

Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2019



The Public Meeting was called to order by Chuck Leonard at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Chuck Leonard, Edward Feigles, Todd Pysher, Teri Snyder and Leon Liggitt.

Absent: Lynn Crist, Pat Deitrick

Guests: Eric Moore, Executive Director; Jonathan DeWald, Esq., Solicitor for WBRA; Ruth Little, Montgomery Resident and Dave Walters, Larson Design Group

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept meeting minutes of August 14, 2019 made by Leon Liggitt. Second by Ed Feigles. Todd Pysher abstained due to absence. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Approval of Bills /Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Bills/Treasurer's Report made by Ed Feigles. Second by Leon Liggitt. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business

Route 15 Sewer: Design work is completed. Staff is in the process of obtaining easements. The bidding process has been delayed. County documents are ready for the loan, just waiting on formal approval by PennVest. Motion contingent upon the execution of the documents by the officers pending the receipt of the appropriate PennVest approval letter made by Ed Feigles. Second by Teri Snyder. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business:

Policies to adopt:

2019-015: Meals per diem. Teri Snyder wants confirmation whether or not federal website includes a breakdown of breakfast, lunch and dinner. Tabled until next meeting.

2019-016: Home Inspection Results: Solicitor made corrections to Summary including replacing the word "property" with "agency records" and the word "reports" with "results". Change to Paragraph 1 included replacing "appropriate WBRA Policy" with "applicable statutory requirements". Motion to adopt Policy 2019-016 per Solicitor's changes made by Teri Snyder. Second by Ed Feigles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

2019-017: Sewer Fees to Founding Municipalities: The requirement for our founding municipalities to waive road opening permit fees in exchange for WBRA waiving 1 EDU of sewer to be stricken from the second paragraph "The requirement to pay for 1 EDU will be waived provided that the municipality also waives their fees for road opening/excavation permits". Motion to adopt Policy 2019-017 contingent upon removing paragraph 2 made by Ed Feigles. Second by Leon Liggitt. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee: Request for Committee dates to review handbook: The personnel manual needs updated. Changes will be provided to the Chair of the Personnel Committee to review at the next committee meeting.

Board discussed and confirmed that Todd Pysher, Ed Feigles and Chuck Leonard will attend the next Montgomery Water Authority meeting.

Following a discussion of the water system operation, it was the general consensus of the board that if an agreement cannot be reached to operate the water for either Borough Authority by the end of the year WBRA will no longer be in the water business. No formal motion was passed by the Board in this regard, however, as the issue was previously addressed by the motion to authorize notice to the MBMA and MWSA of WBRA's intent to allow the current agreement to expire made at the August 14, 2019 Board meeting. The August 14th meeting minutes mistakenly identify the notice to be provided "to Muncy and Montgomery Boroughs". The notice was intended for, and made to, the contractual parties (Muncy Borough Municipal Authority and Montgomery Water and Sewer Authority".

Motion for reorganization of the Chairman vacancy made by Ed Feigles. Second by Todd Pysher. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to appoint Chuck Leonard as Chairman made by Leon Liggitt. Second by Ed Feigles. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Board reorganized committees as follows:

Finance Committee: Teri Snyder (Chair), Todd Pysher and Leon Liggitt

Planning Committee: Todd Pysher (Chair), Teri Snyder, Ed Feigles

Personnel Committee: Pat Dietrick (Chair), Ed Feigles, Lynn Crist

Equipment Committee: Ed Feigles (Chair), Todd Pysher, Pat Deitrick

Committee Reports:

With no Further public business to conduct, motion made by Leon Liggitt to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Certified as Approved Meeting Minutes of the WBRA:

