

Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22nd, 2020

Members present

Skip Missimer, Chairman
Mike Poff, Vice Chairman
Jeff Herrman, Secretary
Dennis Klinedinst, Treasurer
Chris Minnich, Asst. Sec/Treasurer

Others present

Keith Kahwajy, Superintendent
Jeff Beard, Asst. Superintendent
Doug Myers, Solicitor
Stacy Myers, Recording Sec'y

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m., followed by the pledge to the flag.
2. Mr. Minnich made a motion to approve the June 24th, 2020 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Poff seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **WATER USAGE REPORT**—1.95” of rainfall was received since last meeting. Beaver Creek is being used, as needed. A leak repair on the Beaver Creek line (going to Cabin Creek) was completed today.
4. **CONNECTIONS REPORT**—4 new connections were made since last meeting; all 4 at The Paddock.
5. **VISITORS**—none
6. **WATER AND SEWER—OLD BUSINESS**
 - **Solicitor’s Report**—Doug Myers reported:
 - **Kaltreider-Benfer Library Subdivision Plan**—final deeds are finalized & drafted. There are deeds from RLMA to both the Library & the Borough and then from the RLMA to RLMA. Mr. Myers recommended that, once the Authority Chairman signs the deeds & has them notarized, they would be held in escrow until all entities have signed. That way they could all get recorded at the time same. After all signatures have been received, the deeds get recorded in conjunction with the Subdivision Plan, followed by the recording of the agreement.

Mr. Herrman made a motion authorizing Chairman Missimer to sign the deeds of Lot 2 & 2A (to the Library) and Lot 3 (to the Borough) and the Confirmatory Deed (from RLMA to itself clarifying the extent of the final parcel after all other transactions take place). Mr. Poff seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Fire Hydrant Transfer**—MPL has begun work on the agreement for this transfer from the Borough to RLMA. Mr. Poff made a motion authorizing MPL to draft an initial agreement that would transfer the fire hydrants from the Borough back to the Municipal Authority & to revise the Rules & Regulations to reflect this change; Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting**
 - **NPC International Bankruptcy filing**—notice was given that NPC International, the company that owns Wendy’s Restaurant in the Giant/Cape Horn Rd. complex has filed bankruptcy. The existing Wendy’s account has a balance with the Municipal Authority that will be subject to the bankruptcy filing. More details will be given on this as they’re learned.
 - **Engineer’s Report**—Jason Reichard was not present tonight, but Keith reported:
 - A map & report was completed on the proposed Springvale Road water main project. Keith has contacted Jenny at Windsor Township & will forward the map & report to her before Windsor’s next meeting.
 - Burrows Lane contractor completed final restoration behind M & T Bank to where they connected on the existing blowoff. They have approx.12’ to go yet.

They will return to complete the area from Rt. 74 back to the concrete island, but they had another job to complete that couldn't be delayed.

- **Superintendent's Report**—Keith reported the following:
 - Shutoffs resumed in July—there was a total of 78 which is more than usual but expected due to the pandemic. Everything went well.
 - 2019 Auditor's Report have been distributed for the Board's review. If Board wishes, the auditor can visit at the August meeting.

7. **WATER AND SEWER—NEW BUSINESS**—Keith reported the following:

- **Milfoil study at Cabin Creek Reservoir**—this was completed by Princeton Hydro yesterday, 7/21 at the Treatment Plant. Samples were taken of the submerged aquatic vegetation which, Mr. Missimer suspects was more this year than last year. He also suspects there is more species than expected. The samples will be analyzed, weighed & identified before helping Municipal staff complete the application to obtain grass carp, believing the grass carp to be a good solution to help clean up the reservoir.
- **Pittsburg Tank Inspection Report**—Keith will email the completed tank inspection report to Board members for their review. The inspectors made a lot of OSHA-related suggestions; however, RLMA doesn't follow OSHA rules, being a municipality. Overall, it was a good report & inspection with no lead or bubbling paint found inside or out. A small area of rust was found on the one tank, but no bubbling paint.
- **Edgewood Tank**—future discussion will need to be held on options for its continued use (or not). It's currently turned off. Can it be used for fire protection? It may provide fire protection in the event of a super fire in Red Lion; however, it still may not be necessary being that the new Water Treatment Plant can pump out 3.5million gallons/day.
- **Electric rate agreement**—current rate agreement with Direct Energy is very favorable at \$.04655/kWh for 52 months. At the end of the 52-month period (2023) Municipal staff would need to shop for another supplier/agreement. Keith recently obtained a better rate of \$.04635/kWh with Talen for a 36-month period, 2023-2026. If a cheaper rate comes along, we could opt out at any time with no fee.
Mr. Minnich made a motion to authorize Keith to sign agreement paperwork with Talen for the 2023-2026 period; Mr. Klinedinst seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
- **D & B Broadband (Dustin Boyd)**—new internet service provider on the tower. There are MPL legal bills amounting to \$1,736 related to D & B's agreement & paperwork. The Board is amenable to giving Dustin more time to pay the bills since he's just starting his business.
- **Heather Grove is the new notary**, replacing Lori Groupe. Heather was sworn in yesterday, 7/21.
- **Keith mentioned the following comment from the June Borough Council Meeting Minutes**, under "Municipal Services", where Mr. Minnich stated "*a recent incident occurred with a valve and a chemical feed error at the Water Treatment Plant but Authority staff confirmed the water remained safe and the system stayed online.*" Keith asked where the information came from because if DEP or EPA read that, it may create a problem. Mr. Minnich said he misrepresented the situation, stating he hadn't been positive of what happened until after he made this statement. He will correct the statement at the next Council meeting.
- Jeff Beard spoke on street patches, stating the Borough isn't interested in doing the seal coating on the patches. He spoke to a few other contractors, some not having the necessary equipment. York Excavating will visit to see what's involved to give Jeff a price. D.E. Gemmill is another possibility for the seal coating.

8. **Authority recessed to Executive Session @ 7:39p.m.**
9. **Authority reconvened @ 7:49p.m.** Mr. Poff made a motion to hire a water quality expert to oversee the mixing of the two waters into the Dallastown-Yoe Water Authority system if/when York Water makes a connection to Dallastown-Yoe's system; Mr. Minnich seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
10. **Approval of bills & statements**—Mr. Minnich made a motion to approve the bills & statements; Mr. Poff seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
11. **Adjournment**—With no further business before the Authority, Mr. Herrman made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:51p.m. Motion carried; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary