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**Reading Area Water Authority
Board Meeting
Tuesday March 21, 2017**

The Stated Board Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 815 Washington St, Reading PA 19601 at 4:00 PM. Present were: Board Members: Chairman Ralph Johnson, Vice Chairman Steve Symons, Ms. Julissa Espinal, Mr. Steven McCracken, Interim Executive Director Mr. William Murray, Mr. Thomas Weld, Engineer, BCM Engineer, Mr. Carl Scott SSM Engineer. Absent was Ms. Josephina Encarnacion and Mr. Ed Stock, Solicitor.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from February 21, 2017 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the General Fund invoices for March 6, 2017 in the amount of \$152,353.25 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the General Fund invoices for March 21, 2017 in the amount of \$435,686.12 by Ms. Espinal and seconded by Mr. Symons.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the Capital Fund Invoices for March 6, 2017 in the amount of \$2,898.32 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the Capital Fund Invoices for March 21, 2017 in the amount of \$777,541.46 by Mr. McCracken and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made to approve the Escrow Fund invoices for March 21, 2017 in the amount of \$6,325.62 by Mr. Symons and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Report

Chairman Johnson said he attended an Asset Management Seminar earlier in the day and noted that Renee Watts, from RAWA Engineering department was present. He said it was a very informative seminar and Ms. Watts seemed very happy to be attending and obtaining the information for her department.

Mr. Symons said that he attended 5 Review Panel meetings earlier in the month and that all decisions were made at the meetings.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Murray said that RAWA is ready to order a vehicle for the Filter plant, with a Costars pricing of \$41,000 and asked if a motion can be made.

A motion was made by Mr. Symons to approve the purchase of the truck for the Filter plant at a Costars price of \$41,000 and seconded by Ms. Espinal.

Mr. Johnson questioned what type of truck it was and if they would be using it to also plow. Mr. Phillips from the Filter plant explained the usages for the truck and said it would not be used to plow.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Murray gave thanks to the employees that came into work during the snow storm to help with the plowing of the city lots.

Engineering Report

Mr. Scott Carl from SSM Engineering reviewed the dredging project bids and said that the low bid was Mogel Dredging, Chester PA. After discussion on the higher bid compared to the low bidder, the board all agreed to move forward with Mogel Dredging of Chester PA at a cost of \$767,889 to complete the job. Mr. Johnson when the last time it was done. Mr. Carl said it has never been done, but once this is completed RAWA will only have to do it every 4-5 years. The project will begin in May and be done around October 2017.

Mr. Tom Weld from BCM Engineering said they are still working with Birdsboro to get through the permits that are required.

Also the first project of the cleaning and relining project of the 16" main from Penn Street to Buttonwood Street is underway.

Executive session was called at 4:25 PM

Meeting back in session at 5:03 PM

Mr. Symons made a motion to adjourn at 5:04 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Espinal.

- All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

The next Reading Area Water Authority Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in the Penn Room at City Hall, 815 Washington St., Reading PA 19601