

## Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority

July 19, 2017

**Members Present:** Tom Ferry, Neal Smith, Brady Brosious, Ed Mann, Harlan Parker, Michael Dunigan and John Whitmer.

**Others Present:** Scott Bailey, Manager; Steve Witmer, Assistant Manager; Robert Davidson, Solicitor; Ron Jager, Engineer; Michael Fuller, Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates; Nicki Milligan, Secretary; Sherri Badman, Selinsgrove Borough.

Chairman Whitmer opened the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Dunigan made a motion seconded by Mr. Brosious to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2017 meeting. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

1. Michael Fuller from Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates was present to answer questions the Board had concerning the 2016 Audit.

### **Engineers Report:**

1. Bridge Replacement Project: There has been no word on the requested deadline extension for the reimbursement agreement. The gas company started their line relocation today, National Beef lateral/paving remains.
2. Mr. Jager presented a proposal for Engineering Services pertaining to Preliminary and Final Design of the WWTP Improvement Project. The project is proposed to be completed in 2 phases at an estimated cost of \$9.5 million for Phase 1 and \$7 million for Phase 2. The Engineering cost proposal was broken down into 6 phases totaling \$918,000. A motion was made by Mr. Dunigan and seconded by Mr. Parker to proceed with phase 1 of the Engineering Proposal authorizing the preliminary design at a cost of \$170,000. A roll call was taken and reads as follows; Mr. Mann, YES; Mr. Brosious, YES; Mr. Parker, YES; Mr. Ferry, YES; Mr. Smith, YES; Mr. Dunigan, YES and Chairman Whitmer, YES.

### **Old Business:**

1. Nothing new concerning the lab accreditation amendments.
2. Nothing new from Shamokin Dam LLC.
3. Nothing new concerning Monroe Manor Phase III.
4. Nothing new concerning the site meeting with Ply Gem Stone.
5. The wash water pump for the screen was sent out for adapter fabrication.

### **New Business:**

1. The annual renewal of the Capital Blue Cross health care plan was presented for approval, the annual cost for the plan is \$111,266.92 which is an increase of 17.99% from the previous year. A motion was made by Mr. Dunigan and seconded by Mr. Ferry to approve the Health Care plan

- for 2017/2018 and to begin charging an as of yet undetermined amount for employee cost-sharing to begin in January of 2018. A roll call was taken and reads as follows; Mr. Mann, YES; Mr. Brosious, YES; Mr. Parker, YES; Mr. Ferry, YES; Mr. Smith, YES; Mr. Dunigan, YES and Chairman Whitmer, YES.
2. Nothing new concerning the retirement plan amendments to allow in-service distributions.
  3. The new chlorine tank blower was not received yet.
  4. National Beef 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 surcharge was sent out in the amount of \$32,367.15.
  5. The requested changes to the operations building boiler are scheduled for August.
  6. A capacity extension request was submitted by Ted Cresswell for 59 EDU's that were previously approved for the Brentwood Heights development in Monroe Township. The previous extension expired on March 21, 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Mann and seconded by Mr. Smith to deny the Cresswell request for a capacity commitment extension citing the extension request had to be made before the expiration date. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.
  7. The new employee, Logan Scholl, started on July 10, 2017.
  8. All 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter service charges were received.
  9. There were several weather related issues from the storms on Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Several MCC DNA's and an Ethernet modem were discovered to be not working in addition to both pump station wet wells being surcharged resulting in the replacement of the screen drive motor at the Main Pump Station. The problems have been resolved.
  10. The Status Conference concerning the negotiations with Selinsgrove Borough is scheduled for August 4, 2017 at 8:30 am.

**Solicitors Report:**

1. Mr. Davidson did not have anything new to report.

**Financial Report:**

The June Disbursements, June Budget Analysis and the current General Ledger Account Summary were presented to board members for review. Mr. Dunigan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mann to approve the reports. All members agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

The Chairman requested an executive session to consult with its attorney or professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with pending litigation against the Borough of Selinsgrove concerning withholding of regional system service charges. The board convened into executive session at 7:38 pm and reconvened at 7:52 pm.

There being no further business, Chairman Whitmer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled authority meeting is August 16, 2017 at the ESCRA WWTP conference room, 870 South Front Street, Selinsgrove, PA at 7:00 p.m. The next scheduled Long Range Planning Committee meeting is August 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary