

Minutes of the Fox Chapel Authority Board of Directors meeting held Tuesday 2/26/19 at 7:00 PM at the Fox Chapel Authority office, 255 Alpha Drive, O'Hara Township, PA.

Board of Directors present

Mrs. A. C. Lehman, President
Mr. P. A. Iurlano, Vice President
Mrs. S. M. Mantia, Secretary
Mr. J. A. Domaratz, Treasurer
Mr. R. D. Sikon, Asst. Sec./Treas.
Mrs. N. S. Snider
Mrs. R. C. Saunders

Others present

Mr. M. S. Moore, Bankson Engineers, Inc.
Mr. A. A. Ditka, Dinsmore & Shohl
Mr. M. E. Nicely, Manager

Mrs. Lehman, President, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Lehman requested any comments or corrections to the minutes of the January 29, 2019 meeting. There being no comments Mrs. Mantia made a motion to accept as presented. Mrs. Saunders seconded with all in agreement.

Visiting Delegations/Public Comment Period

None.

Financial Report

Mr. Nicely reviewed the check register after which it was accepted.

Mr. Nicely continued with a review of the January 2019 income statement, balance sheet and actual versus budget comparison. He noted that the inventory adjustment was booked in January instead of December which impacted the statements. That will be corrected for the February statements.

Consulting Engineer's Report

Mr. Moore noted that we had a reply from Norfolk Southern and that they were held up due to the weather but intend to complete their portion of the River Road Station storm drain by May. Once that work is done Bankson Engineers Inc. will complete the design and submit everything to DEP for the discharge permit. Once the permit is received we may begin construction on our portion of the project.

Mr. Moore continued by noting that we received the construction permit for the Booster Station upgrade and we'll be taking bids on March 20, 2019.

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Ditka mentioned that we filed for summary judgement in the Cuomo asbestos case which has been granted. He noted that while the cost of this defense was approximately \$16,000 it was much less than if it had dragged on further.

Manager's Report

Mr. Nicely noted several additions to his written report with the first being that only 26 customers remain that we don't have contact information for. This represents 9% of the original number. Since we've sent two letters by first class mail and a third one by certified mail that documentation will be placed in each customer file for record purposes.

The second item of note was that he finished reviewing those pipeline installations where the epoxy coated valve had standard steel nuts and bolts versus stainless steel. This occurred from 1991 to 2001 on our system. The total is 328 valves as opposed to the original estimate of 500 valves.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Mr. Nicely reviewed the profit and loss statement he had prepared to facilitate further discussion regarding the impending Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority rate increase and our need to do likewise. After review of the statement and discussion of the need for a rate increase Mr. Iurlano made a motion to raise the rates by 16% as of March 1, 2019. Since there wasn't a second the motion died. After some further discussion Mrs. Mantia made a motion to raise rates 17% effective March 1, 2019. Mrs. Snider seconded the motion with all in favor.

New Business

Mr. Nicely reviewed his memo regarding a penalty waiver for a customer on Woodshire Drive. The Board of Directors approved the waiver. He continued with a second request from a business located on Epsilon Drive which they also approved. He finished with a third request from a customer on Arbor Court which was disallowed due to their repeated late payment history.

Executive Session

None.

Board Comments

None.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors Mrs. Mantia made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Mr. Domaratz seconded with all in favor.