

Red Lion Municipal Authority
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22nd, 2015

Members

Eric Immel, Chairman
Skip Missimer, Vice-Chairman
Michael Poff, Treasurer
Brad Smith, Secretary
Jeff Herrman, Asst. Sec/Treasurer

Others

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

Visitors

Dianne Price
Christina Frutiger

Cindy Barley
Robert Frutiger

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:02p.m.
2. Mr. Missimer made a motion to approve the June 24th, 2015 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
3. **WATER USAGE REPORT**—Usage report shows increases due to meter calibrations done on the SCADA system, but Keith said things are normal now.
4.86” of rainfall was reported this month.
4. **CONNECTIONS REPORT**—10 new connections this month
5. **VISITORS**—The following addressed the Board:
 - Mrs. Price said the Borough received an invoice from Shiloh Paving for manhole risers for First Avenue. She feels risers are similar to hydrants. The hydrants are the Borough’s benefit to fix, but the risers are the benefit of the Authority and should be their responsibility. Jeff Beard said he believed Jeff Shue stated that it was in the Borough’s contract with Shiloh Paving that this cost would be passed on to the Borough, but Mrs. Price said that was a miscommunication. She said Jeff Shue had stated “valve boxes are in the contract”, meaning the installation. Jeff Beard said two of the valve boxes were paved over by Shiloh; one at the Park Street intersection and one at the new hydrant on Franklin Street, and they have to be accessible. Shiloh had the new risers and paved over the two new valve boxes. Mrs. Price said Shiloh Paving will have to make that right and she will contact them. The Board agreed to withdraw the bill to the Borough for the risers.
 - Mrs. Frutiger mentioned a conversation she had with Jeff Herrman on July 4th regarding the Splash Park. She wanted to correct any rumors that the water at the Splash Park is NOT tested from the restrooms. Testing is done at the feed tube and no contaminants are being detected in the water. Mr. Herrman stated this was a comment made as a private citizen, not an opinion of the Municipal Authority. He simply believes that the Splash Park is not well-maintained, not by the Borough, but by the visitors to the park. Mrs. Price said State Police have increased patrols after a few complaints were received on the weekends. The Police have not received ANY calls regarding the Splash Park, but the Borough had a few complaints.
 - Mrs. Barley commented that the tour of the new Water Treatment Plant was wonderful and she thought Municipal employees did a great job coordinating it.
 - Mr. Smith would like to plan a tour of the plant for the Lions Club.
6. **WATER AND SEWER-OLD BUSINESS**
 - **Solicitor’s Report**—No report, but he requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

- **Engineer's Report**—Jason reported:
 - **2015 Charles Street/West Gay Street Project**—contracts are in place. Pre-construction meeting is to be scheduled to get a notice to proceed for early August.
 - **First Avenue/Cabrera Projects**—Project mostly complete, with the exception of some vegetation & seeding to take hold. Retainage in the amount of \$3,500 is still being held for those items. An Application for Payment (Request #7) in the amount of \$56,466.65 is before the Board for action. Retainage total is \$4,587.50, which includes the \$3,500 noted above. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the payment of \$56,466.65 to the contractor; Mr. Poff seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Greenbranch Intake/Cabin Creek Dredging Project**—working out final dredging details with the contractor. New dredging to begin at the end of August-beginning of September. Once it is begun, it should be completed in 1-2 weeks.
 - **Mrs. Price wanted to make the Board aware that PennDot** plans to move forward on their Rt. 74 project (date TBD) to replace storm sewer, curbs, etc. from the square to at least the Borough line, possibly further. Jason stated the Authority should be fine with the timing of their proposed East Broadway Main Replacement project.
- **Superintendent's Report**—Keith reported:
 - Authority members attending Borough Council meetings:
 - August 10th—Mike Poff
 - September 14th—Eric Immel

7. **WATER AND SEWER-NEW BUSINESS**—Keith reported:

- **Discussion of outstanding Splash Park water/sewer bill**—The Authority had requested consumption reports after the first year the park was in operation. Now that the 3rd year has arrived, most of the issues are resolved and the large consumption of the water is past. Since the rate schedule has changed, the first year of the Splash Park operation was actually cheaper than the current year. The outstanding water/sewer bill for the Borough is \$6,056 (for 2013/2014/2015). The Board discussed options for the Borough bills. Mr. Missimer made a motion to waive the 2013 & 2014 water & sewer bills, and beginning January 2015, the accrued water & sewer bills will be reduced by 50%. Mrs. Price stated that is very agreeable. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.
- **Electricity purchase**—Agreement is coming up in October. APPI has gotten a very good rate from GDF Suez Energy. The Authority's current rate is 5.65/kwh; the contract rate is 5.68/kwh and would be firm for 27 months. Andy had reviewed the contract and has approved. Mr. Smith made a motion to go with APPI for electricity and to approve this 27-month rate; Mr. Poff seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
- **Safety Committee meeting** to be held July 23rd, 2015 @ 9:30a.m. to review all safety equipment.
- **Red Lion Street Fair** to be held on August 8th, 2015. The Authority would like to have a stand showing a map of the distribution system available for the public to put a pin on the map where they live. Brochures may also be available for handout describing what the Municipal Authority is all about. The Borough will discuss possibly joining the Authority at the Street Fair stand.
- **Source Water Protection Meeting** to be held August 25th, 2015 at Stan Saylor's office @ 6:30p.m. (Redco Avenue).
- **Thank You note** was sent to the Cabrera's for their patience during the recent project.
- **Edgewood Tank** will be looked at over the next few weeks.
- **Thanks to C.S. Davidson** for the invitation to their picnic at the ballgame.

8. **NEW WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

- **Demolition of the old Water Treatment Plant** has begun. A Lobar employee is interested in the grain elevator, removing it at his expense. Keith asked if the Board is amenable to that. The grain elevator is not in the scope of work and would still be standing once the old plant is demolished. Andy will get a sample agreement to Keith concerning bonding, liability and other language when removing a structure.
9. **Approval of bills, statements and requisitions**—Mr. Missimer made a motion to approve the bills, statements and requisitions. Mr. Smith seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
10. **The next RLMA meeting will be August 26, 2015 @ 7:00 PM.**
11. **Authority recessed to Executive Session @ 7:50p.m.** to discuss litigation issues. Authority reconvened @ 8:21p.m. No motions were made.
12. **Authority adjourned @ 8:21p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by
Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary