

SPRING TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 27th, 2007
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Spring Township Water Authority of June 27th, 2007 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Doug Weikel, Chairman, followed by Pledge to the Flag.

Authority Members: Doug Weikel, Greg Myers, Jack Bell & Gary Catalano
Solicitor: Miller Kistler Campbell Miller & Williams – Not Present
Supervisors: None Present
Township Manager: William MacMath – Not Present
Water Operator: Greg Yearick
Engineer: Andrew Johnson – Gwin Dobson & Foreman Inc. – Not Present
Guests: None Present

HEARING OF VISITORS:

None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

It was on a motion of Greg Myers seconded by Jack Bell to approve the minutes for May 23, 2007 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

It was on a motion of Jack Bell seconded by Gary Catalano to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2007 as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

It was on a motion of Gary Catalano seconded by Jack Bell to approve the bills for the month of May/June as submitted. Unanimously approved motion carried.

REPORT ON WORK PERFORMED:

Greg Yearick – Report on work performed for the Water Authority by Greg Yearick, Operator, was submitted by Greg Yearick and is on file for review. Greg Yearick also reported Dominion Gas Company was purchasing water from The Authority, they are now getting from Hawbakkers. The Army Reserve Center and the Fire Training Facility are now using water.

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.

TANK PAINTING BIDS:

The following bids for Tank Painting were opened by Gary Catalano, Board Member and read by Doug Weikel, Chairman.

- Nick's Painting Co., Inc. – No Bid Received
- M. K. Painting, Inc. - \$57,000.00
- JPI Painting, Inc. - \$58,900.00
- Haranin Construction, Inc. – No Bid Received
- Farben, Inc. - \$74,900.00
- Jayco, Inc. – No Bid Received
- Utility Service Co., Inc. – No Bid Received
- Roubas Painting, Inc. - \$67,850.00
- Atlas Painting, Inc. - \$74,000.00
- Valley Painting, Inc. – No Bid Received
- D & M Painting Corp. - \$49,640.00
- Worldwide Industries Corp. - \$69,900.00
- J & W of North Carolina, Inc. – No Bid Received
- Southern Corrosion, Inc. - \$62,818.00
- Keystone Painting Co., Inc. - \$58,800.00

It was on a motion of Doug Weikel seconded by Jack Bell to award the bid to the apparent low bidder of D & M Painting Corporation contingent upon review and recommendation by our engineer. Unanimously approved motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

GWIN DOBSON FOREMAN, INC. – Andrew Johnson, Engineer, was not present due to being on vacation. However, a written report was submitted to The Authority members for their packets. Report contained the following information.

Tank Painting Project – There was significant interest in this project. Suggested the Authority approve and award the bid to the lowest bidder based on final review by engineer. He will review bids when he gets back and notify low bidder if bid is complete. If there is a problem he will be in touch with Doug Weikel, Chairman to resolve. Andy has also been in touch with the people from Cingular Wireless to coordinate this project with them so they can move/protect their equipment on the tank.

Water Service to Zion Road Area – The letter from Bellefonte Borough regarding water service in the Zion Road Area was reviewed by Andy Johnson. From the previous Feasibility Study they had concluded that Zion Road Area would be the largest growth area in the Township in the future. There is also development proposed along Route 144 but see this area being slower to develop than the Zion Road Area. The Authority needs to decide long term what areas they want to provide water to. Growth obviously has its issues but a larger customer base does help spread out your cost. At some point, the Authority is going to need to seriously consider another source of water as a backup. This could be another well, treatment of Axemann Spring or possibly interconnection with Bellefonte. This potentially will be an expensive project that would be nice to spread across a larger user base. Recently looked at some routing and cost to get water to Zion Road and had concluded the best route was going across Ulmer's farm. The

estimated cost was \$900,000. If the Authority is going to retain the rights to serve water to the Zion Road Area per the original memorandum of understanding with Bellefonte Borough, the Authority should probably start working with the developers in that area to come up with a plan.

Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported he talked to ELA, the projects in the Zion Road Area are waiting for the new zoning before they proceed. ELA does not want to cross I-99. Greg Myers, Board Member, reported his concern is the water supply. Jack Bell, Vice-Chairman, reported his concerns are if the Authority connects to Bellefonte, they are taking on all those problems also. All plastic line in that area with lots of problems. All Board Members agreed to inform Bellefonte they are in favor of moving toward entering into a Definitive Agreement. Doug Weikel, Chairman, to write letter to Bellefonte notifying them the Authority remains interested in serving proposed development East of I-99 along the Route 550 corridor within the terms of the MoU. Recognizing many factors have changed since the MoU and the fluid nature of development, the Authority agrees a Definitive Agreement must be developed to provide everyone with a frame work from which decisions can be made.

Doug Weikel, Chairman, also reported due to the recent loss of John Miller, Jr., Solicitor, he feels a letter should be written to Miller Kistler Campbell stating the Authority would like to revisit their retainer and would like them to submit a new proposal. Brief discussion took place on various firms to be the Authority's legal council. Doug Weikel also mentioned Elizabeth Dupuis as a possibility. Letters will be written to Miller Kistler Campbell and Elizabeth Dupuis requesting them to propose a retainer agreement for legal services.

Operational Assistance – Andy Johnson met with Greg Yearick at Pleasant Gap Pump Station on June 6, 2007. Greg was having problems with the turn flow meter and control valve. Found that orifice plate ports for flow meter were blocked not allowing pressure to flow transmitter. Also found dirt in control valve preventing proper operation. Greg blew out orifice plate ports with air compressor and corrected flow meter problem. Flushed dirt out of control valve and seemed to correct problem.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorandum of Understanding – Bellefonte Borough – Discussed under Engineers Report – Water Service to Zion Road Area.

Road Paving to Well Site – Doug Weikel, Chairman, reported he was approached by Amy Story who met with their Association regarding the road into the well site and their homes. Since the Authority uses this road on a daily basis, in the past the Authority has contributed toward the maintenance of the roadway. However, the residents are now interested in paving the road and are requesting the Authority contribute. Doug Weikel reported he has no problem with the request. Greg Myers, Board Member, reported he agrees the Authority should contribute. After brief discussion, the Authority agreed that Amy should get prices on paving the roadway and inform the Authority of the cost. At that time, the Authority can decide their financial contribution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Extension & Improvements - No Report.
Financial Committee – No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

DEP – Water Source Assessment Report – Letter received from DEP regarding water assessment for groundwater sources. The Safe Water Drinking Act reauthorization required that state conduct source water assessments of all drinking water sources serving public water systems. Information.

WORK SESSION:

No Work Session scheduled at this time.

ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, it was on a motion of Doug Weikel seconded by Jack Bell to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Unanimously approved motion carried.

Molly Baird,
Recording Secretary