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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
4:00 PM  
Tuesday June 20, 2023

In attendance were Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken, Vice Chairman Richard Carpenter, Mr. Earl Lucas, Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Ms. Tressa Jefferson, Mr. Jamal Abodalo, Mr. Daniel Luckey, RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Distribution Superintendent Mr. Anthony Reynolds, Director of Asset Management Mr. Yuri Evans, Director of Operations Gary Phillips, Administrator Suzanne Ruotolo, Plant Superintendent Mr. Patrick Bauer, Meter Reader Manager Mrs. Amy Styer, H.R. Manager Mrs. Wendy Marrero, Lake Ontelaunee Manager Mr. Michael Reider, Mr. Brian Hassinger from SSM Engineering.

The meeting was brought to order by Solicitor Ed Stock at 4:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

Solicitor Ed Stock asked for a motion to approve the May 25, 2023, meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Jefferson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Solicitor Ed Stock asked for a motion to approve payment of the June invoices, for General Fund in the amount of \$736,175.60 Capital Fund in the amount of \$54,488.88 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$24,619.55. A motion was made by Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Jefferson. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Jamal Abodalo made a statement about the passing of the Attorney Michael Setley, Mr. Abodalo stated back in 2020 RAWA had a legal matter with former Attorney Michael Setley, and they have always remained civilized, stating he was a good guy and regarding your differences with him, the community and legal community from Berks County lost an iconic man. Mr. Abodalo wanted to go on record stating as such. Mr. Dan Luckey agreed with Mr. Abodalo.

Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw was having technical issues while using Zoom.

Mr. Murray gave an update on the Union Negotiation stating Chairman McCracken came in and signed the contract, employees received retro pay. The Foremen Contract is up at the end of the 2023 and recently they had the first meeting. They agreed to try to have a second meeting shortly and try to settle the contract in a timely fashion.

Mr. Murray advised the Lab microscope was received and will be reaching out to the lab at Philadelphia to see if they can provide more training on the algae and microscope use. Mr. Luckey asked if the manufacturer provides any training, Mr. Murray advised the manufacturer does provide training and they came out to the lab. Mr. Murray advised we are asking Philadelphia to provide more training on what to look for with the algae.

Mr. Murray advised the interconnection on Adams Street with Muhlenberg Water Authority was opened and pulled water for 12 to 14 days. Per the agreement with MTA they are to contact RAWA prior to pulling water, no notification was given to RAWA regarding the use of the interconnection. The big problem with going from RAWA to MTA is the types of water RAWA is surface water and MTA is well water this requires boil water notices. MTA did not think this was an emergency connection. DEP was notified and is handling. Mr. Luckey asked why MTA took the water. Mr. Murray advised MTA had a Well problem. Mr. Luckey asked if this was a loss of water, Mr. Murray advised there is a meter on the connection. Mr. Abodalo asked who the engineer is. Mr. Murray replied that it is SSM. Mr. Murray advised when he called the engineer, the engineer's assumption was MTA was handling everything. Mr. Abodalo asked if we can install a flow meter that can send an alarm or signal once water is pulled. Mr. Murray advised anything is possible to install and will get a price to add location to the SCADA system. Mr. Abodalo asked the board about sending a letter to the Township advising their Authority acted in bad faith. Mr. Luckey stated to use the contract and if there is a termination clause, if they act in bad faith again the contract will be terminated. Mr. Murray was advised to send a letter to the Authority and the Township stating they violated the contract and to not allow this to happen in the future.

Mr. Murray advised DEP officially placed a drought watch in effect.

Mrs. Ruotolo updated the board on New Journey, the office staff cooked and served lunch to about 250 people. She also stated we are going to try to help New Journey when they receive the truck of food as well.

Chairman McCracken arrived and apologized for his lateness to the meeting.

Engineer Mr. Hassinger gave an update on the process of Filter 7, stating within the next month this should be online. Once filter 7 is up they will start deconstruction on filter 3.

Executive Session was entered at 4:49pm.

Regular session resumed at 5:01pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lucas at 5:01pm