

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

VERNON WALKER  
JOHN BARR (Absent)  
JAMES DRAPCHAK  
JOHN HEIDER (Absent)  
JAMES PETERS

**OTHERS**

ROBERT SHAHADE, SOLICITOR  
KEN MESKO, ENGINEER  
TERRY REESEY - PUMP STATION SUPERVISOR  
ALICE HUMMEL – RECORDING SECRETARY

**OTHERS:** None

**CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7.00 P.M.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 21, 2019**

Jim Drapchak moved, Jim Peters seconded to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2019 meeting, as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED: 3/0**

**PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE ON AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PENNVEST PROJECT UPDATE**

Ken reported the project is pretty well completed. Solicitor questioned and Ken will check on the status of the Letter of Credit at Somerset Trust, as he believes it may be the last year it is needed.

**FLOW METER REPORT**

Ken stated when the system has those bad events, they are mandated to go out and check all the bypasses, which Terry does. He stated there isn't much bypass anymore, even though there was at Benscreek. Ken stated that he and Terry have been talking about that and he thinks it's something like is happening out at Woodmont, with inflow of a significant force of storm or creek water.

Ken stated Terry had checked some viewports on Franklin Street. He found ¼ Pipe, 1/8 pipe, ¼ pipe, and one was dry. Terry indicated there were five houses he checked, starting from the top of Franklin St. and working their way down, that were pulled randomly to see what it was doing on Friday because there was a lot of water in the Benscreek area. Ken stated that ¼" pipe in a 6" viewport with a 2% slope is 50+ GPM, so with those four lines that is 132 gallons a minute. Terry stated that does not include the 1/3 of pipe he had coming down Clearview from Krider and it was clear water. He did state that he did have a lot of flow coming out of Berkley Hills, and when they had used the camera in that area, they did find issues. He stated they will have to camera Old Hickory and Nice Ave. again, because when it rains the water increases on Mark Lane from those two streets. He also indicated, if there is a lot of rain tomorrow, Roto Rooter is to come back in to camera those lines and see if something is coming in from the main. Ken stated Terry should check the viewports and verify if anything is coming in from the homes, as it could be the old laterals and insert-a-tees that need replaced. Terry has been opening the viewport to see if it is coming thru the line, and have found some is coming in between viewport and main, others were from the houses and they checked to make sure it stopped after they flushed.

Ken stated that UY-5 Meter reads periodically and must have been put back in recently. It is located at the Southmont side of Edwards St.

Ken indicated there are some spikes showing, but they have gone way down. Woodmont went up to 180 max and years ago it would have been way higher. Terry indicated he checks the readings at the end of the day and first thing in the morning. Ken stated the normal reading is approximately 30 GPM, and peak morning would be 50 - 60 GPM.

### **HGA FLOW METER**

Solicitor stated that Attorney Beth Harris said the meter has been authorized and should be installed in one to two weeks, however the weather hasn't been cooperating.

### **CAP/WASTELOAD MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Ken reported the Wasteload Management Report will be completed and submitted prior to the due date, which is the end of February 2019.

### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN / COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Ken reported the Corrective Action Plan/Compliance Report was provided in the meeting packets for everyone to view. Solicitor stated that when looking at being 2 1/2 years into the program, he was pleased that the Authority is at 70% on the January 2019 JRA Comprehensive Pressure Testing Report, noting also that report does not count any CCTV testing which has been done.

### **NON-COMPLIANCE FEES**

**Jim Drapchak moved, Jim Peters seconded to approve the listing of non-compliance fees for the month of February, 2019, as submitted. MOTION CARRIED 3/0**

### **GIRARD STREET PUMP STATION**

Ken stated the contracts, bonds and insurance have all been received and reviewed by Solicitor Shahade. At this time, they must wait to hear back from the insurance company and City of Johnstown, before they can further proceed. Solicitor stated he had talked to the City Solicitor on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January he sent the draft of the easement, photo of the site and current easement from Girard Street. He contacted her today and she said she never got the letter. Therefore, he emailed it to her today and also to the Mayor. He still hasn't heard back from her as of yet.

Vern questioned if the two residents had been notified regarding the easements. Ken stated they are concerned about the vegetation at their property. He indicated to them that they will attempt to put it back when all is done, however, the contractor needs to get in there and there is only a 10 ft. wide easement and the wet well is 10 ft in diameter. He stated it will be a tight environment to work in. They are also concerned about the driveway, and don't want any gravel or pavement. Ken indicated that we have to have gravel at a minimum, as Terry will have to go back there several times a week. Currently, Terry would not be able to get a pump truck in to clean out the wet well. Solicitor stated it's not going to have to be as labor intense on the rebuild as the last one was, but some type of compromise will have to be made.

Ken stated plans were submitted to DEP, as they had no record of the Girard Street pump station, as it was installed in the 1950's. Ken stated that sometimes those older projects or pump stations were not permitted. DEP would have approved the plans as that pump station was part of Phase 1 of the Authority's Sewer System. Ken stated he gave them the physical address and GPS coordinate of the Girard Street pump station for their records.

### **PAST REHABILITATION PROJECTS/LATERAL CONNECTIONS**

Terry stated he has approx. 8000 feet of line to camera yet. He stated that some of the lines have to be cleaned prior to using the camera, as there is too much silt on the bottom of the line.

Vern asked are these past projects that our own crew did. Ken indicated the areas being referred to had started in Woodmont in the late 80's, then additional projects in 1994 and again in 2000. He stated that about 1/3 of the lines were involved in those projects and in those days, they used the insert-a-tees and they have come to find the insert-a-tees don't hold up well over time. Terry indicated that a lot of the insert-a-tees are wrinkled up, plus they are finding leaks at the manholes where water is coming in, so it is not a complete closed system as of yet, however, it is much better than it was. Ken stated there are products they could correct the situation with that are trenchless, but they are expensive too.

### **SUMP PUMP ENFORCEMENT**

Terry indicated he hasn't been able to look at any of that yet, because of the heavy rains that have been incurring, plus what is going on with the manholes.

### **CAMOSET VILLAGE**

Vern asked what the status of Camoset Village was, as far as coming into compliance. Terry stated that Joe Kanuch Excavating has been working continuously and is over 50% complete in bringing the properties into compliance. Solicitor stated that Stonycreek Township is also aware of this.

### **D & T RENTALS /CERTIFICATIONS/PROPOSED SALE**

Solicitor stated he reviewed the documents pursuant to the sale of Camoset Village, the Escrow Agreement he approved, it has been signed by the sellers and contractor. They were scheduled to close on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Sharon of Mesko and Associates and Solicitor Shahade have been working with the buyer's attorney, who now knows very well what our Rules & Regulations are.

Vern questioned if the new owner will be keeping the same agreement as Todorichs' in regards to paying for the quarterly sewer billings. At this time, it was unknown if they would continue to process payments for those accounts per the agreement with D & T Rentals. Solicitor indicated that the Todorichs' were very noble and honorable. They were good to their word on everything that they requested of us and didn't ask for very much from us. They simply asked for convenience of billing on their end.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

##### **Transfer of Funds**

Vern noted that two separate transfers were made from the General Fund Savings to Checking, totaling \$30,000.00 for payment of the January 2019 and February 2019 bills.

##### **Accounts Receivables**

It was noted that the Office will now be accepting Debit/Credit Card Payments for the sewer billings, which should help with the cash flow and that the cost of this service is incurred by the customer, not the Authority.

##### **2018 Annual Municipal Agreement Fees Report**

The Board reviewed the report. Solicitor stated that if they didn't have the inter-municipal agreements, the Authorities system would be five times its size.

##### **AXA ADVISOR FUND**

Solicitor stated that approximately 10 years ago, the Authority divested in the AXA Advisor Fund / Federal Fund. It was noted that the Board is provided a Quarterly Statement regarding this fund. Solicitor stated that the Audit Report will be coming out and it will show what the value is as opposed to your cost basis is. Vern will check with Don Cowe as to why it has been declining, prior to making any decisions whether or not to liquidate the fund.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **APPROVAL OF BILLS – \$61,993.63**

**Vern Walker moved, Jim Drapchak seconded to approve payment of the bills as submitted, in the amount of \$61,993.63 MOTION CARRIED 3/0**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Jim Drapchak moved, Jim Peters seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion Carried. 3/0**

**ADJOURNED 7:48 P.M.**

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Jim Peters, Assistant Secretary