

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2016 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The EAWA Board meeting was held in the Meeting Room at 211 W. Hummelstown St. and was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dr. C. Dale Treese. Members present: Keith Murphy, Jeff McCloud, Del Becker, Rich Sheidy, Rick Erb and Chuck Brewer. Also present were George Alspach, Solicitor; Peter Lusardi, Engineer; Gene Haldeman, Operations Manager; Mike Skelly, Manager; Grace Miller, Business Manager; and Michele Powl, Administrative Clerk. **Other Attendees:** Steve Fisher.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. REPORTS:

Manager's Report: Borough appointment of Rich Sheidy, new EAWA Board member until April 2021 - Board welcomed Sheidy. Skelly said there are a few administrative items that the Board will need to discuss in the coming weeks and formalize with a resolution. Skelly circulated the contact information sheet for the Board members to update and he will forward to the Municipal Authorities Association and American Water Works.

10-year "Unaccounted For" Figures - Skelly said the sheet was provided as requested and the Board can discuss at the 5/9/16 meeting.

Westbrooke IV Subdivision - Discussion postponed to the 6/1/16 meeting.

SRBC - Skelly said a couple of items had changed from when Steve Fisher was here on September 2, 2015. Skelly said there was discussion that the SRBC was looking at placing a cap for the sub-watershed for the Upper Conoy Creek around 1.2 MGD. Skelly said SRBC confirmed the information by a conference call on April 25, 2016, and in addition to the sub-watershed limit of 1.2 MGD, they are also looking at a total systemwide cap of 1.578 MGD. Skelly noted the SRBC is holding a public hearing tonight for the surrounding landowners to address concerns about EAWA's five applications confirming withdrawal rates for re-permitting of the wells. He said the SRBC meets for their business meeting on June 16, 2016, which would ratify any decision they have made. Skelly said the three immediate concerns are: 1) operational issues for the Operations Manager and the time needed to research our figures for approval from SRBC; 2) reduce the certainty and freedom of entertaining new developments; 3) amount of money invested in the system and treatment plant to provide certainty to developers of long term capacity. Skelly stated staff sought guidance from Alspach and thought it prudent to seek special council that works with environmental law. Skelly said EAWA secured Steve Hann, Esq. who has experience with Municipalities and SRBC. Hann was involved with the drafting of the letter sent to the SRBC asking for the postponement both for the meeting tonight and the approval in June. Skelly said the intent is to provide facts from all involved and discuss the impact and severity that the caps may have. He

said from the conversations he had it sounds like they may accommodate our request, but it is not guaranteed.

Skelly said EAWA was required to circulate notices to residents within a ¼ mile of these applications and provide newspaper notice. Fisher said the SRBC meeting tonight is for the public to express any concerns and is a formality. Fisher said the SRBC did approve the 1.2 MGD for the sub-watershed, which is good news. Fisher said the concern is the overall number of 1.578 MGD for the total system based on a 30 day running average. It is not a limit to the total daily possible pumpage. He said the number is to represent the need for the next 15 years based on a 30-day average, and this is what needs to be figured out. Fisher said using SRBC's methodology over the last five years using daily operational data from each source and adding all the figures together provides a 30 day moving average for the whole system, based on the growth projections in the 2013 report. Fisher said Lusardi and Skelly are looking at the numbers to ensure there is plenty of water to cover future development over the next 10 – 15 years. Fisher said Haldeman and Bixler were looking at the numbers from the pumping of Wells 3 and 4. The wells are doing better than what the ground water recharge suggests. Fisher suggested talking to the SRBC about increasing the proposed limit. Treese expressed concern about keeping a cushion to provide for future development. Fisher stated that if there are any proposed projects on the horizon to factor that into the number.

Brewer stated that in 2014 EAWA produced 1.534 MGD as an average and the SRBC wants to cap EAWA at 1.578 MGD, which allows for less than a 3% increase over a 15 year period. He said our community is growing, and SRBC is preventing it from happening. Lusardi said SRBC used the last five years of consumption to calculate the figures, which were the worst years of no growth due to the economy and conservation measures. Alspach said the SRBC is taking away about 1 million GPD and capping our system, which amounts to losing 5,800 EDUs at \$1,800 per EDU in the system equaling \$10 million that was banked for future tapping fees, expansion and jobs. Alspach said EAWA has paid over \$356,000 to the SRBC. Skelly said EAWA should know in a few days if SRBC accepts the postponement.

Operations Manager's Report: Haldeman noted the following items: 1) completed systemwide water flushing; 2) Jason Bock and Chris Morton passed the last certification required; 3) Mitch Burke passed the Distribution certification and is working on Operator's certification; 4) Well 4 is out of commission due to a short in the pump motor and will be replaced with a smaller pump; 5) replaced valves on Buckingham Blvd. tank; 6) maintenance for Groff Ave. tank scheduled for next week; 7) Haldeman said administrative staff received phone calls regarding dirty water in the areas that were not flushed.

Public Works Director's and Engineer's Report: None.

- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Estimate for Rain Garden Project** - Powl stated she will provide a memorandum to the Board for the 5/9/16 meeting.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.
6. **BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS:** Board welcomed Rich Sheidy as a new member.
7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Board met to discuss Personnel matters. No action was taken.
8. **ADJOURN: 7:18 PM**

Action: "That the Board adjourns the work session meeting."

Motion: J. McCloud

Second: C. Brewer

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

M. Skelly, Authority Manager

Approved at 6/13/16 Meeting