

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY
MINUTES
July 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Ken Mitchell, Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. Other Board members present were Bill Rosson, Bruce Jones, and Zane Stauffer. Chris Vanelli was absent. Also present were Tim Arnold, Executive Director/Operator; Steve Shelly, Solicitor; and Tim Gluck. Mark Bahnick, Van Cleef Engineering, did not attend.

Supervisor Tim Ritter attended the meeting as a guest.

MINUTES

Motion **Bill Rosson made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2016. Ken Mitchell seconded the motion. All agreed.**

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Motion **Ken Mitchell made a motion to approve the June bills. Bill Rosson seconded the motion. All agreed.**

The financial reports for the second quarter were presented to the Board so they can review them for the next meeting. Zane congratulated management for staying close to the budget.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richlandtown Borough

We continue to visit the pump stations twice a day for chlorine monitoring. The CCR is complete and has been forwarded to the borough. Sampling for coliform, arsenic and nitrite/nitrates has been completed this month. Tim meets with his contact on borough council to discuss any issues/repairs for the month.

Ahlum Tract

The developer has requested a Letter of Intent for this project which will be 37 single family homes.

Motion **Ken Mitchell made a motion that the RTWA issue a Letter of Intent to 380 Trumbauersville Road for the development on the Ahlum tract, contingent upon the recommendations of Van Cleef Engineering and the RTWA Executive Director. The contingencies will be based on the Van Cleef Intent-To-Serve Review dated June 15, 2016, items 1-4, and any further reviews or concerns that need to be addressed by the executive director. Bill Rosson seconded the motion. All agreed.**

Richland Greene

We have received the maintenance bond and the Deed of Dedication.

Updates on Pump Stations

Walnut Bank Farm: the chlorine regulator was replaced. The SCADA system alerted Tim A and Tim G before the levels became too low. These regulators can be rebuilt. Tim A and Tim G made a list of the common parts that might need replacing and purchased back-ups.

Sweetbriar: the fuse box for well #1 malfunctioned and needed to be replaced. The well has not been running until the repair takes place. It was installed today, so the well is good to go. The chlorine injector malfunctioned and was replaced. This part has rubber seals which only last a few years. The tubing needs replacing about every year.

Richland Court: no specific work was done at this station. It was proposed that the tank be worked on next year. This well performed well as a backup to Sweetbriar.

Paletown Road well: no specific work was done at this station. Originally, a variable frequency drive was installed in the well, so that it could be regulated. The motors class that Tim A and Tim G took led Tim A to believe that a regular well pump would be fine.

Sampling

The monthly coliform samples were taken in June.

Sampling for disinfectants/disinfectant byproducts are coming up.

Miscellaneous

The meters were read in June and the bills were sent out June 28.

Tim G has been installing transceiver units on new homes.

PFOA, PFOS

The contamination of the water supply in parts of Bucks and Montgomery Counties has been in the news. These contaminants are from fire-fighting foam. The federal government has stepped in to help the affected areas.

Tim A asked the board if they feel we should test for this. The test will cost \$400/sample. He already had a customer call about it. The Board agreed to the tests, to show that we will stay ahead of any potential problems.

Motion **Bruce Jones made a motion that the RTWA authorize the executive director to test for PFOA and PFOS at each pump station currently being used (Walnut Bank, Sweetbriar and Richland Court). Bill Rosson seconded the motion. All agreed.**

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Since flushing ended in May, water pumped this month was about 900,000 gallons less.

Because of the dry weather, more water is being used. The amount each well pumps is adjusted on a regular basis to stay within the docket.

Customer Care Calls:

1. 1000 Spring Meadow Drive – low pressure. Problem was a combination of the water softener and the PRV.
2. B-22 Wagon Wheel Road – high use. The unit had been empty but there is a tenant there now, so it is difficult to determine what went wrong. One toilet had been fixed. The meter was replaced.
3. 1057 Spring Meadow Drive – low pressure. Tim A determined that the pressure level of 60 psi was sufficient.
4. 1487 Cobblestone Way – low pressure. The problem was the PRV.

Motion **Bruce Jones made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Bill Rosson seconded the motion. All agreed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne McLane
Recording Secretary