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**Reading Area Water Authority
Board Meeting
Tuesday August 21, 2018**

The Stated Board Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Tuesday August 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the Board room of the RAWA Administration office, 1801 Kutztown Road, Reading PA 19604. Present were: Board Members: Vice Chairman Steve Symons, Mr. Steven McCracken, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Dr. Phillip Dougherty, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Operations and Maintenance Mr. Kim Mazur, Mr. Carl Scott, SSM Engineering, and Attorney Ed Stock, Solicitor. Absent was Chairman Ralph Johnson.

Vice Chairman Steve Symons Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.

No Public comment

Vice Chairman Steve Symons asked for a motion to pass the stated Board meeting minutes from July 17, 2018. Mr. McCracken made a motion and seconded by Dr. Dougherty. All in favor. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Symons asked for a motion to approve the invoices for August 2018, for the General fund \$642,419.13, Capital fund \$86,105.32, Escrow fund \$17,676.75 and the Birdsboro Power escrow fund \$1,236,809.81. Mr. McCracken made the motion and Mrs. Grimshaw seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Murray presented to the Board of Directors the copies of the monthly Cash and Financial reports.

Director of Maintenance and Operations Report:

Mr. Mazur gave presentation on Maiden Creek Pump Station. All board members were grateful for the presentation and expressed their thanks to him for the information.

Mr. Mazur gave a timeline presentation of the recent main break. Mr. Mazur explained how customers started calling in on August 10, 2018 around 7:30 am and everyone was alerted that there was an issue. The area of Kenhorst and Shillington seemed to be the affected areas. The plant operators checked the tanks and let them know which area was affected. Crews were

dispatched to the area of River Road, along with other areas of the city looking for any type of water showing up on the streets. While Mr. Murray was driving back towards town he was notified by a customer standing on the street that there was water coming up in the area behind RACC towards the Schuylkill River. It was discovered that a 16" pipe was cracked approximately 10' long and it was buried underground about 15'. The excavation took about 11 hours. 25 foot of pipe was replaced on Saturday August 11, 2018. Mr. Murray made it known that RAWA was grateful to PA American and WBWA for their help in providing water locations throughout Kenhorst and Shillington for customers to come and get water.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Mazur gave a brief update on the Birdsboro Power Plant project. The line between Cedar Hill Road and to the Birdsboro Plant is installed and the bacterial sampling has been tested and ready to get water service there. All contractors are ahead of schedule. Water could be taken as early as the end of next month.

Mr. Carl from SSM gave his report on projects in process. An evaluation of the 17th St tank is being done and all options are being looked at for the rehab. Central Logistics Park is in startup mode right now. The CFA Grant should be awarded on September 17, 2018. He is optimistic that RAWA could get the grant. All other projects are on schedule and details can be read on his monthly report to the Board.

Meeting adjourned 4:56 pm

The next Reading Area Water Authority Board meeting will be held on September 18, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the RAWA Administration Building, 1801 Kutztown Road, Reading PA 19604