

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
December 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Ken Mitchell, Chairman, at 7:05 p.m. Other Board members present were Chris Vanelli, Bill Rosson, and Bruce Jones. Zane Stauffer was absent. Also present were Tim Arnold, Executive Director/Operator; and Tim Gluck. Steve Shelly, Solicitor; Melissa Fiala, Special Counsel; and Mark Bahnick, Van Cleef Engineering, did not attend.

After the meeting, there will be an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

The Chairman began the meeting by reading the following statement:

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As Chairman of the Richland Township Water Authority, I'd like to take a moment to thank my fellow Board members, the Executive Director, the support staff, and our hired professionals for their efforts in 2016.

As you all know, the Richland Township Water Authority has had to spend considerable effort to defend itself and the way it operates because of the allegations of one misguided supervisor and what appears to be his attempts to smear the good name of his fellow supervisor, admitted former friend, and Executive Director of this fine Authority. In addition, by default, this same individual therefore attacks each of us and our actions, which unfortunately make it difficult to remain focused on the duties at hand. I remain committed to the ratepayers of the Township to continue in our stated goal of providing clean, safe, and affordable drinking water, and we will not be deterred by threats of sunsetting the Richland Township Water Authority, which has been, and will continue to be, a model of what an Authority should be.

We proudly pledge our support for our current Executive Director, and expect him to continue to execute the duties which we have appointed him to do during what must surely be troubling times.

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Mitchell, Chairman, RTWA

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Motion **Chris Vanelli made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 10. Bill Rosson seconded the motion. All agreed.**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Motion **Chris Vanelli made a motion to approve the November bills. Ken Mitchell seconded the motion. All agreed.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richlandtown Borough

We continue to visit the pump stations twice a day for chlorine residual monitoring. The lead and copper sampling was just completed.

Tim A will prepare an estimate to replace their 30-year old booster pump.

Updates on Pump Stations

Walnut Bank Farm: Other than normal daily operations and maintenance, the filtration media is being replaced, and there is a problem with one pump. There was a discussion on whether the media would be included as part of the depreciation.

Sweetbriar: Other than normal daily operations and maintenance, there is a relay problem between SCADA and well #1.

Richland Court: Other than normal daily operations and maintenance, no specific work was done at this station.

Paletown Road well: Other than normal daily operations and maintenance, we are moving forward to get this well back in service. Tim A met with a company to discuss different options. Due to the dollar amount of the project, it will have to go out to bid. Van Cleef will prepare the bidding documents. The project could be completed by spring.

Sampling

The monthly coliform samples were taken.

Lead and copper sampling was completed and results will be mailed to the participating customers shortly.

CVS Escrow Release #2

Letters were sent to the developer and bank regarding escrow release #2.

Right to Know Request

When a request is received, the Right to Know Officer (Tim Arnold) has 5 days to send an initial response. If further examination is needed, a second response must be sent within 30 days.

1. Tim A received a right to know request from a customer at 1318 Creekside Lane. A response to his letter was mailed to his home. Tim A also went to the home to answer any further questions he might have.
2. Tim A received a right to know request from Rick Orloff. The initial response is enclosed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Meter reading has begun.

We pumped about a million gallons less than last month. We continue to stay within the docket amounts for each pump station. The Drought Watch may still be in effect.

Customer Care Calls:

1. 1154 Red Barn Lane – rattling noise near the meter. The homeowner was advised to get a pressure reducing valve.

Motion **Bill Rosson made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Chris Vanelli seconded the motion. All agreed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne McLane
Recording Secretary