

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2017

**Call to order**

**Chairman John Siefarth called the meeting to order at 3:30. Those in attendance were Michal Lea and Len Kenter. Solicitor Harlan Stone, Engineer Dave Kerchner and Township Commissioner Art Williams were also present. Paula Tapia was not present.** Member Eric Mueller submitted a letter of resignation to the Board.

**Minutes**

**Len Kinter made a motion to approve the January minutes. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Financials**

**Len Kinter made a motion to pay the water and sewer bill lists. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Michal Lea made a motion to adopt the sewer draft budget as presented for 2017. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Supervisor Maintenance Report**

On file

**Engineer's Report**

On file

**Solicitor's Report**

Executive Session

**Old Business**

Bill Davis reported there was a water leak on McCoy Road. The estimated water loss is 18,000 gallons.

Ferndale Development- Dave Kerchner reported Bankson noted a missing piece in the plan submitted by the developer for water and sewer lines and easements. Bankson Engineering received the information shortly before the Authority meeting and they will review it.

Grants- Dave Kerchner reported the announcements on the two grants the Authority applied for will be made 3/23/17. Dave is going to place the order for the control valves for the Glenfield meter pit since the wait time can be extensive.

Dave Kerchner reported the metered flows to Sewickley is slightly up but still only 60 percent of water sold.

Bill Davis reported the new service truck order was placed and he was still gathering prices on the lights for the truck. Michal Lea reported after making estimates on water sales for the next year, she recommends transferring an extra \$625 and \$833 to water and sewer capital accounts respectively to cover the purchase.

### **New Business**

McClaine bill forgiveness request- A Sewickley Hills borough resident who is an Aleppo water customer requested a forgiveness on a delinquent water invoice. The homeowner is elderly and no longer in the home. **Michal Lea made a motion to deny the request for bill forgiveness. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.** The Board declined to forgive the invoice per Authority policy. Nicole Harris will send the resident a letter stating this decision.

Manholes- Bill Davis reported that upon checking two manholes per Dave Kerchner's request, located on Merriman Road and Hibala Street, it was discovered the manholes were full of water. Tri-State Maintenance assisted in draining the manholes. Dave Kerchner reported out of two valves, the one on Merriman should be removed due to being incorrectly installed in a low spot. The air vacuum valve installed in the Merriman manhole is to be removed and the Hibala manhole air vacuum is to be replaced. The Board agreed the valves should be removed and replaced immediately and the cost should be forwarded to Harlan Stone to record for legalities.

Pump station and manhole-Bill Davis reported a grinder pump well basin located at the Deer Run pump station had accumulated solids from construction. Chairman Siefarth asked if the sewer rules and regulations require sewer customers to warn the Authority when they have any construction. Bill Davis said permits go through the Township only. The Board wants to be involved in the early steps of building permits through the Township. Michal Lea recommended tabling the conversation for March after more information is collected on the process through the standing rules and regulations.

### **Executive Session**

The Board entered executive session at 4:55 to discuss litigation.

**Len Kinter made a motion to engage Kevin Garber as the attorney representing Aleppo Township Authority in the Masonic Village lawsuit and in the claims against KLH Engineering. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Adjourn**

**Len Kinter made a motion to adjourn at 5:05. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Harris, Secretary