

**SPRING TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 20th, 2006
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Spring Township Water Authority of December 20th, 2006 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Jack Bell, Vice-Chairman, followed by Pledge to the Flag.

Authority Members: Jack Bell, Terry Horner, Greg Myers & Gary Catalano

Solicitor: John Miller, Jr. – Not Present

Supervisors: None Present

Township Manager: William MacMath – Not Present

Water Operator: Greg Yearick

Engineer: Andrew Johnson – Gwin Dobson & Foreman Inc.

Guests: None Present

HEARING OF VISITORS:

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

It was on a motion of Gary Catalano seconded by Greg Myers to approve the minutes for November 11th, 2006. Unanimously approved motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Terry Horner to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2006 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Regular Monthly Invoices – It was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Terry Horner to approve the bills for the month of November/December as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

REPORT ON WORK PERFORMED:

Greg Yearick – No Report

Molly Baird - Report on work performed for the Water Authority by Molly Baird, Secretary, was submitted by Molly Baird and is on file for review.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

GWIN DOBSON FOREMAN, INC. – Andrew Johnson, Engineer, submitted a written report to The Authority members for their packets. Report contained the following information.

Meter Reading Equipment Quotes – Andy Johnson reported he discussed the two quotes received from L.B. Water. One quote was to upgrade the handheld reading devices only and the second quote was for upgrading handheld reading devices and purchasing 60 transceivers to be placed on individual homes. Difference between the two quotes is approximately \$1,500. Greg Myers questioned what the advantage would be to going to radio read. Andy Johnson reported the only advantage would be speed. Currently system you have to walk up to the home and actually touch the touch pad with the device gun to read the meter, with radio read you would just need to walk by the transceiver. After some discussion, the Authority decided since this is not a real critical issue at the moment they would hold on making a decision at this time.

Bridleridge and Saddle Creek Subdivisions – Andy Johnson reported a letter was sent to Penn Terra regarding plan submission lack of detail and need to extend line along Route 144.

Axemann Spring Evaluation – Andy Johnson reported the Authority needs to further discuss the proposal from Casselberry and Associated dated 11/21/06. Upon further review of exact sampling requirements and required equipment, he feels the Authority needs to reconsider this proposal. The sampling requirements are very specific and the Authority needs to be certain the DEP accepts the sampling as valid results. If the Authority does the testing themselves, DEP may question the validity and protocol. It is important to have a professional do this sampling to have data that DEP is going to accept. It was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Gary Catalano to accept Jim Casselberry's quote as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of 2007 Budget – It was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Gary Catalano to approve the 2007 Budget as presented. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Amendment to Management Agreement between STWA & Spring Township – The Amendment to the Management Agreement states that the Authority agrees to contribute \$13,000 to the Township towards the purchase of a new truck in the year 2007. In exchange, the Township agrees to provide a vehicle for the use in the daily water operations, including but not limited to water readings, meter reading, one calls and water line inspections, not included are additional trucks, backhoes, etc. for the repair or installation of water lines. The amendment would remain for five (5) years. Greg Myers, Board Member, questioned the cost of the use of the truck for 2006. Molly Baird, Secretary, reported she has given those figures to Doug Weikel, Chairman, and the cost was over \$6,000. Members agreed this was a good deal. On a motion of

Greg Myers seconded by Terry Horner the Amendment to the Management Agreement between STWA and the Township was approved. Unanimously approved motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Extension & Improvements - No Report. Greg Myers, Board Member, questioned who is in charge of Extension & Improvements. Greg Myers also reported he feels there is a need to consider expanding up over the Weaver Hill area. After brief discussion, Andy Johnson, Engineer, reported if the Authority were to expend at least past Richard Payne's residence, developers may be attracted to expanding to those lines. Something to consider. No further discussion.

Financial Committee – No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

Gwin Dobson & Foreman – A copy of the letter sent to Bridleridge & Saddle Creek Subdivisions were included in the Board packets for their information.

WORK SESSION:

No Work Session scheduled at this time.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Gary Catalano to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Molly Baird,
Recording Secretary**

