

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY  
March 17, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M., prevailing time, Thursday, March 17, 2022 with Chair Person Jeffrey Kern presiding.

Special note: Due to the CoVID-19 pandemic this meeting was conducted via Zoom and met all open meeting requirements.

**PRESENT**

Board Members: Chair Person Jeffrey Kern, Jason Grottini, Emory Enscoe, Bernard Hoffnar; Solicitor, Robert Mix; Engineer, Mark Glenn; Treasurer, Dennis Hampton; State College Borough Liaison, Brian Robbins; CRPC, Corey Rilk; College Township Water Authority, Richard Harris; Ferguson Township Liaison, Ford Stryker; Harris Township Liaison, Mike Smith Patton Township Liaison, Patricia Monteith; Executive Director, Brian Heiser; Assistant Executive Director, Katie McCaulley; Director of Finance, Denise Smith; Communications and Projects Coordinator, Julia Shaffer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Grottini, seconded by Enscoe that the minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

No comments were presented.

Special note: There was a designated area provided for public access to provide public comment and listen to the proceedings of the meeting.

**RATIFICATION OF PAYMENTS**

It was moved by Enscoe, seconded by Grottini that bill payments in the amount of \$1,629,386.83 be ratified as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD FUND REQUISITIONS**

It was moved by Grottini, seconded by Enscoe that the Board Reserve Fund requisitions in the amount of \$83,686.60 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PENNVEST LOAN FUND DISTRIBUTION**

It was moved by Enscoe, seconded by Grottini that the PennVest Loan Fund distributions in the amount of \$148,365.79 be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**WATER CONNECTION APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Kern reported that there are three new water connection applications for approval this month. The applications are as follows:

S&A Homes	Lot 204, 193 Beaumanor Road	Patton	1"
Long Ridge Construction	Lot 12, 150 Apple View Drive	Ferguson	1"
Christopher & Jennifer Rogan	Lot 1R, 264 Sycamore Drive	Ferguson	1"

It was moved by Hoffnar, seconded by Grottini that these connections be approved subject to the Authority's Rules & Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee** – No report. Mr. Hoffnar had a question about a line item on the financial receipts report included in the Board packet. The item was missed in the report. The amount that should be in the annual column for Other Non-Operating Income is \$37,066.66.

**Facilities, Operations and Planning Committee** – No report

**Appeals** – No report.

**Public Relations** – No report. The Board discussed while there has not been much activity as of late the committee was still essential to remain in place for the Authority.

**Source Water Protection** – No report.

**HR Evaluation** – No report.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**DISTRIBUTION-** Annual fire hydrant flushing started this week and will continue through October. Quarterly flushing resumed last week. Lead and copper service line inspections continue as part of the revised lead and copper regulation. A leak detection crew was sent to Walker Township last week to assist them with finding a leak, three leaks were found. The community was in danger of running out of water, production department also prepared a water buffalo for deployment.

**PRODUCTION-** The pump and motor are scheduled to be reinstalled in well 57 next week. Preparations for UCMR5 monitoring have started with sampling scheduled to begin in 2023. UCMR5 sample requirements are to collect four sets of samples from each entry point in a twelve month period. UCMR5 will test for 29 PFAS compounds and lithium. Testing for lead and copper will be conducted for the last time under the previous regulation for this year. The next time we are required to test for lead and copper is in 2025 under the revised regulation.

**METER SHOP-** Private fire hydrant flushing started this week. Meter Shop staff is updating and refining their work order process.

**BILLING AND CUSTOMER SERVICE-** Staff met with Muni Link to get some glitches in the reporting system fixed. The annual letter to the realtors, serving the Centre region, outlining the final reading and closing process is being prepared and sent in the coming weeks.

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM-** The Kennard Road waterline replacement project is progressing with service line inspections almost completed and the GD&F survey crew started this week. A draft easement for part of the well field 6 land swap agreement was reviewed by staff and Mr. Mix and is anticipated to be presented to the Board in April. Work on the 2021 CCR and Annual Report continues. Representatives from Halfmoon Acres, a proposed subdivision in Halfmoon Township, contacted staff about providing public water service. For various reasons it is not practical for the Authority to provide water through a subdivision expansion. The representatives have requested to consider accepting the subdivision as a consecutive water system under DEP guidelines. The staff is currently reviewing the request with GD&F.

**MAJOR PROJECTS-** Staff met with GD&F to finalize the current location of the water main in Calder Alley. Concepts for placement of the new line have begun and a hydraulic analysis will be conducted to make a final determination of proper line size. Installation of new service lines on E Whitehall Road are anticipated to begin in April. The final phase of Boalsburg Pike is tentatively scheduled to begin by the end of April. A meeting was held with Township officials to discuss the submission of a land development plan for the main office facility. It was confirmed that we will need to obtain a couple of variances as part of the approval process.

Questions presented were addressed.

## **LIASON'S REPORT**

**State College Borough Staff Liaison** – Mr. Robbins stated the Borough has a meeting set up with the Downtown Improvement District on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. to talk about a multi-model grant for the Calder Alley project. They have requested that all utility owners provide their Calder Alley information back to the Borough by the end of March.

**Benner Township Water Authority Liaison**– Not present.

**Centre Regional Planning Commission-** No report.

**College Township Water Authority Liaison** – Mr. Harris reported they have found several leaks while conducting leak detection. At their last Authority meeting, they reviewed the PFAS issue around the airport in Benner Township.

**Ferguson Township Liaison** – No report.

**Halfmoon Township** – Not present.

**Harris Township Liaison** – No report.

**Patton Township Water Authority Liaison** – No report.

**University Area Joint Authority Liaison** – Not present.

#### **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

**Solicitor** – No report.

**Engineer** – Mr. Glenn reported the low activity at the new Nixon plant will continue for the next two to three months. Once the electrical equipment is delivered, allowing West Penn to energize the facility, work will ramp up towards final completion.

**Treasurer** – No report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:29 P.M., it was moved by Hoffnar, seconded by Grottini that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.