

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2016**

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

**MINUTES**

**Motion**            **Bill Rosson made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 13. Bruce Jones seconded the motion. All agreed.**

**VISITORS**

Benjamin Lacey of Heather Valley was present to ask questions regarding the articles in the newsletter.

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

**Motion**            **Bruce Jones made a motion to approve the October bills. Bill Rosson seconded the motion. All agreed.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Twin Lakes**

This item has been postponed.

**Richlandtown Borough**

We continue to visit the pump stations twice a day for chlorine residual monitoring. 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, a booster pump coupling and a cl2 injector were replaced.

*Sweetbriar:* Other than normal daily operations and maintenance, a booster pump coupling was replaced.

*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, no specific work was done at this station.

**Sampling**

The monthly coliform samples were taken in October.

Lead and copper sampling will be done at the end of November. Letters will be sent November 11 to everyone on the site plan list to see if they want to participate in the sampling procedure.

**CVS Escrow Release #2**

SW Quakertown CVS has requested monies relative to the work that has been completed. Van Cleef has recommended the release.

**Motion**            **Chris Vanelli made a motion that the RTWA approve escrow release #2 by SW Quakertown CVS, LP, in the amount of \$3,574.80, subject to the deduction of any outstanding fees due the Richland Township Water Authority. Bill Rosson seconded the motion. All agreed.**

## **Drought Watch**

A drought watch has been declared for Bucks County. A notice was put on the website.

## **Hydrant Opening**

There was a fire at the mulch factory on E. Pumping Station Road. The hydrant had been closed too quickly, and a surge of pressure hit the system. The homes in Walnut Bank Farm and Heather Valley do not have pressure reducing valves. As a result, some hot water heaters blew out and homeowners had some water damage. The RTWA is not responsible for the damage.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No report.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Less water was pumped last month, as water use usually goes down this time of year. The well levels are maintaining and recovering.

### *Customer Care Calls:*

1. 1286 Creekside Lane – high bill. The homeowner thought the meter might be defective, even though she had been watering her lawn. The meter was tested and found to be accurate.
2. 1349 Grey Fox Circle – black soot in the soaking tub. The tub was not used very often, and it was determined that iron and manganese settles to the bottom of the copper lines that go to the tub. The homeowner was advised to flush the line.
3. 1101 Arbour Lane – whole house filter was dark. Tim A explained that these filters are designed to remove everything from the water.
4. 1513 Turtle Creek Lane – low pressure. It was determined that the problem was the PRV.
5. 1148 Berkley Avenue – discolored water. The homeowner was advised to run the water until it clears.
6. 3040 Dovecote Drive – low pressure. It was determined that the problem was the PRV.
7. Target – the manager called about black flecks in the water. When Tim A called, he was told it had cleared up. The manager called back a few days later with the same problem. Tim G went to the site and discovered that the water line that serves the store had turns and dips. It was determined that manganese had settled to the bottom in these turns. The property owner is responsible.

## **AUTHORITY'S COMMENTS**

After the meeting on October 13, there was an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

**Motion**            **Chris Vanelli made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Bruce Jones seconded the motion. All agreed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne McLane  
Recording Secretary