

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 21, 2015

Call to order

Chairman John Seifarth called the meeting to order at 3:30. Those in attendance were Len Kinter, Tom St. Clair and Claudia Brenneisen. Commissioner Tony Lisanti, Solicitor Harlan Stone and Engineer Dave Kerchner were also present. Edward Beaman was absent.

Minutes

Len Kinter suggested changing the wording of the new sewer tap charges from lateral to house lateral. Tom St. Clair still did not feel the wording of the minutes was clear in how the Sewickley sewer overcharge was to be recorded in the accounting. He will speak with Nicole Harris directly to correct the wording.

Tom St. Clair made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Claudia Brenneisen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financials

Tom St. Clair expressed concern that the debt service collected and payable to the Township was recorded differently in the budget compared to the monthly reports.

Commissioner Lisanti felt the sewer account is building up and there should be a transfer of funds to the Capital account. Tom St. Clair felt that is a Board decision, not an accounting issue.

Tom St. Clair made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom St. Clair made a motion to pay the bill list for water and sewer. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Superintendent Report

On file

Engineer's Report

On file

Solicitor's Report

On file

Old Business

Bill Davis reported the plans for the garage addition were delivered today from the contractor's engineer. The building inspector would have a permit by the end of the week.

Bill Davis reported another small group of water customers were added to the handheld reader. The goal is to get the whole township on this system but will be very expensive. As previously discussed, it should be a project spread over multiple years.

Dave Kerchner reported the sewer meters recording the flows to Sewickley are still working very accurately and the flows continue to be low.

Solicitor Stone reported he had a follow up discussion with Senator Smith's office in regard to the grant application for the relocating of the main waterline. Stone is going to attend a meeting with EQT sometime in the near future to discuss the gas line as well. The gas company seems to think the relocation of the Authority waterline would eliminate the gas company's concern. Bill Davis reported the landslide is moving near that gas line now.

Engineer Kerchner reported \$75,760.73 has been spent out of the AIM loan leaving \$24,239.27 for the landslide expenses.

Solicitor Stone reported he is still in negotiations with West View water on some small items but the rate increase was higher than Aleppo anticipated so another meeting will be held in the near future.

New business

A resident had tree roots blocking the sewage lines causing back up in the resident's basement. A plumber found it to be a blockage in the Township's main line. The resident is looking for reimbursement from the Authority for his plumber cost. It is old policy the Authority does reimburse if the problem is found to be in the Township owned lines. The board agreed the Authority should reimburse the resident. Solicitor Stone suggested the homeowner turning the claim into his insurance company but if the Board is willing to pay the bill, a motion should be made. **Len Kinter made a motion to reimburse the resident for his plumbing expenses in the amount of \$437.00. Tom St.Clair seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

John Seifarth made a motion to approve Bankson Engineers to perform a flow test for Glenfield fire hydrants as required by the DEP. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board and Engineer are concerned about water loss. Dave Kerchner is looking at West View bills compared to what the Authority is charging water customers. Dave and Nicole will continue to work together to identify any issues.

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Motion to adjourn

Tom St. Clair made a motion to adjourn at 6:15. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Harris
Secretary