

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 in the board room at the Administrative Office. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Schirf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Ake, Mr. Schirf, Mr. Neugebauer, and Ms. Marcinko 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. AWA Staff representatives attending were, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Todd Musser and Kathy Gabella

Absent: Mr. Lawruk

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Schirf asked that a change be made to the June minutes. Under Unfinished Business for the Grazierville project the phrase "Since the cost was well over budget" should be stricken from the minutes. Ms. Marcinko made motion to approve the minutes with the above change for the June 23, 2016 meeting. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Unfinished Business:

1. Tipton 16-inch Transmission Main Cleaning & Lining – The contractor, Mainlining Inc. mobilized to the site and started to work on the by-pass pipe. Approximately half of the by-pass pipe is installed, flushed and disinfected. They are waiting for the bacteria results. The other half of the by-pass pipe should be complete next week and put on line so the cleaning and lining project can be started.
2. Bellwood Reservoir – The design work continues and we are waiting to hear back from DEP on the geotechnical report that was submitted in April. This is needed to complete the permit application.
3. Grazierville Road Project –the plans are in the process of being submitted to PennDOT for traffic control and paving.
4. Sewer Lining Project –last month the board approved using bond residual monies for the amount of \$250,000.00 which is in addition to the budgeted amount of \$184,000.00. Staff identified and prioritized areas for this lining work. A bid package is being prepared for this project.

5. DeGol Easement – an eight-inch waterline extension was installed at Creekside Drive which extended off Lotz Avenue and went through a cul-de-sac. This easement is just a formality for the Authority.

Requisition Approval:

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

1. Requisitions #53 Water Division Construction Fund totaling – \$59,057.50

This requisition is for the system wide meter replacement project.

2. Requisition #2015-18 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$64,785.11

Ms. Marcinko made a motion to approve the requisitions. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

New Business:

1. Resolution # 16-07-825 to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Treasurer to execute the Easement Agreement between Donald A. DeGol, Jr. and the Altoona Water Authority for tax parcels #14-15-66, 14-15-65-1 and 14-15-65-B

Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve Resolution #16-07-825. Ms. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Other Business:

None

Media Questions and Public Comment

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

Executive Session:

An executive session was called at 9:18 for legal and personnel issues.

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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