

MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
PERKASIE REGIONAL AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

The second regular meeting of the month was convened in the Authority Office, 150 Ridge Road at 7:00 p.m. on February 19, 2019 by Chairman David Watt. Attending in addition to the Chairman were Board Members J. Thomas Horn, David Bedillion, Robert Wasson and Stephen Algeo. Staff members present: Nicholas Fretz, Manager, Peter Andersen, Engineer, John N. Schaeffer, III, Esquire, Solicitor and Patricia Fluck, Accounting Assistant.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Wasson, the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2019 were unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- a) 40 N. Main Street – Mr. & Mrs. Robert Diiolia (property owners) were present to discuss their water and sewer bill in the amount of \$972.75 for February 2019. They stated that they felt that this bill was an estimate since the meter had to be replaced 2 different times and now that the billing had “caught up” with the amount that should have been billed over the last year, they feel they should receive some kind of relief on this bill. The Manager stated that this property was new construction and that the bills were being sent to another address and paid. That said, PRA staff had no idea that the property owners had moved into the property which led to the staff not questioning a “zero” usage bill. Upon discovery that the property owners were now living in the home, the meter was replaced but still could not get any signal most likely due to thick concrete so another appointment was made to install an additional antenna on the meter to get signal. The Manager further stated that the actual meter was still keeping record of usage and that the transmitter that actually sends the signal was the issue. He further stated that the bill was not estimated and it was actual usage. After some discussion with the Board, Chairman Watt stated that although he sympathizes with the property owners that they have a larger than normal bill, however, they were only being charged the “base rate” over the last few billing cycles and that since PRA paid to treat the water that was used, the property owners would be responsible for the usage. Chairman Watt further stated that, with approval from the Board, the Board may be willing to allow them to pay the February 2019 bill in payments with no penalties added as long as the bill was paid in full by the end of 2019.

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- b) Perkasio Borough Council person, and PWTA representative, Steve Rose of Parkridge Drive and Perkasio Borough Council person James Purcell of South 6th Street were present. Mr. Purcell and Mr. Rose stated they had a meeting with PWTA regarding I & I regulations. Mr. Purcell stated they would like to discuss drafting an Ordinance for Perkasio Borough which would address properties that have failing service lines or leaks and if sump pumps were being discharged into the sanitary sewer system. He further stated that they would like to work with PRA on the language of this Ordinance to insure compliance and reduce I & I infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. After some discussion, the decision was made to start addressing the issue and begin working on an Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) PMAA Region 1 Dinner Meeting Feedback – The Manager stated he received a letter from PMAA requesting feedback on the last dinner meeting.

PWTA:

- a) Minutes from the December 2018 meeting
- b) December 2018 flow reports

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- a) Balance Sheet for January 2019
- b) Profit and Loss Budget Overview Reports for January 2019
- c) Statement of Trust Funds – January 2019
- d) Revenue Fund Requisition Number 523 in the amount of \$65,067.04
- e) Construction Fund Requisitions Numbers 38 and 39 in the amount of \$36,120.76
- f) Project Summaries

Upon motion by Bedillion, seconded by Horn, the Financial Report and the List of Bills – Items d) through e) were unanimously approved.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

- a) Activity Report
- b) Sewer truck report – Internal Use Value Report
- c) Average production by month for January 2019
- d) Precipitation Report for January 2019
- e) Water Production Reports for January 2019

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Wasson, the Operations Report was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

- a) 274 E. Branch Road Agreement – The Solicitor presented the Agreements for the 274 E. Branch Road to be signed by the Board.

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Upon motion by Horn, seconded by Algeo, the Solicitor's Report was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

- a) Pennridge Airport Development – The Engineer informed the Board that the Airport project was suspended for the Winter.
- b) Country Ridge – The Engineer stated that they are inching to Dedication of Services.
- c) Hidden Meadows – The Engineer stated that they were working on Dedication of Services.
- d) Booster Station – The Engineer stated that his office is scheduling a meeting with a pump manufacturer to see a pre-fabricated pump design the week of March 4 2019. Chairman Watt asked the Engineer if the current costs paid for engineering work was for a pre-fabricated design and not Andersen Engineering designing the project. The Engineer stated it was for a pre-fabricated design and no costs were for the design of a building and pumps by Andersen Engineering.
- e) Pennridge Airport Hangers – The Engineer stated they have received the plans for this project.

Upon motion by Bedillion, seconded by Horn, the Engineer's Report was unanimously approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Branch Road Sewer Update – The Manager stated that the Resolution was sent to the property owner via Certified Mail and was not picked up at the post office. He further stated that he spoke with the Health Department and they were going to begin fining the owner and would most likely be a court hearing at a later date with the Health Department. After some discussion with the Board, it was decided to keep updating the Board and if necessary, PRA would place a lien on the property.
- b) HVAC Units #3 and #7 Quotes – The Manager presented the Board with quotes on replacing units #3 and #7 at the PRA office. After some discussion, The Board directed the Manager to budget one (1) unit for replacement in 2020 Budget and the other unit in the 2021 Budget.
- c) EPA – The Manager discussed that the EPA and DEP are currently looking at the possibility of setting a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFOS and PFAS and he believed that would be at least 9-18 months before an MCL is set.

Upon motion by Horn, seconded by Wasson, the Manager's Report was unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION:

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Horn, the Board unanimously approved to allow 40 N. Main Street to pay the February 2019 bill in payments, however, the bill must be paid in full by the end of 2019.

Upon motion by Horn, seconded by Bedillion, the Board unanimously approved the 274 E. Branch Road Agreement.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Watt stated the Board needs to start thinking about replacing the reservoir and/or moving the Ridge Run Tank to either the current reservoir site or maybe the current tank site. There were discussions on ideas and options to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM II:

None this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None this meeting.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board in the regular session and upon motion by Horn, seconded by Bedillion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Fluck, Recording Secretary

David Bedillion, Secretary