

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 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, Del Becker, Rick Erb and Chuck Brewer. Absent: Jeff McCloud and Rich Sheidy. Also present were George Alspach, Solicitor; Peter Lusardi, Engineer; Wayne Devan, PWD; Gene Haldeman, Operations Manager; Mike Skelly, Manager; Grace Miller, Business Manager and Michele Powl, Administrative Clerk.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3. REPORTS:

Manager's Report: SRBC Update - Skelly stated George Alspach, Del Becker, Rich Sheidy, Gene Haldeman, Steve Fisher, Pete Lusardi and Grace Miller were in attendance at the meeting held on 6/30/16. Skelly said he started off the meeting by providing a tour of EAWA's water plant to show our investment. Skelly said SRBC was emphatic about their methodology. The SRBC agreed to take a second look at EAWA's figures. Skelly noted EAWA's concern is the amount of money financially invested and having water capacity available. Skelly said he would run current figures with Lusardi and provide residential and commercial. Skelly noted the original figures focused on the residential aspect. He said MJT was originally estimated at 701 EDUs, and now it is three times that amount (2300-2500 EDUs). Skelly said EAWA has until the end of July to provide the revised figures to SRBC so they can sequence their reporting for the hearing and commissioner's meeting. Skelly noted he would review WDT EDUs. He said it is realistic to ask for 1.94/1.97 as the projected figures for the next 10-15 years. Becker said his interpretation was that EAWA could do the following three things to request higher capacity in the future if the SRBC does not grant at this time: 1) provide revised higher figures for projected need; 2) re-visit when Well #6 comes due for permitting; 3) apply for a minor permit amendment if EAWA needs an increased allocation supply. Skelly stated he and Alspach heard PA Municipal Authorities Association is asking members to comment about the SRBC. Skelly responded. Treese said to continue working on the figures to provide to SRBC.

Conoy Crossing Subdivision - Skelly stated he received a letter dated 6/10/16 from Jack Smith, GSK&D (included in the agenda packet) requesting a time extension beyond 10/31/16 for Phase 3 to facilitate water main loop to Maytown Rd. Skelly said he spoke with Todd Smeigh, Project Engineer at a meeting held at WDT a few weeks ago. Smeigh advised Skelly that part of the issue revolves around getting the PennDot permit for the connection to Maytown Road and issues with the Army Corp. of Engineers with the culvert and associated wetland.

After some discussion, the Board requested that Skelly retrieve the figures calculated previously to extend the water main extension to loop the water line and

asked Wayne DeVan to arrange a meeting with the Borough to discuss EAWA's concern about the water line not being looped. The Board noted the Developer does not need to attend a meeting to request an extension. The Board will consider granting a time extension in exchange for a LOC to cover the cost of the water main extension from Phase 2B to Phase 3 to provide a second supply of water in the event of a major fire or water main break. Skelly said he and Alspach would discuss further tomorrow.

Cornwall Quarry - Treese asked about the status of Cornwall Quarry. Alspach said the developer has until December 31, 2016, to settle.

Operations Manager's Report: Haldeman stated staff attended a training session on trench safety and Well #4 has been restored and placed in service last week. Haldeman advised the pump at Conewago failed on July 4, and Kohl Brothers installed a new well pump today and service resumed.

Public Works Director's: None.

Engineer's Report: Lusardi said he provided a draft copy of the energy audit for the water system to Skelly and Haldeman to review and provide comments. Lusardi said he would provide a PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the findings at the 8/3/16 meeting.

Wellhead Protection Land for Rheems Wells - Skelly noted when Lusardi was reviewing EAWA's facilities with Haldeman and Bixler for the energy audit he noticed the adjacent farmland to the Rheems well was for sale. Skelly said EAWA does not have formalized source water protection for the wellheads, and it is something to explore. Skelly said all the wells should be reviewed by staff to determine the priority for protection. He noted the Rheems well is important because it provides 25% of the water supply. Lusardi stated this well is unique. It has cultivated fields within feet from the well and historically, the well had high nitrate levels above the DEP limit, so there is a nitrate removal system. Haldeman stated that the nitrates have gradually decreased to the point that the system is not necessary; however, DEP states because it is installed it needs to be operational. Lusardi said the nitrates decreased due to a reduction in Agriculture; however, if the property is sold and Agriculture resumes the nitrate levels can increase. Lusardi noted the other wells do not have wellhead protection. Since the wells are located in residential areas, the probability of something polluting the well is less than Well # 6 & 7. Treese advised Skelly to inquire about the zoning and cost of the adjacent land for sale.

- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 2017 Elizabethtown Fair Booth** - Powl noted the Board received a memo listing the cost and details for the 2017 fair booth. She commented that the Board discussed the fair booth in November 2012, and staff determined it would not be beneficial since the majority of the visitors to the Fair are non-residents, non-customers. She said she would gladly operate the booth with assistance from the Board members with direction as to what the Board would like to accomplish – educate EAWA's customers or all customers. Murphy said we would reach a lot more customers at the Fair versus the seminars and rain barrel sales.

Brewer stated there needs to be a clear objective of what we want to accomplish, and if we communicate with 20 people a day, it is money well spent. Treese said water conservation had been a general theme to convey to everyone. Murphy said the rain barrels could be displayed and provide information on rain gardens and water conservation. Skelly said the Board could discuss further at the pre-budget meeting. Becker stated it should be a shared effort from all staff including Operations. Board agreed. Treese said to discuss in September.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None.

6. BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS: None.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board adjourned to discuss Personnel matters.

8. ADJOURN: 7:50 PM

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

Motion: K. Murphy

Second: D. Becker

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

M. Skelly, Authority Manager

Approved at 8/8/16 Meeting