

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in the Board room at the Administrative Office. Chairman Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Neugebauer, Mr. Ake, Mrs. Marcinko, Mr. Strohm and Mr. Gehret were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. Also in attendance were Consulting Engineer, Mark Glenn, Solicitor, David Consiglio, AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Todd Musser, and Kathy Gabella.

Public Comment:

Ron Johnston, 3907 West Chestnut Avenue attended the meeting to discuss the issue of dumping by Lake Altoona. It was explained to Mr. Johnston that this is an ongoing issue at various areas throughout the Authority's watershed. The Authority has partnered with the PA Game Commission which is an added layer to help patrol all the watersheds.

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Marcinko moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. Mr. Gehret seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Guests:

Joe Fedeli gave a brief summation of the 2017 Audit report. Mr. Strohm made a motion to accept the 2017 Audit as presented. Mr. Ake seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Brian Book – representing FREE (Foundation of Renewable Energy & Environment)

Unfinished Business:

1. Bellwood Treatment Plant Update – this project is approximately 75% complete. Submission of the Public Water Supply Permit is expected to be done in October.
2. Lake Altoona and Impounding Dam Installation of Rubber Dams – the delivery of the rubber dams is on schedule for October 1, 2018. The reservoirs need to be lowered before the contractor is able to begin the installation. The abundant rainfall has made lowering the dams a little more time consuming. Staff is keeping the contractor apprised of the drawdown progress.

3. Guaranteed Energy Savings - Mr. Book gave a presentation on guaranteed energy savings. His presentation is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
4. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – pre-bid meetings were held this week. There was a good turn-out of prospective bidders. The bids will be opened Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Neugebauer asked Mrs. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisitions #90 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$51,275.50

Requisition #2015-44 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$59,912.53

Requisition #8 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$20,382.16

Mr. Gehret moved to approve the requisitions. Mrs. Marcinko seconded. Mr. Neugebauer called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. DeRubeis mentioned the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the 2019 Municipal Budget is higher than last year. Changes have been made to the plan by updating the mortality schedule, reducing the interest in the salary assumptions and asset smoothing.

New Business:

None

Other Business:

1. Mr. Perry informed the board there will be an update given at October's meeting on the changes made to the Customer Service hours.

Media Questions

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: 10-18-18



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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