The laterals are most likely copper from the main to the curb stop. The curb stop to the house may be galvanized, but this will be the owner's responsibility. Miller will research what will be required with the new lead and copper mandates coming out. The laterals could be inspected when the sidewalks are dug up in 2023. Hasemeier will reach out to PennDot as well to see what assistance can be provided.

BOARD COMMENTS –

1. Property/liability insurance renewal is due before June 10th. Robinson has reached out to 3 companies for quotes which are due by the 30th of May. The Board will select an insurance carrier prior to the June 10th deadline.
2. Robinson is working on the letter for Buffalo Crossing and will distribute for Board approval before sending.

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Kaufman, seconded by McNaughton to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Debra Kunish
Recording Secretary