

Newmanstown Water Authority

February 27, 2023

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Newmanstown Water Authority's office. The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

In attendance were:

John Kantner

Steve Hickernell

Robin Bomgardner

Susan Harper

Charles Duffy

William Zimmerman

Leonard Ontkos

Scott Sweigart

John Tschudy

Darryl Jenkins

A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Robin to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes. All aye. So approved.

Susan passed the current board members information sheet and asked members to confirm the information on the sheet. Working on the 2022-23 audit and should have that completed to give to Garcia, Garman and Shea in March. The grants that were submitted need a UEI (Unique Entity ID) number. Had to submit a second time and assignment of the number is pending. Bank interest rates and certificates of deposit were discussed and a motion was made by Steve and seconded by Scott to place an amount of the savings into a 9 month CD with Lebanon Federal Credit Union.

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of January was 3,473,348 gallons. The average chlorine residual was 1.06%, and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 01/04/23. Steve said we will need to order chlorine. His license is in the process of being renewed.

Darryl reported that he is working on the year end reports for submission. The account and emails for PA DEP Chap 110 are being updated for submission. Submission for the DRBC Annual Water Audit is also being worked on. The Tier II report was submitted and was received by the Department of Labor & Industry and also Lebanon County Emergency Management on 02/27/23.

As reported last month, grants have been submitted, and Darryl is responding to emails advising the budget submitted must be revised. A timeline of July/August was given for the determination of the grants.

Darryl sent a letter to John F. Martin on the Authority's behalf to make them aware of the water we could provide to the business and asked them to contact us to discuss. Development plans for the property at 136 W Park Street were obtained; a new water pit and meter will be installed. Paperwork for the Route 419 project is being finalized.

John Kantner reported to the board that the police were notified as to fireworks on the Authority property on Sunday night, 02/19/23. The trash from the fireworks was left on the field and the Authority had to clean this up. We were advised to place cameras and “No Trespassing” signs around the property.

John reported of a leak we experienced on Friday, 02/24/23, that stopped water for a customer at 6 Cherry Lane. Penn Dot and the sub-contractors were contacted, as this leak occurred at a stop where they completed work on the Route 419 project. It was discovered that a copper pipe blew apart and the Authority lost a significant amount of water during the four-day time period until this leak was discovered. Expenses for the repair of this leak are being determined and will be billed to the State.

A survey from the U.S. Geological Service, who were here in June of 2022 for sampling ground water for Well #5, was distributed for perusal. Everything looked good with these samples.

Emergency chlorine kits were purchased and were placed at the wells.

Signs were made and installed at the alley to our property indicating “Avenue A”. Also installed a sign on our building indicating our address of 30 Avenue A.

A delinquent list of those customers that did not pay the 4th Quarter 2022 water bill was compiled. Customers were tagged on 02/27/23 and if not paid by Monday, 03/06/23, water to those customers will be turned off.

OLD BUSINESS

Krall Landscaping to complete the remaining work in Spring
News on John F Martin project
Correspondence and work continue on new housing project at 322 W Main Street
Hackman Fire Equipment – inspected fire extinguishers
Drue Sellers from Neal Systems will be here on March 1, 2023 and March 2, 2023 (if needed) to perform the chlorine calibration.

NEW BUSINESS

NWA Project list for 2023

- Univar – chlorine will be ordered
- Krall Landscape – complete seeding in the Spring
- Continue and complete painting of fire hydrants
- Continue to locate all water service laterals into homes and mark/repair as needed
- Install new water meters and remotes only in emergencies. Supply shortages.
- NWA projects for new grant funding.
- Additional items added as become necessary.

The bills for February 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Bill to approve the bills as read. All aye, so approved.

The treasurer's report for the month of January 2023 was read. Charlie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and seconded by Robin. All aye. Treasurer's report approved.

Lenny made a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary