

# Newmanstown Water Authority

## May 24, 2023

The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, May 24, 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*

A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Steve to approve the April 2023 meeting minutes. All aye. So approved.

### Secretary's Report

Susan reported that construction on the property at 136 W Park Street was completed and contractor is asking about the balance of the Escrow account. Charges will be deducted and the balance in the account will be mailed to the contractor. At the April meeting a letter, updating customers on the website, policies and billing information, was given for review and the board approved the letter. This will be included in the mailing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter water bill. It was reported that there were 18 delinquent accounts for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter billing, and letters were mailed by MRS to these accounts on 05/18/23. The Consumer Confidence Report to be uploaded to the website and notification will be mailed to DEP prior to 07/01/23. John and Susan met with Ann Decker from Jonestown Bank and Trust to review our accounts and we were told that because we are a municipality, we are covered beyond the \$250,000.00 insurance limit through ACT 72. JBT is currently offering a 19-month CD and discussion was held. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Steve to move money from our LFCU account to open this CD. Prior to this we will check with LFCU as to a minimum that must remain in our account with them. All aye. So approved. Ann also shared with us a service that is offered, "Payee Positive Pay" which adds additional security to our check writing, she shared that check wiping/cleaning is a growing problem. Checks written by the authority will be sent for approval of payment. This service will cost us \$15/month. A motion was made by Robin and seconded by Scott to move ahead with this service. All aye. So approved. It was also reported that effective 06/01/23, Jonestown Bank will increase the rate for our safe deposit box from \$38.50 to \$45.00. On 06/05/23 there will be new bank hours and the lobby will no longer be open for walk in, you will have to call for an appointment.

### Operator's Report

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of April was 3,468,436 gallons. The average chlorine residual was .91%, and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 04/05/23. VOC's were also taken and reported on 04/05/23. Chlorine tank was changed on well #5. Myerstown Water Authority has replaced meters; the meters are from 2017 or newer. Myerstown will sell these meters for \$5.00 each and it was determined by the board to buy some of these meters. Steve will arrange the sale of the meters and Myerstown will invoice us.

### Engineer's Report

Darryl was not able to attend the meeting. John reported for him. Starting in 2024 PFAS and PFOA testing will be required. Darryl got information and pricing from Suburban Testing Labs and M J Reider Associates on this testing. Another possible vendor would be Pure Test in Myerstown. Darryl is also working on the invoice for reimbursement from Penn Dot on the 419 project.

### Chairman's Report

Discussion was held on the recent violation concerning quarter 1 nitrates. This violation was of no fault of the authority. M J Reider Associates failed to do the testing. This will be noted on the 2023 CCR report. Discussion was held on possibly changing our testing vendor.

The authority received a notice of violation/penalties from the PA Public Utility Commission on 04/24/23 concerning a violation from 07/14/22. After investigation into this violation, a motion was made by Scott and seconded by Bill to reject the findings of this report and to present the case to the PUC. All aye, so approved. The case will be put on the DPC's July case list and we will be notified of the hearing date. John, Steve and Tim Engler (solicitor) will participate in a virtual meeting when the date is set.

A lien for property at 221 E Park Street was submitted by our solicitor. The board approved this and a letter will be mailed to the Estate for this property.

Discussion was held on fire hydrant flushing because of the water deficit in the county. It was decided to do a modest hydrant flushing and scheduled to start 05/30/23 until completed.

### OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence and work continue on new housing project at 322 W Main Street

### NEW BUSINESS

Water tank cleaning to be done sometime in June  
NWA Project list for 2023

- Krall Landscape – seeding on property between the office and alley
- 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 May 2023 were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Bill to approve the bills as read. All aye, so approved.

The treasurer's report for the month of April 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 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 28, 2023** at 7 p.m.

**Note: Change in day and date for June meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Harper, Secretary