

EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2017 - 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: Rich Sheidy, Jeff McCloud, Rick Erb, and Chuck Brewer. Absent: Keith Murphy. Also present were George Alspach, Solicitor; Peter Lusardi, Engineer; Michele Powl, Business Manager; and Melissa Read, Temp. Members of the Public: Stan Daubert.

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Stan Daubert, a Borough resident, came to recognize the authority for receiving the Director's Award for Safe Water from the American Water Works Association. He noted the quality of water is very important to him along with his family and friends since they all drink their water straight from the faucets. He noted that he heard on the news that bottled water has now overtaken every other beverage that people drink in the United States. He mentioned that people could connect a simple filter to remove the chlorine and have the best and safe water possible. Daubert commented that the award speaks of the dedication of the staff, especially since the award is difficult to achieve. He thanked the Board, Del, Gene, Steve, Tom, and the rest of the staff for the work they put into keeping the water clean and safe to drink. Treese thanked Daubert for his remarks. Daubert asked if there had been a press release about the safe water award. Powl said no; it is in the works. Haldeman stated that a plaque will be presented to the authority on 09/06/17. Haldeman also stated that, without the Board's decision to build the plant, Operations would not be able to do the report and receive the award. Treese thanked Daubert for his recognition.

3. REPORTS:

Manager's Report - None.

Operations Manager's Report - Haldeman stated that Mitch Burke took a general knowledge test today to begin the process for acquiring his operator license. He will also take some sub-classes. Haldeman also stated that he contacted the DEP about Cornwall. The company hired a lab firm to pull samples throughout the area. DEP is waiting for those results, which could take 3-4 weeks. Treese asked if it is EAWA's responsibility to do the testing. Haldeman stated it is not EAWA's responsibility. The company that had the spill is responsible. Treese also asked if EAWA is on track to finish the installation / conversion projects. Haldeman stated yes. Haldeman also stated that on Fieldstone Lane, the Borough is installing a sewer main. The sewer lines are 10 ft. deep, and it was unsafe for their crew to get in the ditches due to the water mains being in the way of their placing their trench box. Haldeman stated that he and the technicians spent two days last week moving 50 ft. of water main out of the ditch so that the Borough could do the repairs. Brewer asked about the damaged valve and curb boxes mentioned in the Operations report. Haldeman stated that, some of the valve and curb boxes were damaged and needed replaced on Market St. due to the paving project and others may not have been set properly or were the

old style and need updated. It is an ongoing situation to repair the curb boxes. Sheidy asked whose responsibility it is to make sure that the surface of the road is the same as the curb boxes and sewer manholes. Haldeman stated that it is the paving crew's responsibility.

Engineer's Report - Lusardi stated that they are moving forward with the design plans and permitting for the new water main on Spruce St. He met with Gene Haldeman and Wayne Devan to look at some issues as to where the main will go with respect to existing utilities. In particular, there is a bridge on Spruce St. where they discussed multiple alternatives. Some options are moving the water main around it, doing directional drilling, or suspending the new water main on a structure parallel to the bridge. Lusardi stated that Devan and Haldeman are more inclined to pursue the last option. He stated that he is hoping to have things on paper, and would like to have it ready for next month's work session meeting.

- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Administrative Assistant Position** - Treese stated that there are interviews set to take place in the next two weeks for the administrative assistant position. Brewer asked about how many people are interviewing. Powl stated there are about 6 or 7 candidates.

Sick Leave Subcommittee - Treese stated that the sick-leave subcommittee will meet again in the next few months.

- 5. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

- 6. BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS:** McCloud thanked Stan Daubert for his kind words to the water authority. Brewer thanked Gene and the staff for their hard work. Treese thanked Daubert for attending the Borough Council meeting and recognizing EAWA's accomplishments. He agrees with Daubert that EAWA has a great staff.

- 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

- 8. ADJOURN: 6:47 PM**

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

Motion: Brewer

Second: McCloud

Approved

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, Authority Manager

Approved at 9/11/17 Meeting