

Newmanstown Water Authority August 28, 2023

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, August 28, 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

Visitors - Andy Sarge from Martz Technologies and Hank Hosler from VZR Scada

Andy Sarge and Hank Hosler attended the meeting to update the board on things happening with their companies and to advise us on the upgrades proposed for our system. The Scada system was installed in 2019. Because of the growth of the company, they are expanding the companies for the software and integration of the system. The name of the new company will be Co Stream.

1 – There will be a change to our license model, instead of charges on a monthly basis the charges will now be on an annual basis. Because our subscription ends in mid-2024 charges will be pro-rated for the remainder of 2023 and the first half of 2024 and the new rate will start in July of 2024. These charges will be billed at the start of the year in 2024.

2 – Upgrades are necessary for our current system and we will move to software that will require a multi factor authentication for cyber security purposes. Hardware will need to be installed for the software upgrade and it is projected for this upgrade to last approximately five (5) years.

3 – This upgrade will offer advance services to the system.

After discussion and questions with the board, quotes for charges for the remainder of 2023, new rates for 2024 and hardware/software upgrades were given. Andy and Hank left the meeting and discussion was held later in the meeting.

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

Secretary's Report

Positive Pay with Jonestown Bank & Trust Company was installed mid-August. Checks that are approved by the board will be entered into the system and if there would be any fraud detected it will be forwarded to us. The system must be logged into on a daily basis to check for this.

On Tuesday, 08/29/23 John and Susan will meet with Anne and Heather from Jonestown Bank to discuss options for customer payments/deposits for their water bill. A representative from Lancaster will also be attending to review Smart Pay for payment of the bills.

30 delinquent letters were mailed on 08/18/23. Doors will be posted, water shut off on 08/29/23.

There were 45 homes sales to date in 2023.

Operator's Report

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of July was 3,804,954 gallons. The average chlorine residual was 1.07%, and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 07/05/23. The quarterly nitrate report for NO3 and NO2 were taken on 07/05/23. The nitrates were 4.34 mg/1 and the nitrites were <0.10 mg/1.

Discussion was held on the educational course that Steve and John participated in with the PUC on 08/17/23.

Engineer's Report

Darryl reported that the grant announcing has been delayed from August until September. He also reported that there is additional Local Share Account grant money available. These grants must be submitted by 11/30/23.

A spreadsheet for the Lead and Copper reporting is being compiled. Our information will be uploaded to this spreadsheet, this project is to be completed by October 2024.

Darryl updated the Drought Contingency Plan and will email a copy to us.

Chairman's Report

John reported the delinquent customers will be posted or shut off on 08/29/23. There is one customer that was advised later and this post or shut off will be on 09/05/23, if necessary.

A requested was received for 81 E Main Street to add another service line to this property. Discussion was held and Darryl will be in contact with the owner of the property.

OLD BUSINESS

Correspondence and work continue on new housing project at 322 W Main Street
Renewed RAVE contract for five (5) years
Penn Dot did repair/uncover curb boxes that were covered with the 419 paving. There is another area where blacktop was put around the curb box, instead of the curb box set into the blacktop.
Darryl to compose a letter to investigate.

NEW BUSINESS

Water tank cleaning to be done sometime in the Fall because of the present dry conditions.

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.

John F Martin Project – Scott and John attended the Township meeting to discuss this project and ask for their support for supplying public water to them. A letter was sent to Mr. Enck, solicitor for the Township, by Darryl on this matter.

John and Scott will have an informal meeting on 09/06/23 with Burnell Martin to discuss supplying them with public water.

PUC Update – Was discussed above in the Operator’s report

Seal coating of NWA blacktop areas. A price from Peterman Brothers will be obtained on 08/29/23 and a price with another vendor. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Bill to go with the best price, once they are obtained. All aye. So approved.

Eblings – Lawn Mower – A new push mower is needed. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Robin to purchase a Honda push mower at Eblings when they are released. All aye. So approved.

Additional items added as become necessary.

Discussion was held as to the presentation by Andy Sarge and Hank Hosler at the start of the meeting. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Steve to upgrade the Scada system hardware/software as proposed. All aye. So approved.

The chlorine detector on well #4 malfunctioned. Gavin McCulloch from The Meter Guy will be getting new sensors.

Steve will talk to electrician, Rittle, for a price to set up a switch for a generator at the tank.

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

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

A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Steve to transfer \$25,000.00 from the checking to the Money Market account. All aye. So approved.

Lenny made a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary