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**Reading Area Water Authority
Board Meeting
Tuesday May 15, 2018**

The Stated Board Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the Board room of the RAWA Administration office, 1801 Kutztown Road, Reading PA 19604. Present were: Board Members: Chairman Ralph Johnson, Vice Chairman Steve Symons, Dr. Phillip Dougherty, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mr. Kim Mazur, Mr. Carl Scott, SSM Engineering, and Attorney Ed Stock, Solicitor. Absent were Mr. Steven McCracken, Ms. Cecile Grimshaw, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

No Public comment

Chairman Johnson welcomed the new board member Dr. Phillip Dougherty. Dr. Dougherty gave a brief history on his background and his interests in water systems. The board members in attendance welcomed him and thanked him for sharing.

Chairman Johnson asked for the stated Board minutes from April 17, 2018 to be approved. Vice Chairman Symons made a motion to approve the stated Board minutes for April 17, 2018 and Dr. Dougherty seconded the motion. All in Favor, Motion passed.

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to approve the invoices dated April 17, 2018. Vice Chairman Symons made a motion to approve the invoices as follows: General Fund payments in the amount of \$245,000.76, Capital Fund payments in the amount of \$68,650.53, and the Birdsboro Power Escrow fund payment in the amount of \$99,107.63. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dougherty. All in Favor, Motion passed.

Board Member Update:

Vice Chairman Symons said that he attended 2 different Review Panel meetings here at the RAWA office, meeting about 10 different customers. Most were positive outcomes for the customers. Chairman Johnson said that he is happy with this process and has heard good feedback. Vice Chairman Symons said that it was Tracey Karish, Customer Service Manager that has the meeting well organized and that is the most important part of having a successful outcome.

Director of Maintenance and Operations Report:

Mr. Mazur reported to the Board of Directors that the Distribution staff is out flushing fire hydrants this time of year. He said that he now has them taking a chlorine sample before flushing due to new DEP policies on the chlorine content. The old standard was .02 and the new standard is .2. He said that they have a year to comply but is getting this process going now.

Mr. Mazur also let the Board of Directors know that there was an issue with the sludge pump. It was pulled from the pit and was found to have some metal pieces down in the pit. The company that installed it came out to inspect it and will be repairing it. There is a temporary spare pump that is being used at this time. Chairman Johnson and Vice Chairman Symons suggested that there be a spare back up pump. Mr. Mazur said he would look into the costs involved and get back to the Board.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Carl let the board know that all the projects being worked on are in his monthly report. The grant that was submitted is being reviewed and should be awarded to a facility around July 17, 2018. At that time, we will know if RAWA was a recipient of the grant.

Solicitors Report:

Attorney Stock informed the Board of Directors that the one property owner in Birdsboro that was objecting to the easement for the water lines to the Birdsboro Power Plant has been resolved and that work can move forward.

Motion to Adjourn meeting by Mr. Symons, Seconded by Dr. Dougherty. *All in favor* Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 pm

The next Reading Area Water Authority Board meeting will be held on June 19, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the RAWA Administration Building, 1801 Kutztown Road, Reading PA 19604