

MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MONTH OF MAY  
PERKASIE REGIONAL AUTHORITY  
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

The first regular meeting of the month was convened in the Authority Office, 150 Ridge Road at 6:30 p.m. on May 6, 2019 by Chairman David Watt. Attending in addition to the Chairman were Board Members J. Thomas Horn, David Bedillion, Stephen Algeo and Robert Wasson. Staff members present: Nicholas Fretz, Manager, Peter C. Andersen, Engineer, David Horst, Engineer, John N. Schaeffer, III, Esquire, Solicitor and Patricia Fluck, Accounting Assistant.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Horn, seconded by Bedillion, the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 16, 2019 were unanimously approved as written with Algeo abstaining.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- a) PFAS Contamination Area Concerns – Greg and Angela Goodwin of 1730 Tabor Road, Sellersville (property owners) and Sandy Moyer of 1720 Tabor Road, Sellersville (property owner) attended the meeting to discuss the DEP decision on the PFAS Contamination in their area and expressed disappointment that more could not be done to push public water for their properties instead of requiring charcoal filters that would need maintenance by the property owners. Chairman Watt stated that PRA was also very disappointed in the DEP decision and informed the residents that PRA has already sent a letter to the DEP requesting they reconsider the decision. The property owners thanked the PRA Board for their efforts and stated that they would continue to send letters and contact their local representatives.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you from Dean and Kim Leach - The Manager informed the Board of the thank you note from Dean and Kim Leach for sending a gift basket to them after Dean's father passed away.

PMAA Dinner Meeting November 21, 2019 - The Manager informed the Board of the PMAA Dinner Meeting and advised if anyone would like to attend, please let him know.

Forest Park Water Customer Appreciation Golf Outing - The Manager informed the Board of the Forest Park Water Customer Appreciation Golf Outing and advised if anyone would like to attend, please let him know.

ERT Ridge Run PFAS Letter - The Manager informed the Board of the ERT Ridge Run PFAS Letter that was recently sent by the Township.

WRT Ridge Run PFAS Letter - The Manager informed the Board of the WRT Ridge Run PFAS Letter that was recently sent by the Township.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- a) Revenue Fund Requisition Number 528 in the amount of \$98,910.60.

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Bedillion, the Financial Report and the List of Bills – Items a) was unanimously approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- a) Ridge Run PFAS-DEP Decision – The Manager stated that he had received the 136 page DEP Statement of Decision on the Ridge Run PFAS and DEP decided on the installation and maintenance of whole-house filtration systems with restrictions on the use of groundwater. He further stated that in response to the DEP decision, he sent a letter on behalf of the PRA Board stating PRA's position that we didn't agree with the decision and thought that a better resolution to the issue would have been to extend the public water to serve all of the affected properties.
- b) 2018 PRA Financial Audit Fieldwork – The Manager stated the auditors were at the PRA office the last week of April to conduct the fieldwork portion of the audit. He further stated that the auditors were planning on attending the June 18, 2019 PRA Board meeting to present the final audit and answer any questions.
- c) 1213 Tunnel Road Letter – The Manager submitted a letter for the property owner of 1213 Tunnel Road to be approved by the Board. He further stated that this customer purchased the property back in 2016 and this property was sub-divided and part of an approved sub-division plan that was supposed to connect the existing house and garage apartment to the water system. He further stated that in addition to that, when the house was re-sided back in 2017, the touch pads for the 2 meters were removed and PRA has not been able to gain access to replace the meters after numerous phone calls and door postings. He further stated that the property owner has not paid the sewer bill for the apartment since 2017 and has an outstanding balance of \$1,145.05. The Manager requested the Board direct the Manager to send the letter to the property owner. The PRA Board directed the Solicitor to add some verbiage regarding the requirement for these two (2) units to connect to the public water system and then for the Manager to send the proposed letter by mail and certified mail and to carbon copy the Borough of Perkasi and the Health Department.
- d) Paving Proposals – The Manager submitted three (3) proposals for PRA's patch paving.  
See Official Board Action
- e) PRA Vehicle – The Manager submitted three (3) quotes for a new PRA vehicle. The Board directed the Manager and staff to choose one of the two lowest quotes and decide on what vehicle the staff preferred and to order the new vehicle. In addition the Board stated that whichever truck is chosen must be able to have a snow plow installed on it for plowing in the Winter.  
See Official Board Action
- f) Hill Road (Mager Property) – The Manager stated the property owner on Hill Road in East Rockhill owns several (roughly 7 or 8) properties along Hill Road and provides water to roughly 30 different units, which means Mr. Mager is a public water provider. He further stated that the property owner would like to get out of the water supply business and just purchase bulk water from PRA and then "re-sell" it to all of the tenants of the property. The Manager stated (and the Solicitor and Engineer agree) that there are a few concerns in selling bulk water to a non-Authority water provider. The Board and staff discussed the options and the Board decided that PRA would not sell bulk water to anyone other than an Authority or large private company. They further stated that if the property owner would like PRA water, the property owner must go through the same process as a developer and install the infrastructure to PRA standards and individually meter each unit.
- g) Sewer Maintenance Map – The Manager stated that he and the System Supervisor created a map of the sewer collection system into 5 different sections. This would allow PRA to video and repair these sections every 5 years to give PRA a baseline for the I&I work for PWTA. The Board directed the Manager to create a Sewer Maintenance Comprehensive Plan and include a copy of the map in said plan.
- h) Booster Pump Station Drawings – The Manager stated the Engineer submitted the drawings of what the pump station would look like to date. The PRA Board, Manager, Engineer and Solicitor discussed the design and answered questions on the design.

MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED):

- i) Refinancing Updated-Series 2014 – The Manager stated he had a meeting with Mark Quinn and Jamie Schlesinger to discuss PRA's refinancing options for the outstanding 2014 Bonds, which would allow the Authority to either remove the Bond Indenture all together (if we refinance with a bank loan) or replace the existing Bond Indenture with a new Indenture (if we refinance with a new bond issue). The Manager further stated that Mark and Jamie were planning to attend the June PRA Board meeting to discuss the refinancing and answer any questions.
- j) Jet Trailer – The Manager stated the Operations Supervisor was able to contact the company of the jet trailer that PRA preferred and were able to locate someone "local" who has the exact equipment that PRA would like to purchase. The cost estimate for the jet trailer was a little less than \$50k. The Manager further stated that if the Board was okay with the purchase, he would start getting the bid information together and put on PennBid. The Board directed the Manager to get the bid specifications together and post the bid to PennBid.

Upon motion by Algeo, seconded by Bedillion, the Manager's Report was unanimously approved.

OFFICIAL BOARD ACTION:

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Algeo, the Board unanimously approved C & C Paving in the amount NOT TO EXCEED \$8,780.00 for the 2019 patch paving for PRA.

Upon motion by Watt, seconded by Algeo, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new utility truck (either a Chevrolet or GMC) as well as a lift gate and plow in an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$43,000 for the vehicle.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Watt inquired to Board Member Wasson, who is also the Chairman of PWTA, if all members received the same correspondence that PRA receives regarding the high flows to the plant. Chairman Watt's concerns are that the flow reports from PWTA do not appear to be accurate as multiple municipalities have multiple months of negative flow to the plant.

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 Algeo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patricia Fluck, Recording Secretary

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David Bedillion, Secretary