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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
Tuesday February 15, 2022

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Richard Carpenter, Mr. Earl Lucas, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, and Mr. Daniel Luckey, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Maintenance and Operations Mr. Gary Phillips, Distribution Superintendent Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Engineering Manager Mr. Yuri Evans, Meter Department Manager Mrs. Amy Styer, Administrator Mrs. Sue Ruotolo, Human Resources Manager Mrs. Wendalin Marrero, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Accounting Manager Mrs. Sandie Kieffer, Mr. Brian Hassinger from SSM Engineering. Absent were Dr. Phillip Dougherty and Mr. Jamal Abodalo.

Meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve the January 18, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Lucas. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to approve payment of the February 2022 invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$582,862.87 Capital Fund in the amount of \$39,429.10 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$6,211.75. A motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Lucas. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray let the Board of Directors know that Mrs. Grimshaw was reappointed by City Council to serve on the Board.

Mr. Murray mentioned that the internal Audit was completed and is available for review if anyone would like to see it, and that the monthly department reports were included in the information given to each Board Member. There were no questions.

Mr. Murray went over the month's activities, which included a repair in Mohrsville to help the WBWA and the completion on the Store Yard building improvements.

Mr. Murray went over the recent newspaper article covering the Ontelaunee Dam and played a video he has put together.

Mr. Murray asked that there be a motion approve the purchase of the John Deere 160 Excavator that was budgeted for at cost of \$19,900.00. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to purchase the John Deere 160 Excavator at a total cost of \$19,900. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mrs. Grimshaw. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Hassinger from SSM Engineering presented to the Board of Directors a Resolution 2022-1 for the Highway Improvement Project at Green Street. Chairman McCracken asked for a motion to be made to pass the Resolution. A Motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Lucas. A question was asked about the budgeted amount to be spent on this project. Mr. Hassinger explained the cost share amount of the project would be approx. \$85,000- \$95,000 for RAWA. The over all project is budgeted for \$350,000 with the remaining amounts to be funded by the state. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Hassinger said that they are preparing a RFP for the Boiler at the filter plant, at an estimated project cost of \$95,000 and they would be presented at the April 2022 board meeting.

Attorney Stock went over the 2 lawsuits presently happening with RAWA. The STACK suit was filed by a co-worker from WBWA for the incident that happened in Wyomissing in 2021. RAWA's insurance carrier has assumed the defense in this case and anticipate RAWA to be removed from the lawsuit as the pipes are not RAWA pipes. Mr. Luckey asked if RAWA has a Indemnification clause in the agreements we have with WBWA and Attorney Stock said he would review.

Attorney Stock asked for a motion to approve the Dalfen Waterline Extension Agreement for the project at Bethel Business Park. A motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Lucas. All in favor. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Carpenter joined the meeting via Zoom.

An Executive Session was called at 4:45 PM.

Regular meeting resumed at 4:54 PM

Chairman McCracken let everyone know that the next board meeting would be on March 15, 2022.

Motion to adjourn at 4:55 PM by Mr. Luckey.