

**EAWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 14, 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, Jeff McCloud, Del Becker, and Chuck Brewer. Absent: Rick Erb. Also present were George Alspach, Solicitor; Mike Skelly, Manager; Gene Haldeman, Operations Manager; Grace Miller, Business Manager; and Michele Powl, Administrative Clerk. **Other Attendees:** Stan Daubert and Todd Kreider.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Stan Daubert noticed on the Consumer Confidence Report that the TTHM went up slightly over the MCL and wondered why there was no violation shown on the report. Haldeman said they use a running average of all four quarters, which is why it did not show up as a violation. Daubert mentioned the rate increases and said he was glad to see the base price lowered from \$41.00 to \$35.00 for the 3,001 – 25,000 users. He said the lower users (3,001 – 10,000) were hit hard the last increase and are now paying less. The customers that use 11,000 gals. or greater will be paying more for their usage. Daubert asked the Board what items are contributing to the higher rates other than the building projects and the bond (not concerned with employees' salaries). Treese stated the following: 1) EAWA's water rates were generally lower than the surrounding areas; 2) Bond for the building; and 3) Equalizing the rates among all three districts by 2016. Skelly mentioned to Daubert that he explained the rate increase at the last meeting. Murphy added that the SRBC has been requiring different tests, which has incurred additional costs as well. Brewer and Murphy commented that we looked at the increases as dollar amounts instead of by percentages and did not want to burden the customers with high increases at one time, but do small increases over time.

Todd Kreider mentioned to the Board that he has been having difficulties with high water pressure (120 psi's) in his home over the past year, which destroyed his pressure reducing valve, water softener, expansion tank, water heater, and blow out valve on the water heater. He said he was talking to his neighbor about the water pressure and discovered that his neighbor's water heater blew up last year around the same time (July/August). The neighbor said the problem occurred when the water company had turned off the water due to working on their street and turning the water on after the work was completed. The neighbor said he contacted the water company and they purchased a new water heater for him. Kreider said he contacted Neffsville Plumbing to investigate and fix the problem. The plumber set the new pressure reducing valve to 70 psi. Kreider noticed that the pressure seemed high and called the plumber again only to find that the pressure increased another 25 psi. Kreider asked the Board for reimbursement and assistance in solving the water pressure problem. Treese asked Kreider to provide a timeline of events to the Board and Haldeman will schedule a time to examine the plumbing in his home. Haldeman said he would like to take R. Erb along with him. Board agreed.

Haldeman said it may have been a faulty pressure regulator that caused the problem.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

**Action:** “That the Board approve the WS Meeting Minutes of 6/4/14 and the regular Board Meeting Minutes of 6/9/14, as presented.”

**Motion:** K. Murphy      **Second:** J. Buch      **Approved**

#### 5. REPORTS:

- a. **Manager’s Report: Admin. Presentation:** Miller provided a presentation to the Board called “Healthcare – This way to success”. The presentation addressed concerns that the Board had regarding healthcare and the cost for employees.

Skelly distributed the mid-year cash flow reports and overdue collections reports to the Board.

- b. **Operations Manager’s Report:** Haldeman stated that the Litehizer project (fire hydrant) was completed today.

- c. **Public Works Director’s Report:** None.

- d. **Engineer’s Report:** None.

- e. **Financial Reports:**

- i. Copies of Paid Bills statement (6/24/14) distributed with package - \$70,320.35 for balance;
- ii. Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for period of JUN YTD, distributed with package. Income: \$3,693,005.64 (inc. fund balance), Expenditures: \$1,106,950.42 (inc. debt principal & interest).

**Action:** “That the Board accept the JUN Statement of Revenues & Expenditures (Actual vs. Budget).”

**Motion:** J. McCloud      **Second:** J. Buch      **Approved**

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

8. **BILLS PAYABLE:** Refer to Unpaid Report;

**Action:** “That the Board pay bills listed on statement of Unpaid Bills Detail (714/14), totaling \$187,551.37 (inc. 2004 Bond payment).”

**Motion:** J. Buch      **Second:** J. McCloud      **Approved**

**9. BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:** Brewer and Treese thanked Miller and staff for their work on the Healthcare presentation. Murphy asked if everyone is connected to water and if not connected to water, if a lien has been placed on the property. Skelly said yes – he has not heard anything from municipalities.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Board adjourned into an Executive Session.

**11. ADJOURN:** 7:27 pm

**Action:** "That the Board adjourn the regular meeting."

**Motion:** K. Murphy    **Second:** D. Becker

**Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

M. Skelly, Authority Manager

***Approved at 8/11/14 Meeting***