

**SUMMIT TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

The regular business meeting of the Summit Township Water Authority was called to order by Vice Chairman Lacey at 6:00 p.m., followed by a salute to the flag. Present were Authority members Kurtz, Mitchell and Schaefer. Also present were Solicitor Blakely, Manager Troutman and Recording Secretary Taylor. Board member Bickel and Engineer Maas were absent and there were fifteen people in the audience.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At this time, Vice Chairman Lacey welcomed the Authority's newest Board member, Sid Schaefer, who was appointed by the Supervisors to complete Tim Haaf's remaining term (expiring December 31, 2019) due to his resignation.

**BOARD WELCOMES NEWEST MEMBER, SID SCHAEFER**

Motion by Kurtz, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2019 Regular Business Meeting as presented, having been reviewed by all Board members.  
**VOTE: 4/0**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Kurtz, to approve the August Treasurer's Report, as submitted.  
**VOTE: 4/0**

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Kurtz, that said amounts be drawn upon the treasury for payment of the August 2019 expenses.  
**VOTE: 4/0**

**APPROVAL OF EXPENSES**

Mike Sanford of Sanford Surveying & Engineering, P.C. and Brent Narkawicz of Calamar Development were present to request a reduction in Tapping Fees for the proposed construction of a senior living complex. The project will consist of a 134 unit, three-story building which will be located on the north side of Robison Road West, west of Peach Street (former Family First soccer fields). The complex will be served by approximately 1300-1400 feet of 8" water main coming directly from Peach Street. The argument for the request in reduced fees is the uniqueness of this development and supporting data showing that the average tenants' age is 73 with 60% of units occupied by 1 person and the other 40% by 2 people. Also, the average number of people per household is only 1.3 compared to the normal 2.59. This difference lowers the average water usage to approximately 52.1 gallons per day per unit. As such, this is a different class than other established developments in Summit Township. Furthermore, they operate as a commercial entity and will be building in a B1 area (zoned for commercial development). After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to further discuss this matter with Engineer Maas and compare this to the other senior living apartment located in the Township before making a final decision.

**REQUEST TO REDUCE TAPPING FEE FOR PROPOSED SENIOR LIVING COMPLEX**

At this time, the Board heard from residents of Saddlewood concerning the on-going problem with tinted water.

**RESIDENTS OF SADDLEWOOD SUBDIVISION DISCUSS ON-GOING DIRTY WATER ISSUES**

Randall Hunsberger, 2620 Saddlewood, started out by explaining that his filters still get dirty within a weeks' time of being replaced and that other residents are having the same problem. This is why he requested the elimination of the quarterly Customer Service Charge for one year as this would offer some financial compensation toward the frequent replacement of water filters in these homes. However, the Board rejected this request at last month's meeting in order to remain consistent in billing practices.

**RANDALL HUNSBERGER  
2620 SADDLEWOOD**

Mr. Hunsberger expressed his disappointment and disagreement with the Boards decision stating that he feels it is a liability issue due to damages sustained. Randall went on to say that there should be some type of compensation since this has been an on-going problem. Furthermore, the residents have lost faith in the water quality. Manager Troutman interjected that the water is, and always has been, safe to drink and that the Water Authority has never received a bad test result. Following a lengthy discussion, Vice Chairman Lacey informed residents that he would be willing to review this matter again.

**JOHN HANKE  
2636 SADDLEWOOD**

John Hanke, 2636 Saddlewood, said that he also experienced discolored water over the Labor Day weekend. While the problem has become less frequent he is concerned what will happen when the sprinkler system is shut down for winter, wondering if the use of less water in the area will increase the number of occurrences. Mr. Hanke also asked about performing another hard flush. Manager Troutman explained that the problem with doing this is that Saddlewood cannot be isolated. Therefore, residents who typically do not have a problem will be affected as well if a decision is made to do this. The Board agreed to review this option again.

**MARY KAY NIES  
2619 SADDLEWOOD**

Mary Kay Nies, 2619 Saddlewood, stated that she first experienced dirty water when the Dorn Road Waterline Project went online and asked about the possibility of digging up lines to see if there is a problem somewhere.

**CAROL ELLER  
2696 SADDLEWOOD**

Carol Eller, 2696 Saddlewood, thanked Manager Troutman for the data she requested at a previous meeting; however, said that it is not complete and accurate when compared to her records. Mrs. Eller also expressed her dissatisfaction with the Authority not offering any permanent resolution to this problem and stated that she will start to look at other resolutions.

**JOHN ELLER  
2696 SADDLEWOOD**

John Eller, 2696 Saddlewood, asked why he cannot receive water from Erie and not the well fields. Troutman explained that if his area were to be switched over to the Erie supply, the water pressure would be too low.

**JUDY SIMPSON  
8688 VALLEY VIEW CIRCLE**

Judy Simpson, 8688 Valley View Circle, stated that she does not have any problems with dirty water and was just wondering where her water came from. Judy was informed that she receives well water.

**JUNE ROGERS  
2700 SADDLEWOOD**

June Rogers, 2700 Saddlewood, asked the Board to consider restitution especially if the new senior living development will be getting a break. Troutman explained that they will be paying the same water rate as Saddlewood residents; rather their request is a reduction in water tapping fees.

**GAIL ROBINSON  
2615 SADDLEWOOD**

Gail Robinson, 2615 Saddlewood, said that she has noticed a correlation between periods of heavy rain and dirty water and asked if a crack in the pipe could bring dirty water into the system. Mrs. Robinson also noticed that her clothes are not getting clean when washed and has found permanent stains on her white clothes. Her hair is being damaged by the water and refrigerator filters need to be changed three times more often. Manager Troutman explained that if there was a water main break, water would be coming out of the ground and not back feeding into the system especially with the amount of pressure in the lines.

**BILL LOCKE  
2550 SADDLEWOOD**

Bill Locke, 2550 Saddlewood, recommended that the Authority retain an outside source to help figure out the cause of the dirty water and resolve this problem once and for all.

In other business, Manager Troutman told the Board about a recent Notice of Violation received from the DEP for exceeding the locational running annual average (LRAA) for total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) at Site 701(Pennbriar Athletic Club) during the second quarter 2019 monitoring period. Our LRAA is 0.085 mg/L just above the acceptable level of 0.080 mg/L. All other samples taken throughout the Township were within the acceptable range. Even though recent test results have not exceeded the maximum contaminant level (MCL), this comes from a couple high readings in previous quarters. As a result, the Authority is mandated to issue a Tier 2 Notification within 30 days to ALL water customers (even to those not in the affected area). As such, notices will be mailed prior to September 19, 2019.

RESOLUTION #1-2019 TO  
INCREASE AUTHORITY'S  
EXISTENCE ANOTHER 50 YEARS

Solicitor Blakely explained proposed Resolution #1-2019 whereby the Water Authority would reauthorize its existence through an amendment to the already filed Articles of Incorporation filed with the Pennsylvania Department of State on March 2, 1970. That document recites that the statutory maximum number of years of existence for a Municipal Authority is fifty years, meaning that on March 1, 2020, without further action, the Authority would dissolve. This resolution is to renew the Authority's existence for an additional fifty years which would begin on March 2, 2020. Solicitor Blakely recommended passing said resolution after which it will be forwarded to the Supervisors for consideration to authorize the actions stated within. When complete, the amendment will be filed with Pennsylvania State Department.

RESOLUTION #1-2019 PASSED

Motion by Kurtz, seconded by Schaefer, to pass Resolution #1-2019 reauthorizing the existence of the Authority by amendment to the already filed Articles of Incorporation of the Authority for a period of 50 years starting March 2, 2020.

**VOTE: 4/0**

FINAL BUDGET APPROVED

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Kurtz, to adopt the final budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

**VOTE: 4/0**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Authority, motion by Kurtz, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**VOTE: 4/0**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura J. Taylor  
Recording Secretary  
9/6/2019