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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
Tuesday July 19, 2022

In attendance were, Vice Chairman Richard Carpenter, Mr. Earl Lucas, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Mr. Jamal Abodalo, Mr. Daniel Luckey, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Distribution Superintendent Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Engineering Manager Mr. Yuri Evans, Administrator Mrs. Sue Ruotolo, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Customer Service Manager Ms. Tracey Karish, Mr. Brian Hassinger from SSM Engineering. Absent was Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken and Dr. Phillip Dougherty.

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

Vice Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion to approve the June 21, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mrs. Grimshaw. All in favor. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion to approve payment of the July 2022 invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$618,473.06 Capital Fund in the amount of \$36,065.00 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$6,492.75. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Abodalo. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray let the Board of Directors know that the monthly department reports were included in the information given to each Board Member. There were no questions. Mr. Murray reviewed the recent lake levels and went over the procedures if there was a breach at the dam. Mr. Murray let everyone know about the recent water main break in Mt. Penn and how the RAWA Distribution department lent a hand in the repairs and that there is a Intergovernmental Agreement being drawn up so that in the future they are comfortable calling and asking for our assistance.

Mr. Murray let the Board of Directors know that the 2021 Financial Audit has been completed and that each Board Member will receive a copy to review and that RKL will be in to cover the audit in August. Mr. Murray briefly went over the current Act 597 bill that is being discussed and that he will be attending a hearing coming up soon and will report back any information he gets on it

Mr. Hassinger from SSM Engineering let the Board of Directors know that the bids were in for the replacement of Filters 7 and 3 and were reviewed by the Solicitor and that the low bid should be awarded to Eastern Environmental for \$1,398,700. A motion was made by Mr. Luckey and seconded by Mr. Abodalo. A discussion was had concerning prior work performed by Eastern Environmental. Mr. Hassinger said that although there were a few minor issues they were unforeseen and resolved. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Hassinger asked that the Board makes a motion to allow Mr. Murray as the Executive Director to sign the Ontelaunee Industrial Site Waterline Extension Agreement. A motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Lucas to allow The Executive Director to sign the Water line Extension agreement for Ontelaunee Industrial. All in favor. Motion passed.

Attorney Stock asked for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with West Reading. A motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Lucas. A discussion was had concerning the interconnections between RAWA and West Reading. Information was given concerning these connections and the amount of water that can be provided to West Reading. All in favor. Motion passed.

An Executive Session was called at 4:45 PM
Return from Executive Session was made at 5:04 PM.

Mr. Carpenter let the Board of Directors know the next Board Meeting would be on August 16, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Luckey at 5:06PM

An Executive Session was called at 5:25 PM. Regular meeting resumed at 5:55 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Abodalo at 5:58 PM