

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2014 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The EAWA Board meeting was held in the Meeting Room at 211 W. Hummelstown St. and was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dr. C. Dale Treese. Members present: Keith Murphy, John Buch, Del Becker, Jeff McCloud, and Rick Erb. Absent: Chuck Brewer. Also present were G. Alspach, Solicitor; M. Skelly, Authority Manager; G. Haldeman, Operations Manager; W. DeVan, PWD; P. Lusardi, Engineer; G. Miller, Business Manager; and M. Powl, Admin Clerk. **Other Attendees:** Rich Sheidy.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. REPORTS:

Manager's Report: Powl stated that the Board has a copy of the resolution for a water & sewer easement for Featherton Crossing. Alspach said it is a draft copy that he is still working on. He said we will create a resolution for every agreement so it can be documented in the minutes and tracked. Alspach said there was originally going to be a public street but now it is not. He said Featherton is going to give EAWA a 30 ft. right-a-way. Skelly said this is to ensure access to the water lines. Murphy stated that if it is a private street, we do not accept responsibility for them. Skelly said the street was recorded as a public street and now it won't be. Alspach said it was his understanding that we were taking the water lines. Skelly said he will verify with S. Gault at MJT.

Operations Manager's Report: Haldeman mentioned that the next morning after Mr. Morris attended the meeting last month, Kohl Brothers came to replace the pump and discovered a fuse was blown. He said it was a quick fix and the well is back in service. He said he will create a new schedule for next year's budget to replace all the pumps on a rotating schedule within five years.

Haldeman said he checked the minutes from last month and said that he confirmed with AI that all the security audits are in place for the SCADA system. Haldeman said they need to replace their computer system. He asked the Board if he should purchase now to upgrade the system or wait and budget for it. He said it would cost approximately \$5K. He said he didn't realize at the time that Microsoft is no longer supporting Windows XP and they will need to upgrade the software in order to call the system. Board agreed that Haldeman should purchase now to work out any problems that may occur.

Haldeman informed the Board of the following items: 1) Water lines installed, pressure tested, and in service for Conoy Crossing – Phase 2A; 2) Mitch obtained his CDL permit; 3) ERSA will be installing their own water lines for the new building. He cancelled out the permit and he has been receiving phone calls from different contractors that will be bidding on the project. Murphy said it is because the water, sewer and gas lines need to go in the same ditch; which will save ERSA money; 4) Haldeman said he climbed the one water tank himself to investigate the problem

with the hatches. He said the ladder goes over the hatch so you can't open it. Haldeman said after trying for weeks to speak to J. Stoltzfus, he was able to talk to him a few hours ago about the hatches on the two tanks. Stoltzfus said he can repair each hatch for \$5 – \$6K. Stoltzfus informed Haldeman that he will plan to visit the tanks next week and schedule a time for two of his crew to make all the necessary repairs to the Groff & Buckingham water tanks. Treese asked why things were done the way they were since 2008. Haldeman said he didn't know. He mentioned that the brackets were completely rusted within the 6 years and should not have. Haldeman thought Corrosion Control was the company that did the work. Treese asked Haldeman to check with them to see if it is something that is covered by them; 5) Cope's Corn is putting a new water system in the whole building. He thought someone may be interested in buying the property; 6) He received an email from S. Gault, MJT concerning low water pressure at Cory & Andy Breault's home that they recently purchased on Mt. Gretna Rd. Haldeman said he replied to C. Breault and explained why there is only 30 psi's in that area. He advised that a booster pump would be the only way to increase the water pressure and the Board had discussed this problem previously and decided that it would be the homeowner's responsibility to install the booster pump. Haldeman stated that C. Breault may call or attend one of the meetings.

Public Works Director's Report: DeVan reported that he delivered approximately 100 water termination notices yesterday.

Engineer's Report: None.

- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wetzel and Hoffer MJT test wells** – Skelly said the release of liability letters were mailed to both owners. He heard from both owners that they would like EAWA to wait until late October or November to close the wells due to crops being harvested. Skelly said he will contact the owners about returning the paperwork to EAWA. Skelly said regarding the three quotes that were received, he was concerned about the cost of the first quote. He thinks they allocated one day's labor for each well. He said other quotes were substantially less. He's still waiting to hear back from the company as to why their quote was more expensive.

Stoneybrook Subdivision Phase 1B – Treese said there has been various communications regarding the fees. He said the Board members should have received the paperwork. Treese said the request is that the money be paid at the time a permit is requested instead of a LOC. Treese asked that the Board look at this from the standpoint of "What is best for EAWA?" and see if the developer would like to suggest a solution. Murphy stated that if you review the Minutes from May 7 under item four, it states "Gruber stated he was unaware the he was required to pay all the tapping fees." Murphy said that was not what we said. We told him that he can pay the tapping fees at the time he picks up the permit along with the tanks fees. If he agreed to 11 permits for the year and only picked up 6 permits, he still owes us for 5 permits at the end of that year. Murphy asked Skelly if that was how it was explained to Gruber. Skelly said initially the way he presented it and was written in the agreement to Gruber was that he had to pay for all 54 lots at the time the plan was recorded as per our Design & Manual Policy. Skelly said that is not what has been done in the past or what was expressed in the Municipal Authorities Act, in

terms of paying for the permits. He said the practical approach was that Gruber could ask the Board for relief from that provision. Murphy asked if Gruber was informed about providing the LOC. Skelly stated that Gruber advised that he was unable to obtain a LOC. Skelly said a few days later, Gruber said he would talk to the builder. Skelly said Gruber did not accept our option and we need to come to an agreement. Murphy said if Gruber would have followed the original agreement, we would be ahead of the game. Treese said he thinks it is a reasonable offer for Gruber to pay for the permits each year (pay for a specific number), obtain a LOC for tank fees, and he makes up the difference at the end of the year if he has not sold the required number of lots. Skelly recommended having a meeting with further discussions and provide information to the Board. Murphy said WDT is not making any exceptions – Gruber is buying more land to merge the streets together and draining the additional pond for future phases. He asked why WDT can't waive their park fees until after the water is paid for. Becker asked how much a LOC costs. Alspach said 2% of the LOC. Treese advised Skelly to coordinate dates, who will attend, and report back to the Board with information obtained from the meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None.

6. BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS: None.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

8. ADJOURN: 7:30 PM

Action: "That the Board adjourn the work session meeting."

Motion: J. Buch

Second: K. Murphy

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

M. Skelly, Authority Manager

Approved at 7/14/14 Meeting