

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 28, 2017**

Call to order

Chairman John Siefarth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Richard Zahrobsky, Robert Ellsworth, Michal Lea and Len Kinter. Engineer Dave Kerchner and Solicitor Harlan Stone were also present.

Minutes

Michal Lea made a motion to approve the November minutes. Robert Ellsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financials

Michal Lea made a motion to approve the sewer and water bill lists. Richard Zahrobsky seconded. Len Kinter made a motion to ratify the prepaid sewer and water bill lists. Robert Ellsworth seconded. Both motions passed unanimously. Nicole Harris pointed out the payment to Borough of Sewickley for sewage treatment underpayments of 2017 was not included on the bill list.

Culligan representatives

Don Patton, Kim Adams, and Adam Johnson from Culligan were all present at the December meeting. The three representatives attended the meeting to follow up the discussion about the permit application. Dave Kerchner reported Bankson did receive the draft application for the wastewater permit from Culligan. Adam Johnson asked if the permit special conditions changed. Dave Kerchner said the Authority wants Culligan to test for sodium and suspended solids. Sodium is a concern in the manholes on the portland cement concrete. Mr. Johnson expressed concern on the dissolved solids limit of 500. He feels Culligan will never meet that, it's too low. He said the water would get more aggressive at this read also. Ultra-filtration is an option but wouldn't get the read low enough still. Mr. Johnson said other cities Culligan operate in, do not test dissolved solids. Dave Kerchner said this is based on EPA, leading Harlan Stone to report the Authority couldn't lower the standards if they wanted. Mr. Johnson said many retention tanks may help, but he is not sure how many it would take. Dave Kerchner is going to revisit the standards from the EPA to confirm the limits are listed correctly in the permit application. Mr. Johnson is also going to contact the Minneapolis wastewater authority to see why they don't test dissolved solids. Mr. Johnson felt the standards are based on concern for aquatic life and since Aleppo sends the waste to Borough of Sewickley, the concern is unfounded.

Len Kinter asked if the sand in the pump station was coming from Culligan. Mr. Johnson said no but they will gladly put a Y-strainer in to ensure no sand sneaks through. Bill Davis said it's not sand it's a small round plastic bead type substance. Bill will get a sample to show to Mr. Johnson before he leaves town.

Len Kinter made a motion to table the permit application from Culligan for wastewater until some questions are answered. Michal Lea second. The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor's Report

On file

Solicitor's Report

Executive session

Engineer's Report

Dave Kerchner reported there are some grant applications due in February and Bankson will send the application for Glen Mitchell Road waterline replacement.

Dave reported the third and final payment to JP Environmental for the Glenfield meter pit is due. **Len Kinter made a motion to pay JP Environmental \$25,058. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Dave presented the Board with a budget re-draft with some minor changes.

Old business

No report

New business

Bill Davis reported he was continuously looking for a leak in they system for two weeks. The average water loss due to the leak is 50,000-60,000 gallons daily. A third-party leak detector company will be coming out next week.

Bill Davis requested permission to hire a summer part time third employee to primarily help with fire hydrant maintenance. Dave Kerchner reported he added the summer help into the water budget in anticipation that the Board would approve.

Executive Session

The meeting went into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues at 8:20.

Regular Session

The meeting returned to regular session at 9:18.

Budget

Len Kinter made a motion to adopt the water and sewer budgets as presented with revisions. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dave Kerchner reported the Township commissioners approached him about drafting a long-term plan for the Authority as far as capital budget and future projects on the Authority radar. Dave will work on this with Bill Davis directly. **Michal Lea made a motion to authorize Dave Kerchner and Bill Davis to form a ten-year plan for capital budget. Richard Zahrobsky seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourn

Len Kinter made a motion to adjourn at 9:35. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Harris
Secretary