

GREENVILLE WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2010 5:30 P.M.

Member's present	Gary Beatty, President Marion Rosselot, Secretary John Gibson, Ass't Sec. Treasurer Tom Thompson, Gannett Fleming
Joined meeting via telephone	Chad Sankey, Vice President
Employee's Present:	William Brady, Superintendent Maria Kerekes, Office Manager
Press:	Caleb Stright, Record Argus
Guests:	Brian Shipley, Council President Scott Andrejchak, Borough Manager Tom D'Alfonso, Jr. Council Representative Anthony D'Alfonso

Meeting called to order by Mr. Beatty. Minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Gibson to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Rosselot. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Gibson. He reported the Authority currently has \$464,536.41 in unrestricted funds, less the committed funds of \$260,000.00 leaving available funds of \$204,536.41, which is up from May's available funds. He also reported that water sales were fairly equal to sales for the same time period last year, although a 3% increase had been implemented in January 2010. After some discussion, Motion by Mr. Gibson to increase water rates an additional 7% beginning July 1, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Rosselot. Mrs. Rosselot expressed her concern regarding due diligence to our customers, being able to justify the increase. She questioned the need for the large amount held for emergency funds, and how the amount was calculated. Mr. Beatty explained the fund was established approximately 3 years ago, when the water main broke on Clinton Street – under the railroad tracks. That emergency repair costs were approximately \$220,000.00, which was used for the basis of establishing the emergency fund. It was discussed also that a 7% increase would reflect an increase of approximately \$4.00 bi-monthly on the water portion or a total of approximately \$7.00 total for water and sewer billing together if the Sewer Authority keeps their percentage at 77%. Mr. Andrejchak stated he would meet with the Sewer Authority and have a letter to Mr. Brady by the end of the week regarding Sewer Authority rates. With no further discussion voting was done with all in favor. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Motion by Mrs. Rosselot to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Brady informed the Board the Shenango River watchers has sent a request for the \$10,000.00 pledge the Authority made to them at the April 8, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Andrejchak approached the Board with the Borough's request to have service taps installed at the 3 flower gardens that were planted by the Women's Action Group and the Flower and Garden club throughout the Borough, and which was funded by the Western PA Conservancy. He explained this is a community project and requested the Authority install 3 service taps at cost to enable watering the flowers. These services would be utilized to provide sprinklers for the flowers just during the summer months and that the systems would not be on a timer and utilized only when necessary. Mr. Brady explained the total cost for all 3 taps would be \$2,405.82 which is material and minimal labor, and he recommended the Authority participate in this project. He explained the Borough would provide the backhoe service and restoration for the taps, and that the 3 services will be metered. Mr. Gibson questioned the legality of altering tap fees. Mr. Beatty explained the Authority was bound to charge the same rate for water billing however that does not apply for tap fees, which Mr. Thompson concurred. He stated through PA Act 57, the Act only set the maximum in which can be charged for tap fees. After further discussion, Mr. Gibson motioned we install the 3 taps at \$2,405.82 for the Borough contingent upon Mr. Keck's written confirmation of the legality in changing the tap fees and rates for other customers, seconded by Mrs. Rosselot. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Engineers report was given by Mr. Thompson. He reported there had not been any significant changes on the priority list since last meeting, and the draft plan for the Source Water Protection Grant was submitted to PaDep for review.

He also reported that the foundation and piping at the Hadley Road tank project had been completed. Also the contractor has indicated that the access road paving deduct would be \$20,150.00 if the asphalt was eliminated, leaving a gravel surface. This would represent a savings of \$104.00 per month from the PennVest repayment loan. After discussion it was agreed to table the decision until July's meeting since Mr. Thompson indicated he felt they would not be ready for paving until that time.

He reported they had received the third pay application in the amount of \$296,685.00 and they have completed the seconded PennVest drawdown in the same amount. Mr. Gibson questioned what comprised the \$296,685.00. Mr. Thompson reported a portion was for the steel tank fabricated panels. Mr. Gibson questioned the payment for these panels since the contract language states payment would be made for materials stored on site and questioned where the panels were being stored. Mr. Brady said they were in Greenville and that he examined them. Mr. Thompson stated it would not be practical to store the panels on site because they would be unprotected and in the way of construction. Mr. Thompson will examine the contract language and will review it with the Board after the Superintendent's report.

He also presented the scope of waterline replacement project to address the complaints and expected low flow pipe characteristics. Phase 1 of the project would cost \$3,561,125.00 and Phase 2

would cost \$1,591,750.00 for a total of \$5,152,875.00. Mr. Thompson recommended the Authority submit the plan for phase 1 of the project to PennVest in hopes to secure a portion of the project in grant monies. Mrs. Rosselot questioned the difference in submitted the total project, both phases opposed to submitting the costs for phase 1. Mr. Thompson explained that it comes down to affordability; that submitting both phases together may result in more grant money but if a larger grant was not there, would be too costly. Phase 1 addresses the needed items for the areas with the most issues and if a grant was given by PennVest it would make this project affordable. Also with Trinity site going after Act 2 status, it would be better to wait on that section for future funding. Motion by Mrs. Rosselot to submit an application for phase 1 as described in the Engineer's project to meet the August PennVest deadline, seconded by Mr. Gibson, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Brady presented the Superintendent's report. He stated the Bentley Avenue project was reviewed and the costs for the PRV would be over \$12,000.00. Since the Board motion at the last meeting was to install the PRV on Bentley Ave. at a reasonable cost, he felt that \$12,000.00 was not at a reasonable cost. He stated that an alternative solution would be to install a different type of valve closer to A Street as recommended. He stated the costs would be approximately \$2,000.00, which he will review this with the Engineer.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the payment method of the Hadley Road Tank Project according to the Contract specifications. The contract specifies under Section 01200 1.02 that Partial payments will be made under the contract for equipment stored on site in accordance with Section 700 – General Conditions, Article 2.33. Mr. Thompson informed the Board the panels were a critical component of the project and he recommends paying for them. Mr. Gibson stated we need to live by the contract and that he disagreed with Mr. Thompson's recommendation. Mr. Thompson stated if we removed the cost of the panels from the pay requisition the amount due would be \$127,350.00. Motion by Mr. Gibson to approve the payment of \$127,350.00 according to the contract language and that we do not reimburse for material not stored on site, seconded by Mrs. Rosselot. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Motion by Mrs. Rosselot to approve the PennVest drawdown in the amount of \$127,350.00 seconded by Mr. Gibson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m. to executive session for personnel issues.



Marion Rosselot
Secretary

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