

Newmanstown Water Authority

April 29, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday, April 29, 2024 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

Susan Harper

Robin Bomgardner

Steve Hickernell

Scott Sweigart

Charles Duffy

John Tschudy

William Zimmerman

Jason Coyle

A motion to approve the March 2024 meeting minutes was made by Steve and seconded by Bill. All aye. So approved.

Secretary's Report

Susan reported that water bill payments are coming in and they are due on 04/30/24. Some are using the Smart Pay option from JBT for paying their bill but not enough to cover the monthly charges for this program. A reminder/update will be put with the July bill to promote this method of payment.

Operator's Report

Steve reported the gallons of water consumed in the month of March was 3,446,852 gallons. The average chlorine residual was 1.18%, and coliform was absent. The readings were taken on 03/06/24. We passed the second PFAS's testing for the quarter. If we have two more passed testings this year, we will be able to move to a three-year testing cycle. Drue Sellers was here on 04/19/24 and installed the PH meters. False alarms for the chlorine detector have been detected. The Meter Guy was here to repair the equipment and after he left the alarms went again. He came back and took the equipment with him to his office to test.

Engineer's Report

Jason reported that the PA DEP Chap 110 report had some errors; they were corrected and the report was resubmitted. Jason stated that the spreadsheet for Lead/Copper data entry is good to go and we can start entering data. Payment for the 419 Penn Dot project was made, our reimbursement was deducted from the Penn Dot invoice and the balance was paid to Penn Dot. Jason is working on renewing the vendor number needed for state projects. There is no update on the GIS mapping system and had no updates on the Lapp projects. Todd Shoaf from Pioneer Management contacted the authority concerning sale and development of the Trigon property at 12 S Ft Zellers Road. The new owner, Floyd Zook, has plans to sub divide the property and build an additional warehouse that would employ approximately 50 people. A rough draft of the plans were submitted for review and Todd Shoaf will attend the May meeting. A letter was mailed to the new owner requesting an escrow account and discussion and work on this project will commence after receipt of the money.

Chairman's Report

John reported that all delinquent accounts have been collected, with the exception of 221 E Park Street. Also discussed work to be completed at 328 E Main to repair the shut off valve. Work is completed on the 322 W Main Street Project, the escrow account was closed and the money remaining in the account was refunded to the property owner.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report this meeting.

Old Business

Work completed on the housing project at 322 W Main Street. Units are ready for rental.

New Business

- a. Discussion was held and plans reviewed on the property on Bethany Road that was sold by Jack Keener. Plans are for an 8-lot sub division and the possibility of connecting to public water. Information is being reviewed by the county and the township. A letter for an escrow account will be forthcoming.
- b. A new roof is needed on the storage shed at the water tank. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by John Tschudy for this work. All aye. So approved.
- c. Trees need to be removed at the water tank property and also at well #4.
- d. Lights sensors needed repair at well #4. Bryan Rittle did the repair. Heater in the well room was not shutting off and also the thermostat in the office was not working. New digital thermostats will be ordered and installed.
- e. Hydrants to be flushed starting on 05/13/24 and continuing that week until completed. Information on this to be posted on our website and displayed on the sign at the square in town.
- f. NWA Project list for 2024
 - ES2 Environmental – Three Hydro Instruments were replaced by Drue Sellers on 04/19/24.
 - Water Tank Cleaning
 - Krall Landscape – grade and plant grass at well house #5
 - Continue and complete painting of fire hydrants
 - Continue to locate all water service laterals into homes and mark/repair as needed
 - Trigon Plastic Sale/Project - ongoing
 - CMJM LLC, Bethany Road Project - ongoing
 - New roof proposal for water tank storage shed - ongoing
 - Any other item will be added to the list if recommended by another board member and approved.

The bills for April 2024 were reviewed. A motion was made by Robin and seconded by Steve to approve the bills as read. All aye, so approved.

The treasurer's report for the month of March 2024 was read. Scott made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for March as read and seconded by Charlie. All aye. Treasurer's report approved.

Susan made a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harper, Secretary/Treasurer