

**SPRING TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006  
7:00 P.M.**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Spring Township Water Authority of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Doug Weikel, Chairman, followed by Pledge to the Flag.

**Authority Members:** Doug Weikel , 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:** Rick Meyers & Tom Shade – Pleasant Gap Fire Company  
Additional Pleasant Gap Fire Company members

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pleasant Gap Fire Company – Charges for Water Service** – Greg Myers, Board Member, questioned if the Authority has charged the fire company in the past. Terry Horner, Board Member, reported no, they were not charged at their old building. Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported he has checked with four (4) surrounding authorities and they do not charge for water being used for fire protection, however the Alpha Fire Company does pay for water usage. Last month it was two to one in favor of waiving the use as long as it was not abused, but felt it would be best to have a vote of the full Board.

Jack Bell, Vice-Chairman, reported after reading the minutes from the last meeting (October 2006) Terry Horner came down hard when he made the comment about there being no Santa Clause and everyone laughed and thought it was funny but...he suggested a letter be sent to the Fire Company stating the Authority has already given them a reduced cost for a fire hydrant and meter pit, plus donated pipe for their new facility etc. He also reported he had made a motion to this effect but it was never put in the minutes. Doug Weikel reported he does not remember a motion being made. Jack Bell reported he did make the motion and maybe it was overlooked since it was a dead issue. However, he also made phone calls to other fire companies such as the Alpha's, Millheim, Port Matilda, Walker etc. Walker does not pay for water.

Greg Myers reported he feels the service the Pleasant Gap Fire Company provides is fantastic, his only concern is setting a precedence. Terry Horner reported he has two problems. (1) The Fire Company was never charged before (2) It was never an issue until the new building

was built. Greg Myers commented that it was never an issue because it was never brought before the Board.

Terry Royer, Fire Company Rep., remarked they have the only hydrant that is on the system being run through a meter. Dennis Weaver, Fire Company Rep., commented that the fire company has entirely different responsibilities than other non-profit organizations that may request no charge for service, does not feel it would be setting any precedence. Gary Catalano, Board Member, reported he does not feel not charging the fire company for water would be opening up a can of worms because they are protecting the community with water. Greg Myers reported he is in favor of free water for fire protection but not domestic use. Rick Meyers, Fire Company Rep., reported if they had two meters they could differentiate between domestic and non-domestic.

Doug Weikel made a motion to exonerate any fees incurred to date and future usage through the 6 inch meter and the Authority will monitor usage and reserve the right to reject. Invoice only usage through the 2 inch meter. Andy Johnson, Engineer, reported the reason the meter pit was put in was due to length of line. The Authority needs to keep that in mind. Doug Weikel withdrew his motion. After further discussion it was agreed to install another meter for the Fire Company on the "housing" side of the facility which will monitor domestic use only. It was on a motion of Jack Bell seconded by Greg Myers to forgive all charges for the original invoices received in the amount of \$600 + and install another meter to monitor the housing side of the facility and exonerate for any uses other than domestic. No charges for use of fire protection. The following vote took place. Doug Weikel – I, Gary Catalano – I, Jack Bell – I, Greg Myers – I and Terry Horner – I. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**2007 Proposed Budget – Approval to Advertise -** Terry Horner, Board Member, questioned why there was \$5,000 budgeted for a storage trailer whenever the Authority sold a van for \$850.00 that carried all the equipment. Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported Greg Yearick, Water Operator, had made a request to possibly purchase a storage trailer to put equipment in to take to the site when needed, therefore it was included but it would have to be approved prior to purchasing. Item number can be changed to Miscellaneous instead of Storage Trailer and let the amount in the budget for future purchases if necessary, not necessarily a storage trailer. The Authority agreed they are not convinced a storage trailer is necessary but to let the \$5,000 in the budget under a title of Miscellaneous.

Doug Weikel also reported Item 215 – Truck was left in because as per previous discussions and in talking with The Township, the Authority may contribute the \$13,000 to the Township toward purchasing a truck. In return the Authority would not be charged for the use of a truck for five (5) years. An agreement would have to been drawn up between the Township and the Authority prior to contributing monies. With no further discussion it was on a motion of Doug Weikel seconded by Greg Myers to approve advertising the proposed budget for 2007. Unanimously approved motion carried.

#### **HEARING OF VISITORS:**

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

It was on a motion of Jack Bell seconded by Gary Catalano to approve the minutes for October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Unanimously approved motion carried.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**Regular Monthly Invoices** – Greg Myers, Board Member, reported instead of purchasing letterhead it can be set up on the computer and would probably be more efficient also, this should be kept in mind for the future instead of purchasing. It was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Gary Catalano to approve the bills for the month of October/November as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

## **REPORT ON WORK PERFORMED:**

**Greg Yearick** – Report on work performed for the Water Authority by Gregory Yearick, Operator, was submitted by Gregory Yearick and is on file for review. Jack Bell, Vice - Chairman, questioned how many meters are left to change. Molly Baird, Secretary, reported ten (10) meters are left. Doug Weikel, Chairman, questioned if the telemetry was working. Greg Yearick reported yes, he believes it is now repaired.

**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.

**Casselberry & Associates Memo** – Andy Johnson reported as per the memo from Casselberry & Associates, the costs included in his October 17, 2006 correspondence covered only a single set of paired samples. A cost increase of \$1,680 would be incurred for each additional paired sampling event. He would proceed past the collection of the initial 1 to 2 day lag time sample only if the piezometer results reveal a Low Risk result. Therefore the costs would be \$1,680.00 x 3 if it would continue. If the testing would pass, the usage still can only be 300,000 gallons per day. Doug Weikel reported it is important to have backup supply. Greg Myers reported the cost of collecting samples is excessive. After some discussion, Doug Weikel reported he is concerned of amount, and that Casselberry needs to be contacted to see if he would change the amount if The Authority would do the sampling. The Authority agreed a letter should be sent to Casselberry to proceed with the original proposal submitted on October 17, 2006.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Rosewood Cove – Theft of Services** – Doug Weikel, Chairman, questioned the status of the Theft of Services for Rosewood Cove. Molly Baird, Secretary, reported she notified Officer Moore to proceed with the charges and assumes it is in process. She will check with Officer Moore on the status.

**New Remote Reader Handhelds & 60 Transceivers – Proposal** – Doug Weikel, Chairman, questioned why the new proposal for handhelds and 60 transceivers. Greg Yearick, Operator, reported this is a revised cost for purchasing the handheld readers which is the device to read the meters along with a cost for transceivers to be placed on the homes if The Authority should decide to change over to radio read meters. Andy Johnson, Engineer, reported he did not have a chance to look at yet but he would look into. No further action at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**December Meeting Date** – Molly Baird, Secretary, reported the December meeting is currently scheduled for December 27<sup>th</sup> and questioned if The Authority wishes to keep the meeting date or if they prefer to move up one week to December 20<sup>th</sup>. Jack Bell and Greg Myers reported they would not be able to attend on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, on a motion of Doug Weikel seconded by Gary Catalano the meeting date was changed to December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Unanimously approved motion carried. Molly to advertise.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Extension & Improvements** - No Report.

**Financial Committee** – No Report.

**CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:**

No correspondence.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

**S & A – Saddlecreek & Bridleridge** – Jack Bell, Vice-Chairman, reported he received 2 prints from S & A for the Saddle Creek & Bridleridge Subdivisions. Plans show plastic pipe and feel that S & A is back to old tricks again. After brief discussion, Andy Johnson, Engineer, reported the plans showed no water detail and that a letter will be written to Penn Terra Engineering, Inc. reporting the plans do not have sufficient detail to be reviewed at this point. A letter will be written stating once they have further developed the plan sheets with all the proposed water system feature, they should be submitted for review. The letter will also state The Authority is going to require the waterline to be extended along Route 144 from the entrance to Pleasant Hills to serve these proposed subdivisions.

**WORK SESSION:**

No Work Session scheduled at this time.

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Jack Bell seconded by Greg Myers to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

**Molly Baird,  
Recording Secretary**

