

Gene Neidermyer called the **July 8, 2021** meeting of the **Western Heights Water Authority** to order at 6:05 p.m. Present were Gene Neidermyer, Jim Leonard, Tony Gay, and Tom Plitt. Also, present were Noah Zimmerman (Operator), and Daniel Becker (Engineer), and William Cassidy (Solicitor).

Jim made a **motion to approve the June 10, 2021 minutes as presented**, Tony seconded and all voted yes.

Joy reported that the wastewater discharge from the Authority's existing softeners and nitrate removal equipment has exceeded the purchased sewer capacity for several consecutive months. Noah explained that the increased wastewater discharge is a result of backwash cycle timing but suggested reevaluating the discharge after PADEP issues for Public Water Supply Permit to allow for abandonment of the nitrate removal equipment. The Authority advised to continue monitoring once the permit is issued to see if the flows decrease.

The Authority discussed the Short-Term Rentals and the requirement to have capacity for both residential use and the rental use on the same property. The Authority decided that when the applicant applies for the permit to operate a Short-Term Rental, they want to review the permit prior to issuance. Water capacity allocation will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Joy reported that Wesley Zeiset, 111 Water Street, purchased the property several years ago and the prior owner converted the garage into a rental unit. Wesley applied for the permit after the construction occurred. The Zoning Officer at the time did not provide the information to the Authority and the permit was processed. This was recently discovered, and water capacity should have been assessed for both uses. The Authority may allow a waiver of an additional tapping fee charge since the Township Zoning Officer had not coordinated permit issuance with the Authority. However, the Authority directed Joy to contact Wesley to address the Board at the next meeting to make a formal request for waiving the tapping fee for the additional EDU.

Joy reported that the Recorded Easement Encroachment Agreement for Riehl Construction, RSRRDE Properties LLC, 233 Quality Circle, was received today.

Solicitor Cassidy reported that there was a recent Amendment to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law. The Authority shall upload the agenda and anything needing official action by the Authority to the website at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the Authority meeting. There shall also be a copy of the agenda in the lobby and at the meeting for anyone that wishes to attend. The Authority discussed that having a submission cut off of Friday, the week before the meeting to provide adequate time for the Secretary to finalize the meeting packets/agenda.

The delinquent accounts were reviewed in the amount of \$79.42.

The receipts for June were reviewed in the amount of \$25,283.26.

Tony made a **motion to approve the disbursements of checks #4512 - #4521 in the amount of \$5,047.07**. Jim seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M Oberholtzer, Appointed Secretary/Treasurer