

Newmanstown Water Authority October 25, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Newmanstown Water Authority was called to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance were:

John Kantner

Steve Hickernell

Robin Bomgardner

Susan Harper

Charles Duffy

William Zimmerman

Leonard Ontkos

Scott Sweigart

David Bright

In attendance by phone:

Carl Kreiner

A motion was made to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes by Charlie. Seconded by Carl. All aye. Minutes approved.

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of September was 3,236,525 gallons. The average chlorine residual was 1.13%, and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 09/01/21.

Steve reported on testing into the 4th quarter by M J Reider. Advised the Authority that paving patches are being completed throughout the township. He reported that the chlorine tanks were changed and at present we are not in need of chlorine.

Dave advised that the Emergency Highway Occupancy Certificate will expire. He made the call to make sure this gets completed. Advised that Berks County was advised of Federal grant money available to municipalities for water and sewer projects. Susan will call to see if there is grant money available for Lebanon County. The Penn Dot 419 project was discussed and Dave stated that 75% of the tab for the water system projects will be covered by the State. Discussion was held as to the Authority getting bids on the work needed or to incorporate the work into Penn Dot's plans. It was agreed that the work should be incorporated with Penn Dot and he will follow-up and obtain paperwork needed.

Susan reported that Act 205 paperwork (pension plans) was filed by Garcia, Garman & Shea. We were advised to make an account so that we can file the paperwork when it comes due in two years. Permission was given to post the dates for hydrant flushing on the Kountry Kraft sign on the square. Echo Valley set up a banner to place announcements on the home page of the website. A call was received from Grundy Insurance in Horsham, PA to allow them to quote prices for insurance plans for the Authority. A call will be placed and rates will be obtained for the November meeting.

Flowers were sent by the Authority for the memorial service for Bruce Weaver. Discussion continued on the hard worker and person that Bruce was, and the ways he helped the Authority.

OLD BUSINESS

Krall Landscaping to complete the remaining work before winter.

Cold Summit project – PA One Call was received from a well driller on information on the northeast corner of the property.

The flushing of fire hydrants started on 10/25/21 and will continue on 10/28/21.

Fire hydrant painting was started and will continue until completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Information was received from the State on Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). This would involve the Authority participating in the program that begins in January of 2022. After discussion, a motion was made by Carl and seconded by Scott to not participate in this program at this time and leave billing and collections as they are. All aye, so approved.

The bills for October 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Steve to approve the bills, all aye, so approved.

The treasurer's report for the month of October 2021 was read. Steve made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and seconded by Charlie. All aye. Treasurer's report approved.

Lenny made a motion to adjourn and Carl seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary