

NESHANNOCK CREEK WATERSHED JOINT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018

8:30 AM

ATTENDANCE

John Lechner, Pat Suhrie, Walt Darraugh, Jerry Johnson, Dan Goncz, Karen Shipton, Jim Riddle.

*A list of others in attendance is available in the Administrator's office.

****The Meeting Opened with the Pledge to the U.S. Flag at 8:30 AM****

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Busatta – Plantation Park Director – John provided an update on their work to correct the water infiltration problem.

Shawn Magee – 816 Mercer-Grove City Rd. - Has had ongoing problems with his grinder pump since installation about 3 years ago. Shawn stated that the pump was not placed where he designated it to go and has caused his sidewalk to sink in the location it is currently. He has replaced it twice, and has had to have his yard dug up (4) times since it was installed. Dan Goncz stated that the tank has a 1.5% slope going towards the house and was not leaning when it was installed. They removed the shroud but the problem won't go away until the tank is pulled and re-set. The tank was plumb when installed by Mortimer. The Board believes the tank was tipped by the private contractor hired by the Magee's during the connection process. The tank could possibly be damaged. The pump and the circuit board have all been replaced. Shawn will have his contractor contact Dan and they can coordinate the digging of the tank back up and the manufacturer (Tepco) will need to have someone present to determine what caused the problem and then it will be decided who is responsible to cover the cost of repairs. Dan Goncz and Jim Riddle will be present also. We will look at this again next month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE 07/10/18 MEETING AS PRESENTED

****A motion was made by Jerry Johnson and seconded by John Lechner to approve the minutes from the 07/10/18 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.***

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of 7/31/2018: \$179,751.36. Deposits: \$79,982.23. Payments: \$18,957.09.

INVOICES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT

08/14/2018

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>SERVICE/PRODUCT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Kelley, Pat	Inspections	50.00
The Record Argus	Advertising	133.80
PA One Call System, Inc.	Monthly User Fee	5.10
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M. Davidson & Associates Inc.	Plant Operations	5624.00
M. Davidson & Associates Inc.	Pull Pumps/Clean out Debris/Countryside	240.00
Penn Power	Electric/845 Perry Hwy.	2811.04
Penn Power	Electric/835A Perry Hwy.	68.97
Penn Power	Electric/57 Thompson Rd.	115.75
Plantation Park Campers Assoc.	Electric Reimb.	165.93
Homer Sanitary	Pump Manhole Behind Mercer Schools	200.00
Homer Sanitary	Pump Wet Well/Countryside	175.00
Homer Sanitary	Pump Wet Well & Manhole/MCJail	280.00
Tri-County Industries	Trash/845 Perry Hwy.	62.37
Tri-County Industries	Trash/57 Thompson Rd.	34.02
Tri-County Industries	Sludge Removal	633.73
PA DEP	Chapter 302 Operator Cert. Ann. Svc. Fee	100.00
Commonwealth of PA	NPDES Permit Renewal Fee	500.00
Gannett Fleming	Engineering Services/Through 8/3/2018	250.00
Gannett Fleming	NPDES Permit App. Preparation	2099.52
Mercer County Prothonotary	Lien Removals for Amon, Edwards & Capenos	22.50
<u>Ace fix-it Hardware</u>	<u>Maintenance Supplies</u>	<u>130.77</u>
Total Invoices:		13,712.65

**A motion was made by Jerry Johnson and seconded by Walt Darraugh to approve the treasurer's report and payment of bills (listed above) submitted for payment. Motion carried unanimously.*

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Hope Mill Rd. – PA DEP has received multiple complaints from an anonymous concerned resident, that there is sewage overflowing at the end of Hope Mill Rd. DEP has had a rep. Pat Suhrie, Jim Riddle and Dan Goncz have been out there and no evidence of this has been found. A dye test was performed and still nothing was found. Dan Goncz believes the problem is coming from a beaver dam.

NPDES Permit Fee – Dan needs Pat Suhrie's signature on the permit application and a check needs to be signed to send this in.

OPERATORS REPORT

Dan reviewed the report with the Board.

Flow was at 93,000/gal/June which is about 20,000/gal/day higher than normal. More than likely this is from infiltration from Plantation Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Mercer Borough Appointment – No action taken. Jerry is remaining on the Board.

Aqua Water – No action taken. Still awaiting a response from Jim Willard.

Grinder Pump Removals – Jim Riddle has been removing the pumps and he and Karen have a few minor issues to work out i.e. pumps already connected, incorrect address, etc.

Dehan Courtney – The property at 942 Butler Pike has been officially put in his name. He has paid the tap fee and is current on monthly sewer user fees.

NEW BUSINESS

Lien Removals - Capenos, Warren; Amon, James & Lori; Edwards, Marcella - **A motion was made by John Lechner and seconded Walt Darraugh to remove the liens placed on these three properties. Motion carried unanimously.*

The lien for Amons will be paid for by the Authority. Karen will invoice the Capenos and Edwards properties for reimbursement.

2018 Tax Upset Sale – Karen received a letter from Mercer County of properties that will be sold at the 2018 Tax Upset Sale in September. There were (3) properties on this list that have liens placed with NCWJMA. Karen notified Solicitor Roger Shaffer and will check with Kim at East Lackawannock Township to see if there are any on her list. Karen will submit a letter to the MC Tax Assessment office by the 8/30/18 deadline alerting them to the liens.

Lisa Rae Bruner – 19 Schaffer Rd. – She has made numerous calls to the Authority and our Solicitor’s office with various complaints. Dan will compose a letter informing her the date that her pump was pulled and the costs involved with the removal and reinstallation and this cost will be added to the current lien.

Grinder Pump Stickers – We will use the sample Karen presented only using the Authority’s acronym and giving M. Davidson & Associates phone number.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Lechner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9/11/2018 at 8:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted;

Karen B. Shipton
Administrator