

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2018**

**Call to order**

Chairman John Seifarth called the meeting to order at 6:30. Those in attendance were Len Kinter, Michal Lea, and Robert Ellsworth. Richard Zahrobsky was not present. Engineer Dave Kerchner and Solicitor Chris Lovato were in attendance. Commissioners Art Williams and Dan Darragh were also present.

**Reorganization**

**Len Kinter made a motion to nominate John Seifarth for Chairman. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously. John Seifarth will continue to be Chairman. Michal Lea made a motion to nominate Len Kinter as Co-Chairman. Robert Ellsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Len Kinter will continue to be Co-Chairman. Len Kinter made a motion to nominate Michal Lea as Secretary/Treasurer. Robert Ellsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Michal Lea will continue to be Secretary/Treasurer. Michal Lea made a motion to reappoint Bankson Engineers and Harlan Stone as the Authority engineer and solicitor respectively. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Minutes**

Dave Kerchner made a correction to a reference in the minutes about him calling the local DEP in Minneapolis. Culligan's representative will be making the call. **Len Kinter made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Financials**

**Michal Lea made a motion to pay the bill lists for water and sewer. Robert Ellsworth seconded. Len Kinter made a motion to pay the ratified bill lists for water and sewer. Robert Ellsworth seconded. Both motions passed unanimously.**

**Maintenance Supervisor's Report**

On file

**Engineer's Report**

Bankson has prepared an application for a grant to replace a troubled waterline on Glen Mitchell Road that will cost just over \$113,000. **Robert Ellsworth made a motion to adopt a resolution to submit the PSWS grant application. The grant requires a 15 percent commitment payment. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.** The Authority will hear hopefully by June.

**Michal Lea made a motion to adopt a resolution for a second grant, CITF, for the same project. This does not require a 15 percent commitment payment, but Dave recommends putting one up to increase the odds of receiving the grant. Robert Ellsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Dave Kerchner reported he received a call from Adam Johnson from Culligan. Mr. Johnson has not yet contacted the Minneapolis DEP to question why they aren't as strict with the discharge percentages at

the local Culligan plant. **Len Kinter made a motion to table the permit application for Culligan's wastewater discharge permit. Michal Lea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Copies of the final approved budget for 2018 will be mailed to the Authority office next week.

Dave reported a Glenfield resident who recently purchased his property on School Street expressed interest in tapping into the sewer lines. The homeowner reached out to Masonic to tap into their private line but Masonic declined. The property would require a grinder pump and a force main. In addition to the extensive feet of pipe needed to get to an existing line, the project would be expensive, but the homeowner is aware and continues to be interested. Bankson can only get involved with the project through the Authority and with a developer's agreement. Robert Ellsworth questioned if the Authority wants to get involved risking accumulating expenses. The Board felt if the resident is paying, they are willing to draft a developer's agreement for the line. **Michal Lea made a motion to approve the solicitor to draft a developer's agreement upon the Township's approval of the project. Len Kinter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Solicitor's Report**

No report

#### **New Business**

William Davis reported between Dec 2017 and Jan 2018, there have been multiple waterline breaks. He estimates the water loss at 100,000 a day. All leaks have been located and repaired. There is still one small leak on Weber Road that will also need a new valve upon repair. William Davis hopes to get the whole system analyzed in the Spring.

William Davis reported DEP is replacing the County as the entity water authorities will report to. He is attending a meeting with DEP to learn of any changes to the reporting process.

William reported the handheld reader currently being used for quarterly meter reads will be obsolete by 2019. A new handheld is necessary along with multiple new meters in the system. He will purchase meters in groups of 80 per the budget.

#### **Adjourn**

**Michal Lea made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. Robert Ellsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Harris  
Secretary

