

Gene Neidermyer called the **March 11, 2021** meeting of the **Western Heights Water Authority** to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Gene Neidermyer, Jim Leonard, Tony Gay, Bruce Martin, and Tom Plitt. Also, present were Noah Zimmerman and Spencer Beck (Operators), Gary Martin (Engineer), and William Cassidy (Solicitor).

Jim made a **motion to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes with corrections to paragraph six (6) third (3rd) sentence, which should read, “not sure why he is being”**. Bruce seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Allen Riehl, Riehl Construction, RSRDE, 233 Quality Circle was present to discuss an Easement Encroachment Agreement. The Authority owns an easement over a portion of this property, and RSRDE desires to install a subsurface electric line on the premises which will encroach on a portion of the Authority’s easement. This will not have any impact on the stormwater facilities. The subsurface electric line will not be within the PennDOT Right-Of Way. The Agreement was reviewed by Solicitor Cassidy, Gary Martin, and George Smith from ELA group. After a discussion Jim made a **motion to conditionally approve and sign the Easement Encroachment Agreement for 233 Quality Circle subject to the neighbor, Mr. Danny Lapp, consenting in writing to the electric line being placed on his land**. Tony seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Mr. BJ Patel, Keshav Krupa LLC, 662 West Main Street, called in (on speaker phone) regarding the ten (10) EDUs of water capacity for his property. The Authority explained to Mr. Patel that the failure to pay the Guarantee of Capacity will result in the forfeiture of the EDU’s and that he would have to purchase them again for the future project at the current Tapping Fee rate if EDUs are available to be purchased. Mr. Patel decided to relinquish the ten (10) EDUs of water capacity. The Authority directed Linda to draft a letter for Mr. Patel’s signature.

Noah reported on the Jeffrey & Tonya Martin, property located at 823 West Main Street. He was present for the second water sample and the results complied with for the Authority and DEP water quality requirements. Jim made a **motion to require annual water testing and that Mr. & Mrs. Martin sign a statement that the WHWA will not be responsible if any illness were to occur from anyone consuming the well water from 823 West Main Street property**. Jim seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Bruce made a motion **to adopt RESOLUTION No. 2021-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING A TAPPING FEE FOR WESTERN HEIGHTS WATER AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,800)**. Jim seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Gary reported that Noah met with Jeff Bologna, Becker Engineering, to discuss the option of taking the Nitrate Treatment system offline for Well #5. Noah said, we should be able to reduce the solar salt usage by forty nine (49) bags a month. The Nitrate Treatment System was required by DEP based on lab test results before Well #5 was connected to the public water supply which exhibited nitrate readings for Well #5 above the 10 mg/l safe drinking water limit. Well #5 has had three (3) years of lab test results that have been below this safe drinking water limit. Taking the nitrate treatment system offline will need to be approved by DEP through a permit modification.

Noah reported that with the installation of the new meters, the Authority reduced the reported lost water by forty one hundred (4,100) gallons per day. He said, the Authority would have enough water to supply the New Holland Shopping Center, located at 635 West Main Street. Noah asked whether the Authority could now offer the property owner the ability to connect to the WHWA system. The Authority suggested that it wait on moving forward with that issue.

Linda reported that Deb Sarro, 712 School Road, paid another One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) on her water usage account. The outstanding delinquency as of March 11, 2021, is still One Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$1,097.71).

The delinquent accounts were reviewed in the amount of \$ 7,813.13.

The receipts for February were reviewed in the amount of \$ 336.96.

Jim made a **motion to approve the disbursements of checks #4469- #4481 in the amount of \$ 4,964.12.** Bruce seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Marburger, Appointed Secretary/Treasurer