

Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 25th, 2015

Members

Eric Immel, Chairman
Skip Missimer, Vice-Chairman
Brad Smith, Secretary
Mike Poff, Treasurer
Jeff Herman, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors

Dave Averso
Robert Frutiger
Bernard Frank (arrived approx.7:20p.m.)

Others

Keith Kahwajy, Superintendent
Jeff Beard, Asst. Superintendent
Jason Reichard, Engineer
Andy Miller, Solicitor
Tim Horne
Stacy Myers, Recording Sec'y

Wade Elfner
Christina Frutiger
Cindy Barley

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. All present participated in the pledge to the flag.
2. Mr. Missimer made a motion to approve the January 28th, 2015 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Poff seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **WATER USAGE REPORT**—Usage was up this month, due to two main leaks and a broken sprinkler system at the old Zarfos Furniture building. 1.42” of rainfall was received this month.
4. **CONNECTIONS REPORT**—1 new connection this month
5. **VISITORS**--The following were present to address the Board:
 - Wade Elfner was present on behalf of Jim Denniston & Country Village Realty who are planning to buy Mr. Elfner’s lot along Country Club Road. Mr. Elfner stated that Denniston’s received 23 recommendations from C.S. Davidson for the proposed townhouses they want to build on the lot. They are amenable with all of the comments except one, that being the recommendation to extend the water main to provide an interconnection in the middle of Country Club Road (or potentially Mill Street, should the owner have difficulty obtaining permitting from PennDot for Country Club Road). Mr. Elfner asked the Board to waive that recommendation, stating it would cost Denniston’s approx. \$12,000 to connect to the Country Club Road main. The Board feels that cost is a little high with consideration of tap-in fees, etc. They also foresee receiving dirty water complaints should the connection be at the dead end, and they want to avoid that. The Authority also believes the costs involved are the costs of doing business and that the Denniston’s would re-coup those costs in no time. In addition, it gives the property owner a secondary water feed for his existing neighboring townhomes. It is the consensus of the Board to not waiver on this issue and to require the connection to be on the Country Club Road main.
 - Bernard Frank, a resident of Atlantic Avenue for 15 years, addressed the Board on the fact that he didn’t know there was fluoride in the water. He feels the residents should be notified of this, being that excessive amounts of fluoride can be harmful, especially to children. He stated that toothpaste tubes state that “if more than a pea-size amount of toothpaste (containing fluoride) is consumed, contact Poison Control”. The Authority stated that the drinking water abides by the strict regulations of PA Department of Environmental Protection and Keith stated that residents are notified of all chemicals in the drinking water per the CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) distributed yearly. Mr. Missimer reported the Department of Health and Human Services is considering that a 0.7 level of fluoride be recommended in finished drinking water; Red Lion’s is currently 0.8. The Board believes fluoridated water is a good thing and have heard from some local dentists who agree. Of note, information will be added to the website to notify residents of the fluoride in Red Lion’s drinking water.

- Dave Averso from Gannett Fleming reported that the high-service pumps are operating well. The 24” washwater line, including manholes #2 & #3, the 6” sludge, and 4” plant service have all been completed down to the old plant, where manhole #4 is. A temporary 24” washwater line has been installed which provides temporary service to the existing washwater basins. The painting at the new Treatment Plant is almost complete. Filter media construction is still ongoing; filters 2, 3 and 4 are complete, but filter 1 still needs done. Start up and employee training has been completed on the rapid mixers, flocculators, plate settlers, sludge transfer system and the backwash system. The SCADA system is now installed in the control room, so operations have begun using that. Mechanical testing on the various processes has also begun.
Jaime was at the plant on Feb. 20th and addressed numerous items with the employees. Chemicals have been delivered and continue to be. Filtering to waste should begin next week, but that will be weather-driven. Dry checkouts on the filter backwash program have begun and are ongoing. Hopefully, wet checkouts can begin soon. Chemical feed pump set up has begun and are ready to begin. Caustic and alum pump supply should begin on or around February 27th.
Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a plant walk-through for Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015.
March 9th, 2015 is still the target date for the plant to go online. A project construction meeting is scheduled for March 11th to discuss any remaining items and we should have the DEP Operating Permit by then.
Turnover of the old plant for demo is still scheduled for end of March.
Discussion was held on backup for the plant and the SCADA system. Manual operation of the plant may be planned for quarterly scheduling. Valve exercising may also be planned for scheduled maintenance.

6. **WATER AND SEWER--OLD BUSINESS**

- **Solicitor’s Report**—Andy requests an Executive Session at the end of the meeting regarding the Treatment Plant project.
- **Engineer’s Report**—Jason reported on the following:
 - Cabrera project continues to be on hold—the treatment plant project is taking precedence before work on the transmission main will begin. Substantial completion date of the treatment plant is March 28th, so more on the Cabrera project may be reported next month.
 - Cabin Creek/Green Branch project—Jason put a spreadsheet together on costs accrued to date. Green Branch project is complete, with no remaining contract value owed to the contractor, less a small percentage of retainage.
Project # 2 (Cabin Creek) was previously authorized for an additional \$200,000 (for additional dredging) which takes the total investment to \$712,000. (Just under \$200,000 in reimbursement was received from FEMA). There is currently approx. \$59,000 due to the contractor that has not been released. There is approx. \$140,000 still remaining from that additional \$200,000 but even that, Jason stated, will not be enough to get us to the intake. Discussion was held on additional dredging. Jason said approx. \$500,000 will be cleared from our construction fund for this project, as projected for the year (excluding the money from FEMA). Consensus of the Board is that Jason will negotiate with the on-site contractor about additional dredging and the costs involved.
- **Superintendent’s Report**—Keith reported on Authority members attending Borough Council meetings:
 - March 9th—Brad Smith

- April 13th—Jeff Herrman
 - May 11th—Eric Immel
7. **WATER AND SEWER—NEW BUSINESS**
 - Red Lion Municipal Authority Board has signed the Certificate of Incumbency for M & T Bank
 8. **NEW WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES REPORT**—Keith reported:
 - Kubota UTV has been delivered to the new plant. This will be used for hauling chemicals, tools, stone to fill potholes, the walk-behind lawn mower, etc.
 - Currently waiting on a proposal from Lobar Electric for remote access to the Water Treatment Plant. This was not in the original contract with them, but is necessary for trouble shooting and to give remote access to Sherwin Logan from Annapolis. It also helps employees and operators to have remote access.
 9. **Approval of bills, statements and requisitions**—Mr. Missimer made a motion to approve the bills, statements and requisitions; Mr. Poff seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 10. **Other Business**—the next Red Lion Municipal Authority meeting will be held March 25th, 2015
 11. **Authority recessed to Executive Session** @ 8:15p.m. for discussion on the new Water Treatment Plant. Authority reconvened @ 9:00p.m. No action was taken.
 12. **Authority adjourned** @ 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary