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**Reading Area Water Authority
Board Meeting
Tuesday July 18, 2017**

The Stated Board Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday July 18, 2017 at 815 Washington St, Reading PA 19601 at 4:00 PM. Present were: Board Members: Vice Chairman Steve Symons, Mr. Steven McCracken, Ms. Julissa Espinal, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mr. Kim Mazur, Mr. Carl Scott SSM Engineering, Mr. Thomas Weld, BCM Engineering and Attorney Ed Stock, Solicitor. Absent was Chairman Ralph Johnson and Ms. Josephina Encarnacion.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

Executive Director Bill Murray introduced the new Director of Operations and Maintenance Mr. Kim Mazur to the Board of Directors.

Public Comment:

Mr. Lear Schlesinger of 3440 Lehigh St Allentown, PA stated he owns a property in the city and recently had a meeting with RAWA review panel and wanted to let the board know about his positive experience. The board thanked him for coming in and letting them know about this.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from June 20, 2017 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- *All in favor. Motion passed unanimously*

A motion was made to approve the General Fund invoices for June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$42,367.76, the General Funds invoices for July 18, 2017 in the amount of \$279,915.88, the Capital Fund Invoices for July 18, 2017 in the amount of \$352,892.86 and the Escrow Fund Invoices for the amount of \$21,086.42 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- *All in favor. Motion passed unanimously*

Board Member Report:

Vice Chairman Symons indicated that he had attended 4 review panel meetings and the outcome was all positive with each meeting.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Murray asked for a motion to approve the 13 county radios that RAWA is leasing be transferred to the Reading Fire Department. A motion was made by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Mr. McCracken to have the radios transferred to the RFD.

- *All in favor. Motion passed unanimously*

Mr. Murray asked for permission to have the roof to the lake maintenance building be replaced by the low bidder of Straub Roofing for \$11,650.00. A motion was made to approve the low bid to replace the maintenance building roof at the Lake to Straub Roofing for \$11,650.00 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Engineering Report:

Mr. Scott Carl gave an update on the outstanding projects on his engineering report. The engineering plans for the Dredging project have been submitted to DEP for approval.

Mr. Tom Weld also gave an update on the outstanding projects that BCM Engineering is working on. Mr. Weld asked for a motion to approve the advertising of bids 81A, 82A, 85A and 86A. A motion was made by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Espinal to advertise the bids.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Solicitor Report :

Attorney Stock presented to the Board of Directors a settlement agreement from Evergreen Power asking to accept a 50% settlement on the water consumption being back billed for the under billing of water usage for the past 5 years. A motion was made by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Mr. McCracken to allow Mr. Murray to sign and accept a settlement of \$1,008,881.00 as settlement in full on the water portion of the under billed amounts on behalf of RAWA.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Attorney Stock next presented an agreement between Muhlenberg Township and RAWA, having RAWA acquire 4 properties currently on the Muhlenberg line, and transfer them to RAWA. Mr. McCracken made a motion to allow Mr. Murray to sign the agreement between Muhlenberg Township and RAWA, having RAWA take over 4 properties water service. The motion was seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Attorney Stock asked for a motion, that upon review from the Executive Director, to approve the 1st amendment of the water service extension line agreement between RAWA and Birdsboro Power LLC, motion was made by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Attorney Stock asked for a motion to approve the Right To Know policy and procedure as so written and presented to the Board to Directors. The motion was made by Mr. McCracken and Seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

The next Reading Area Water Authority Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in City Hall, 815 Washington St., Reading PA 19601