Myerstown, PA 17067

 October 10, 2024

 Vice Chairman Patrick Angley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Myerstown Water Treatment Facility situated at 601 Stracks Dam Road, Myerstown, PA, 17067.

ROLL CALL:

 Present were: Steven Hammer; Treasurer Bryan Rittle; Secretary Brian Ziegler (absent); Asst. Treasurer Samuel Moyer (absent); Vice Chairman Patrick Angley; Engineer Farley F. Fry; Solicitor Kenneth Sandoe (absent); operator Steve Hickernell, and operator Casey Walborn.

MINUTES:

 Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Hammer: To approve the minutes of the September 26, 2024 meeting as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

INVOICES:

 Motion by Mr. Rittle: Second by Mr. Angley: To approve payment of the invoices as presented and attached. Motion passed unanimously.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Was reviewed.

OPERATIONS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024:

* Well #5 Generator was added to the 2 year service contract with Penn Power at the cost of $695.60 for year 1 and $730.38 for year 2 on 9/26/24.
* Monthly DEP reporting completed
* A.H. Moyer began the “stormwater” project at the water plant
* Bacteria samples completed for the month
* Cycle 1 meters read for the month
* Quarterly TOC’s, Nitrate/Nitrites, and Alkalinity testing completed
* DEP and EPA PFAS testing completed
* CL17 cleaning and calibrations completed
* 6” meter at West Washington booster station was not registering flow properly. Found there was a corroded/broken wire on the register head. Thankfully we had a replacement, Duffey was called to do the repair. We did this at midnight because we needed to shut the flow off. Was replaced and back in service within 30 minutes. (We do not have any more spare parts and they do not make them anymore. A full meter replacement would be needed)
* Major Elevated tank level fluctuations on 9/17/24 found to be GAF doing fire flow testing, we were not notified beforehand. I spoke with them and explained why we would like to know. They have a fire pump that does 2,000gpm, sucks out of their tank, and then our water replenishes that tank. We were getting hammered.
* 9/21/24 Fuse blown on #2 effluent Pratt valve. This began the cascade of issues we are still working on today. I believe a “power” bump came through and caused several issues. Main one being the ultrasonic level detectors for #1 and #3 began to read incorrectly, in turn was causing false level readings and making the effluent valves open fully and dumping out the filter. GES and Vega have begun work to replace the ultrasonics with new units that should remedy this whole situation. However, there may still need to be further adjustments made to the limit switched on the Pratt valves. They are near end of life. I think it’s a good time to start considering replacements. Cost is estimated around $17,000 per and we have 21 of these valves….
* Well Depths as follows

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| 8/1/2024 |  | 37' P |  | 36' S |  | 34' P |  | N/A |
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| 8/8/2024 |  | 19' S |  | 32' P |  | 24'P |  | N/A |
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| 8/15/2024 |  | 19' P |  | 20' S |  | 15' S |  | N/A |
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| 8/22/2024 |  | 18' P |  | 24' P |  | 16' S |  | N/A |
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| 9/5/2024 |  | 20' S |  | 29' P |  | 24'P |  | N/A |
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| 9/12/2024 |  | 22' S |  | 31' P |  | 26'P |  | N/A |
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| 9/26/2024 |  | 26' S |  | 37' P |  | 30' P |  | N/A |
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| 10/3/2024 |  | 28' S |  | 35' P |  | 32' P |  | N/A |

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OFFICE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024:

1. There were 0 new connection fees paid since last meeting.
2. There were 2 bad checks last month.
3. The Weber bad check was paid but they paid an incorrect amount. We had to issue a check to the Water Authority from the money order, and then apply it to the bad check charge, and put the excess into the account as a charge to offset the extra paperwork.
4. We posted 16 properties this month.
5. Shutoff notices were sent to 60 properties this month.
6. Sheri made a spreadsheet to track the redemptions to the Wilmington Trust account.
7. Attached is a copy of the most recent Auditor’s Report that I do monthly.

CASH POSITION:

 Was Reviewed

SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

No Solicitor present.

ENGINEER’S REPORT:

Was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Transmission Main Project was discussed in the Engineer’s Report.

The Water Plant structural issues were discussed in the Engineer’s Report.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Angley: To amend the meeting minutes from June 13, 2024 changing Requisition 41-2024 to Redemption 01- 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Angley: To amend the meeting minutes from July 11, 2024 changing Redemption 01-2024 to Redemption 02-2024. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by. Mr. Angley: To approve payment of $65.00 to Hanover Engineering from the Cornerstone Estates Escrow Account. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by. Mr. Angley: To approve payment of $851.75 to Hanover Engineering from the 651 Land Development Escrow Account. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Angley; Second by Mr. Hammer: To approve Redemption 03-2024 for $27,234.33 to Hanover Engineering for the Transmission Main Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Hammer: To approve Redemption 04-2024 for $121.00 to Hanover Engineering for the S. Railroad St. Water Main Project. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hammer; Second by Mr. Rittle: To approve payment of $4839.85 to Hanover Engineering for the Water Treatment Plant Stormwater Drain Project, to come from the Edward Jones Money Market Account. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Rittle; Second by Mr. Hammer: To approve payment of $93,060.90 to A. H. Moyer for Payment Application #1, document 006276 for the Water Treatment Plant Stormwater Drain Project, to come from the Edward Jones Money Market Account. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hammer brought up the issue of selecting a Vice Chairman. Mr. Rittle stated he had spoken to Solicitor Sandoe concerning this issue and Mr. Sandoe stated that it could wait until reorganization in January’s meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 P.M., prevailing time.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Steve Hammer

Transcribed by Terry Miller

Asst. Sec.

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