

October 10, 2023
Township Meeting Room

The Chairperson, Scott Allen, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, called the regular meeting of the West Cocalico Township Authority to order at 7:00 P.M. The following were in attendance:

Authority: Scott Allen, Jim Moyer, Larry Gensemer, Mike Palm, and Byron Hurst

Others Present: Carolyn Hildebrand-Manager, Tammy Emerich-Administrative Assistant, Kent Reich-Water Operator, Nick Reich-Asst. Water Operator, Steve Morra-Performance Construction Company, Josele Cleary-Solicitor, Dan Becker-Becker Engineering, Ryan Bannon-Resh Rd., Sheldon Esh-Resh Rd., Michael & Heather Brechtlein-Resh Rd., Scott Hoh & Susan Borelli-Texter Mountain Rd.

Public Comment-Scott Hoh spoke about his failing septic system at one of his houses and the financial stress it would cause his family to have to pay for two tapping fees to connect both of his houses on the same lot to the public sewer. He was hoping that the Authority would allow him to pay only one tapping fee since only one of his septic systems is failing. The Authority's Rules & Regulations state that there must be a separate connection for each dwelling, and therefore there must be two tapping fees. The Solicitor, Josele Cleary, also stated that the Authority must be consistent with upholding the rules so that everyone is treated fairly.

Ryan Bannon, Sheldon Esh, and Michael & Heather Brechtlein had questions about the new sewer connections and when roadwork would be completed on Resh Rd.

Mike Palm motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2023. Larry Gensemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Palm motioned to approve the attached list of checks from the Sewer Fund totaling \$1,022,437.81. Byron Hurst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Palm motioned to waive the \$50.00 permit fee to the residents that are in the mandatory sewer connection area. Byron Hurst seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 4-1 vote. Mike Palm, Byron Hurst, Larry Gensemer, and Jim Moyer voted yes. Scott Allen voted no.

The 2024 Sewer Budget was discussed. Carolyn Hildebrand will update the budget for the November meeting to reflect changes that were discussed.

Carolyn Hildebrand said that James Ulrich inquired whether he could use the extra EDU he has from the project at 290 W. Main St. to use at a new address. Dan Becker stated that EDUs cannot be transferred to a different property.

Larry Gensemer motioned to authorize the following Payment Applications:

- Application #19 for Performance Construction in the amount of \$129,408.16
- Application #13 for Pagoda Electrical in the amount of \$69,642.15
- Application #5 for PACT ONE in the amount of \$143,410.00

Jim Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clean Water Inc. report for the month of August indicated the average daily flow was 77,000 gallons per day.

The Entech Engineer's Report was reviewed.

Carolyn Hildebrand said she and Dan Becker will be meeting tomorrow to review and discuss engineering projects.

Byron Hurst motioned to approve the attached list of checks from the Water Fund totaling \$29,810.01 Jim Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2024 Water Budget was presented and discussed. Carolyn Hildebrand will update the budget for the November meeting to reflect changes that were discussed.

Kent Reich presented the Water System report for September 2023.

The Entech Engineer's report was reviewed.

Kent Reich reported that the Authority truck needs new tires for inspection. Fisher's Garage provided a cost of \$167.79 for each tire under COSTAR pricing. Byron Hurst motioned to authorize the purchase and installation of four new tires through Fisher's Garage. Larry Gensemer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Byron Hurst motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 P.M. Jim Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Palm, Secretary