

Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2018



The Public Meeting was called to order by Dave Eakin at 6:30pm.

Roll Call: Present: Dave Eakin, Ed Shrimp, Lynn Crist, Teri Snyder, Bill Ramsey, Chuck Leonard.

Absent: Dick Miller, Leon Liggitt

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of New Members: None

Election of Officers: Motion to keep all board members in same positions and committees as in 2017 made by Teri Snyder. Second by Lynn Crist. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman: Dave Eakin Vice Chairman: Edward Shrimp

Treasurer: Teri Snyder Assistant Treasurer: Lynn Crist

Secretary: Bill Ramsey Assistant Secretary: Richard Miller

Committees:

Finance Committee: Chairman, Chuck Leonard. Members: Teri Snyder and Ed Shrimp

Planning Committee: Chairman, Chuck Leonard. Members: Teri Snyder and Ed Shrimp

Personnel Committee: Chairman, Dave Eakin. Members: Leon Liggitt

Construction Committee: Chairman, Teri Snyder. Members: Dave Eakin and Lynn Crist.

Guests: Eric Moore, Executive Director; Tara Rall, WBRA Admin. Coordinator; Mike Collins, Esq., Solicitor for WBRA; Dave Walters, Larson Design, Paul and Wendy Gunns, Montgomery residents.

Public Comment: Montgomery Residents Paul and Wendy Gunns, who live at the corner of Pinchtown and Houston Ave., addressed the board in regard to an issue with their grinder pump, which was installed pre-WBRA. Recently the Gunns experienced a total blockage of their pressure line and contacted WBRA. Staff determined:

1. The pressure line follows Pinchtown Road and then Houston Ave to the closest WBRA manhole. Previously the line entered the manhole. The line was relocated to a tie-in to the main when the manhole was replaced as a part of the Route 15 sewer project in 2016. This was done for safety reasons.
2. WBRA camera-inspected the main line and saw no issue at the connection point.
3. The pressure line from the house to the connection point is the responsibility of the Gunns.
4. The pressure line has no cleanouts along the very long run of pipe.
5. UGI did construction work in the area of the Gunns pressure line, and it was exposed in several places by UGI in 2016.
6. The grinder pump does not meet WBRA standards – it is a small in-floor unit in their basement.
7. No cleanout was provided at the right of way by WBRA’s contractor during the project, which is not typical.
8. Staff intend to install cleanouts at the road ROW on the Gunns’ pressure line and their neighbor’s pressure line which is located immediately adjacent to the Gunns line.
9. The Gunns had not observed any problem until very recently, coinciding with the very cold weather. Staff speculate that the line is shallow and was frozen due to the deep penetration of frost associated with the very cold weather.

Motion to install cleanouts made by Ed Shrimp. Second by Chuck Leonard. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** to accept meeting minutes of December 13, 2017 made by Ed Shrimp. Second by Teri Snyder. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills /Treasurer’s Report: **Motion** to accept Bills/Treasurer’s Report made by Lynn Crist. Second by Ed Shrimp. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

Route 15 update: Preliminary designs are 90% completed. County did not receive the RCAP grant.

Opera House: Jeff Allen's position at DCED was let go this week due to budgetary issues. The County still wants to move forward on the revitalization project. There is a meeting scheduled for next week with the County to proceed with the project. UGI was at the Opera House this past week and located a tiny leak in the gas line. The leak was fixed and the valves were closed in the building and at the street.

501C3: STEP has volunteered to work with us. Eric Moore will be meeting with STEP next week to discuss STEP being a delegated fiscal sponsorship with WBRA as they are with PPL and UGI.

Disconnection issue: Current Authority Rules and Regulations state that if a structure is demolished the sewer line is to be disconnected. Reconnection fees (tapping fees) are \$2,900. Eric would like to allow up to 2 years from the time of demolition to new structure without accessing tapping fees, however, the customer would still be required to pay the \$55 monthly sewer fee during that renovation period.

New Business

Rate Resolution 2018-01: Motion made by Chuck Leonard to adopt Resolution 2018-01 in regard to WBRA 2018 rates. Second by Ed Shrimp. All were in favor. Motion passed.

With no further business to conduct, Motion made by Teri Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Second by Lynn Crist. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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