

**EAWA WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 - 6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The EAWA Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Dale Treese, Chairman. Members present: Keith Murphy, Jeff McCloud, Rich Sheidy, Rick Erb and John O’Connell. Also present were: Del Becker, Authority Manager; Jason Bock, Operations Manager; Cindy Zawrotuk, Engineer; George Alspach, Solicitor; and Donna Bissinger, Admin Assistant. Not present: Chuck Brewer, Michele Powl, Business Manager. Member of the Public: Jill Gebhart.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**3. REPORTS:**

**a. Manager’s Report:**

i. **Cost Share for ERSA Campus Road Repairs:** ERSA completed and paid for all repairs for the Campus Road repair and has requested that EAWA consider a cost share. ERSA had recommended the cost be split three ways. EAWA share of the cost is \$37,487.61. Mount Joy Township contributed \$20,000 to the total cost.

**Action:** “That the Board approves ERSA’s request to pay \$37,487.61 for repairs to Campus Road”.

**Motion:** K Murphy      **Second:** R Sheidy      **Approved**

ii. **Personnel Qualification** – Recognition of Andy Anderson for passing subclass Inorganic Removal and Chemical Addition exams;

**Action:** “That the Board recognizes the professional achievements of Andy Anderson and approves an increase in hourly rate of \$1.00 per hour.

**Motion:** R Sheidy      **Second:** J O’Connell      **Approved**

iii. **Personnel Qualification** – Recognition of Sean Harnish for passing General Knowledge and Distribution exam and Class E license;

**Action:** “That the Board recognizes the professional achievements of Sean Harnish and approves an increase in hourly rate of \$0.50 per hour.

**Motion:** R Sheidy      **Second:** J O’Connell      **Approved**

**b. Operations Manager’s Report:** Report will be available at the Monday Board Meeting.

**c. Engineer’s Report:** Zawrotuk reported the Chlorination System Improvement Project pre-construction meeting was held 8/7/23. PSI’s schedule is anticipating being on site in October. This is a 6-week project, which includes the plant being shut down for 12 hours. The Water Main Replacement Project design is ongoing, with the finalization of construction drawings, permits and specs. NPDES permit renewal was submitted

8/16/23 to DEP. For the Well 6 & 7 Study, a Report draft was sent to Becker 8/31/23 for review and finalization for the budget meeting on 9/23/23.

4. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** ARPA grant funding application decisions appear to have been delayed until November.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

6. **BOARD MEMBER'S REMARKS:** Dr Treese requested an update of the water main break on S Market Street. Becker replied that machinery at the bridge construction hooked the water line and separated the coupling causing a water pressure wave or vacuum that created a 10ft break in the line further up the street. Approximately 18 businesses were without water. The break did not affect any residences. Repairs were made and the road was reopened at 7:00pm. Estimate of water lost may approach 500,000 gallons. Asked if there can be a claim on the PENNDOT contractor, Becker stated he will discuss this with EAWA's insurance company.

O'Connell inquired if PENNDOT needs to inspect the road repairs and if there has been any further communication with the Masonic Village. Becker indicated that the PENNDOT inspection is to be determined. EAWA has been in communication with the Masonic Village. Currently they and EAWA do not have their permits from DEP to move forward with the Masonic Village relocating their point of treatment and for EAWA to supply them with supplemental water.

Sheidy praised the teamwork between the Borough, Northwest Police, PENNDOT, ERSA and EAWA to resolve the issues created by the S Market Street main break.

Murphy inquired about the Cornwall Quarry water level. Becker stated that the quarry has recovered from when we were pumping water from that location and that additional signs will be installed around the quarry. Murphy also asked about the construction of the warehouses in Rheems. Becker stated construction had started and we have received drawings for the water connections.

Status of the Bowl Mor account was discussed. Becker and Alspach have taken additional steps to address the account.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

8. **ADJOURN: 7:29 PM**

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

**Motion:** R Erb    **Second:** J McCloud    **Approved**

Respectfully submitted,

D. Becker, PE, Authority Manager

***Approved at the 10/9/2023 Meeting***