

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage was held on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room at 606 Cambria Street.

Those in attendance were:

Mark Stancovich, Chairman
Steve Koval
Dave Miorelli
Jerome Yetsko

Also present were: Ronald Cadwallader, Jr, Superintendent; Attorney William Barbin, Solicitor; Joe Beyer, The EADS Group; Butch Kostan, Township Supervisor; Amanda Petrunak, Mainline Newspapers; and Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stancovich, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

II. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Stancovich recognized Mr. Kostan. Mr. Kostan stated that he was present at the meeting merely for information. Mr. Stancovich also recognized Amanda Petrunak, Mainline Newspapers.

Mr. Stancovich recognized Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. Mr. Morgan stated that he was present at the meeting to discuss the health insurance question that was discussed by the Board at the last meeting. He indicated that he understood that the Board had discussed Mr. Morgan's request to go back on the Authority's insurance and did not approve the request because open enrollment is not until November. Mr. Morgan commented that for the last 20 years since he has been employed by the Authority, open enrollment has been in July; and since past practices and plans that were not picked for the employees, open enrollment has been pushed back four months. Mr. Koval explained that the Board was attempting to get the renewal date for the insurance to coincide with the budget and this is why the open enrollment date was moved up. Mr. Morgan pointed out that the Authority's open enrollment period has been the same as the Conemaugh open enrollment for many years (his wife's employer). Mr. Cadwallader noted that the Authority was paying a certain amount per month in order to get the renewal period closer to January to coincide with the budget. Mr. Morgan indicated that the Authority did not get UPMC health coverage until November; and this is why he was asking the Authority to reconsider his request to opt back into the Authority's coverage because an employee should not be punished for something that got misconstrued. Mrs. Morgan stated that there was a qualifying event. Mr. Koval questioned what the qualifying event was. Mrs. Morgan explained that most insurance companies, if there is a change in one plan, it will allow an employee to go back on another plan. She pointed out that there was a change in the Conemaugh health plan, so she and her husband are opting to go back on the Authority's plan. However, because of the Authority's policy, this will not allow them to opt back into the Authority's policy. Mr. Koval agreed that it is the Authority's policy only to allow such a request during open enrollment.

Mr. Yetsko questioned Attorney Barbin's feeling regarding this request. Attorney Barbin stated that this would be a policy decision by the Board. Mr. Yetsko noted that at the last meeting Attorney Barbin had stated that there is really no foul to the Authority if the Board agrees to the employee's request. Attorney Barbin noted that he was pointing out at the last meeting that it would cost the Authority no more by allowing the Morgan's to opt back into the Authority's plan.

Mr. Koval questioned Mr. Morgan when he opted out of the Authority's plan, to which Mr. Morgan replied that he received a letter from Mr. Bowman dated August 20 because he had to provide this to his wife's employer. Mr. Morgan noted that the UPMC plan took effect in November. Mrs. Morgan stated that they opted out last year when the Authority changed its policy in August of 2014. Then,

Mrs. Morgan stated, the Authority changed to the UPMC plan, and the Morgan's decided to stay with the Conemaugh plan. Mrs. Morgan stated that now there have been some changes at Conemaugh; and they are asking the Board to reconsider and allow the Morgan's to opt back into the Authority's plan. Mr. Yetsko questioned if Attorney Barbin has any concerns with this, to which Attorney Barbin stated that, if the Authority changes its current practice, it will have to allow the same consideration for all employees of the Authority. It is within the Authority's power to do that; and when he stated at the last meeting relative to no foul, he meant that there was no harm to the Authority in that the Authority actually saved money during the time that the Morgan's opted out. If the Authority allows the Morgan's to opt back in, Attorney Barbin stated, the Authority may pay more money from now until November, but the Authority actually saved money up to this point. Mr. Morgan stated that he has been receiving \$300 per month for opting out of the Authority's policy; and if the Authority favorably considers his request, he would agree to give the \$1,500 he would have received over the next five months to subtract from the \$1,192 per month.

Mr. Koval stated that this would be a change in policy and past practice, to which Attorney Barbin agreed being that the rule would have to apply to all employees. Mr. Cadwallader commented that it would be an open enrollment with no date attached to it. Attorney Barbin noted that it would have to be an open enrollment in compliance with federal law, to which Mr. Stancovich interjected that it would also have to be a qualifying event. Mrs. Morgan questioned, if she would pass away unexpectedly, would Mr. Morgan not be able to get back on the Authority's policy, to which Attorney Barbin stated that, with the current policy, that would be correct. Mrs. Morgan commented that it does not make sense that Mr. Morgan and their children would have no health insurance coverage in this event based on the current policy of the Authority. Attorney Barbin commented that the other side of the argument is that the Morgan's chose to opt out and have chosen to collect \$300 extra per month knowing what the policy of the Authority was. However, Attorney Barbin pointed out, if you net out all of the money both ways, the Authority still made a profit even if they put the Morgan's on the plan now. Mrs. Morgan commented that she would have never agreed to this if she would have known that if she passed away unexpectedly that her husband and children would not be able to get back on the Authority's plan. Attorney Barbin noted that the Morgan's collected \$300 per month for a substantial period of time, but it really benefits the Authority in the end monetarily. He also pointed out that the Authority has the right to set the policy the way it wants to, which is what he meant by his comments at the last meeting.

Mr. Morgan noted that he realizes there are new members on the Board; and he felt that the new Board members should know that last year's policy was basically blown out of the water and he was forced to come off of the Authority's policy, which he did not want to do. Mr. Koval pointed out that last year's policy was only in effect for a short period of time, to which Mr. Morgan replied that it was three months. Mr. Cadwallader noted that the Authority paid the premium monthly to move it ahead. Mr. Koval stated that eventually it is going to move to January to coincide with the budget. He noted that the Board has to determine in November, when preparing the budget, what it will pay from then until the next extra month. Therefore, the Board has to determine if a family is on or off a policy. If a family opts out of the policy, that is not counted and the Authority does not budget that amount of money for the entire year.

Mr. Yetsko commented that it is his personal opinion that there is no harm in going back and allowing the Morgan's to opt back into the Authority's policy immediately based on the circumstances they have. However, he noted, it would be up to the Board to decide if they would allow the Morgan's to come back on the policy. Attorney Barbin pointed out that, if the Board allows the Morgan's to opt back into the policy, the same should be done for any other employee that would want to opt back into the policy, which would be a change in the Authority's current policy. Mr. Yetsko stated that there were a lot of circumstances that were not considered when the Board made its decision in the past. Mr. Koval pointed out that the circumstances were not told to the Board. Mr. Yetsko indicated that he was not referring to this incident, but he was referring to when the insurance carriers were picked to serve as the hospitalization for the Morgan's. He questioned how long it took to bring the current policy into effect after the previous insurance carrier was denied, to which Mr. Koval stated that it was approximately three months. Mr. Yetsko commented that the opt out period then should be moved

forward three months. Mr. Koval indicated that if you move it forward, you are putting the opt out period even further away.

Mr. Koval stated that he would like to know what the policy change is going to be. Attorney Barbin stated that, to be in line with the Affordable Care Act, the policy change would be that those persons who had previously opted out of the Authority's health care, and who have a qualifying event, are entitled to come back at any time that they have a qualifying event. He pointed out that the Board may want to limit it for any future events to within so much time of the qualifying event; i.e., within 30 days of the qualifying event. Mr. Miorelli questioned, if the Board approves Mr. Morgan's request, shouldn't the same opportunity be presented to other employees that opted out. Mr. Stancovich questioned which employees had opted out of the policy, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that it was himself, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Ringler. Attorney Barbin stated that any decision made by the Board should include a time limit, such as within 30 days of any qualifying event. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that he is not changing his decision.

Attorney Barbin noted that if the Board so chooses to approve Mr. Morgan's request, he would recommend adding the stipulation to allow employees that have a qualifying event to opt back into the Authority's policy so long as it is within 30 days of the qualifying event. Mr. Koval questioned what would happen if six months down the road the employee decides to opt out of the Authority's policy again, to which Attorney Barbin replied that the employee would have to another qualifying event to go on to any other insurance. He explained that, without the qualifying event, the individual would not be able to purchase their own personal health insurance. Mrs. Morgan commented that the changes to the Conemaugh insurance resulted in the qualifying event. Attorney Barbin stated that we would not make our policy any stricter than the restrictions of the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Stancovich commented that we are going to basically piggy-back on the insurance company's policy.

Mrs. Morgan indicated that, if the Board approves their request, she would need some type of letter on the Authority's letterhead simply stating that the Board agrees to allow the Morgan's to opt back into the Authority's policy because of the qualifying event as discussed. Attorney Barbin questioned if the Authority's insurance carrier will allow this, to which Mr. Stancovich replied that the Authority's insurance carrier is agreeable and that it would be a decision of the Board because we meet the requirements of the law.

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. KOVAL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED MR. MORGAN'S REQUEST TO OPT BACK INTO THE AUTHORITY'S HOSPITALIZATION POLICY BASED ON THE QUALIFYING EVENT AS DISCUSSED ABOVE, AND TO MAKE A REVISION TO THE AUTHORITY'S POLICY TO ALLOW AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE A QUALIFYING EVENT TO OPT BACK INTO THE AUTHORITY'S HOSPITALIZATION POLICY SO LONG AS IT IS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE QUALIFYING EVENT. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Koval questioned if the Board should state a timeframe when this should take effect for the Morgan's, to which Attorney Barbin explained that the Board is making the change and it would be up to the insurance company to implement the change. If there is a delay, he noted, the Authority would not be responsible for any insurance claims that the Morgan's incur and that the Morgan's should ensure that there is no gap in coverage. Mrs. Morgan commented that she would cover any costs incurred until the change is made. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan thanked the Board for their consideration.

Mr. Morgan informed the Board that he read the minutes from the last meeting relative to the discussion on the pay scale. He stated that he does not understand how the Board made the decision on the pay scale on subclasses 1 through 6. Mr. Cadwallader explained that the pay scale was never approved by the Board. Mr. Morgan stated that he does not understand why subclasses 1 through 6 were not involved. Mr. Koval indicated that the Board had to set something up. He noted that there is a base starting rate; and then after an employee receives so many licenses, there would

be an increase given, etc. Mr. Morgan stated that subclasses 7 through 14 were included, but not 1 through 6, and subclasses 1 and 2 are required. Mr. Stancovich explained that it was set up as it was with Class A and subclasses 7 through 14. He noted that there was nothing approved by the Board when it was presented previously; and it was included for presentation to the Board at this meeting. Mr. Morgan noted that subclasses 1 through 6 should be included because they involve conventional filtration and direct filtration which are required for the plants. Mr. Koval noted that those classes are included on the information for the Board to consider at this meeting. Mr. Morgan commented that you need subclass 1 and subclass 2 to run the treatment plants. Mr. Yetsko questioned how many employees are qualified to run the treatment plants, to which Mr. Morgan replied that there are three employees. Mr. Cadwallader noted that there have been changes made to the classes. He noted that when it was stated that it was manganese green sand plant, it was not specified if it was conventional or not. When Mr. Cadwallader had taken his test, it was listed as manganese green sand plant and it was not listed as a conventional, so that is why he has the license he has. Since that time, it has been stated that it is a conventional plant license for those who went through after Mr. Cadwallader. Mr. Stancovich commented that changes have been made to be presented to the Board this evening for consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan thanked the Board again for their consideration and departed from the meeting.

Mr. Koval suggested that the appropriate changes be made to the policy to be voted upon by the Board at the next meeting. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that, for the Board's information, he had opted out of the Authority's plan and does plan to stay on his wife's plan.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Stancovich noted that there was no correspondence to be presented.

Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that, when the work was being done to replace the filters, he went to Stager's Wrecking and they had 10 foot rollers that made it a lot easier and faster to take care of the filters. Stager's allowed Mr. Cadwallader to borrow three 10 foot sections rather than renting them. Mr. Cadwallader did send a thank you note from the Authority to Stager's Wrecking for their assistance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MR. KOVAL, SECONDED BY MR. MIORELLI, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE JUNE 4, 2015 MINUTES BEING THAT THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED IN WRITTEN FORM AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

V. AGENT'S EXPENDITURES

No Agent's expenditures to be presented.

VI. INVOICES

Cambria Mailing Services, Inc	\$ 78.62
Capital Region Benefits, Inc	91.15
Cobra Sewer & Drain Cleaning	710.00
Cole-Parmer	48.53
Commonwealth of PA – Chapter 302	150.00
Environmental Service Laboratories, Inc	324.00
GAP, Inc.	3,216.50

Grainger	85.42
Groff Tractor & Equipment	257.68
Helsel Excavating	1,513.68
John Dzurenko	100.00
John Gartland	50.00
John P Place, Inc.	575.00
L/B Water Service, Inc.	5,066.90
Link Computer Corporation	1,336.88
Mark Stancovich	50.00
Mary Ann Mehall	100.00
Mary L Elchin	144.00
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co, Inc.	786.52
PA Dept of Labor & Industry	88.00
PMAA	49.70
Portage Auto Parts	20.81
Portage Post Office	147.00
Portage Service Center	928.72
Ray's Lawnmower	13.67
Ray Oil & Gas Co.	186.49
RDM-Johnstown LLC	800.00
Ronald J Cadwallader, Jr	20.00
Shaffer Tree Service, LLC	500.00
Sharon Squillario	50.00
Stager's Store	359.62
Stephen F Koval	50.00
Univar USA, Inc	93.80
Visa – 1 st Summit	817.45
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Paid Bills

Cambria County Conservation District	\$ 674.95
Aflac	226.22
Christine Bauthier	100.00
Comcast	261.77
DEP	35.00
Jodi or Bob Nagy	100.00
Kathy Zinner	50.00
PA Once Call System, Inc.	52.05
Penelec	1,644.84
REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.	411.52
Lowe's	54.74
Mike or Sara Bilchak	100.00
Mobile Radio Service Inc.	545.00
Pro Disposal, Inc.	142.00
Sheetz Fleet Service	338.61
Verizon	404.48
PA – AWWA	120.00
PH Environmental Service Inc.	55.00
UPMC Health Plan	5,522.58
1 st Summit Bank	391.34
Jack Wild	61.48
Verizon Wireless	177.20
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ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. KOVAL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ACCEPT AND PAY INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,457.32 (REGULAR BILLS, \$18,810.14; PAID BILLS, \$11,468.78; PennVEST, \$3,896.36 AND \$5,508.55; USDA, \$57,773.49. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

As it relates to the USDA loan, Mr. Koval questioned if this is an annual payment, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that the above amount is a six months payment. Mr. Cadwallader stated that we have talked to the USDA representative regarding moving to a monthly payment. Mr. Koval commented that if the Authority could make the payment monthly, it could save on interest.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. MIORELLI, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE JUNE 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT AS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED IN WRITTEN FORM AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE REPORT WITH A BALANCE OF: BEGINNING CASH, \$1,472,900.20; CASH IN, \$225,683.62; CASH OUT, (\$255,430.48); ADJUSTMENT (INTEREST/MISC.), \$774.95; ENDING CASH, \$1,443,928.29. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stancovich noted that Mr. Cadwallader's report was distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting; and he asked the Board if there were any questions regarding the report.

Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that the second filter is completed in Benscreek and that everything went well. He noted that both clarifiers have been cleaned. Mr. Cadwallader pointed out that he would like to thank Portage Township, the Sewer Authority and the two summer employees for their assistance in this project.

Mr. Cadwallader reported that the Grant Street project has been completed. He noted that the Cemetery Road project will start on July 13. He has talked to the Township; and they will supply a truck to use for this project.

Mr. Stancovich commented that we were to hire two flaggers to assist with the Cemetery Road project, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that if any Board member knows anyone that would be interested in a job for one month they should let him know. Mr. Stancovich indicated that he knows of one person that may be interested. Mr. Cadwallader commented that, prior to the Cemetery Road project beginning, he will hold the flaggers' class, which is a one day class. Mr. Kostan questioned if the flagger card needs updated annually, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he did not know but that he would find out. Mr. Kostan stated that, if the card needs updated annually, there may be some individuals from the Township that would have to take the class in order to update their certification.

IX. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Beyer commented that a copy of the Engineer's Report was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Mr. Beyer reported that he is still waiting for the as builts on the Martindale project. Attorney Barbin noted that he did send a letter to the contractor.

As it relates to the CDBG project, Mr. Beyer noted that he sent the pay applications to Larry Custer, but he does not think they have been approved as yet. Once approved, Mr. Beyer will be able to prepare the change order so the Mountain Avenue project can begin.

As it relates to the discussion at the last meeting regarding the Redevelopment Authority's request for an increase in the administration costs of the grant for the Mountain Avenue project, Mr. Beyer did send a letter to Mr. Custer. However, Mr. Beyer has not received a response to date.

As it relates to the long range plan, Mr. Beyer noted that any Board member can call him if they have any questions, or a work shop could be set up in the near future to discuss any parts of the long range plan.

Mr. Beyer informed the Board that he does have to check out the concerns at the spillway. Mr. Cadwallader explained that in 1985 when the spillway was done to enlarge the dam, they took the old spillway and put wings on it and placed wing walls beyond that. The wing pads and wing walls they placed are fine. However, with the original ones, they laid a mesh on it and grouted it. Mr. Cadwallader explained that, what is happening now is that the grouting is starting to disintegrate and there are some pretty big voids present. Mr. Cadwallader explained that, one we get some dry weather and the staff can physically get in the area, we will be able to determine how deep the voids are. He indicated that, if any maintenance needs to be done, any repairs will be included in next year's budget.

Mr. Beyer noted that the annual dam inspection will be conducted in the Fall and he will work with Mr. Cadwallader to schedule this. Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that the Engineer conducts an inspection and DEP also conducts an inspection. The Engineer and DEP then compare notes on any concerns.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Barbin noted that he had submitted a copy of his report prior to the meeting.

As it relates to the Chappell property, Attorney Barbin noted that he did a title search in April; and there is an outstanding mortgage on this property. Attorney Barbin has written two letters to the mortgage company to request an option or mortgage release; however, he has not received a response. Attorney Barbin noted that the property will go for taxes; however, there will still be an outstanding mortgage on the property, so it is not safe for the Authority to bid on the property. Mr. Cadwallader noted that he could make contact with the mortgage company if Attorney Barbin would give him the information. Attorney Barbin noted that he would send Mr. Cadwallader the respective information.

Concerning the matter with Diehl, Attorney Barbin noted that there was a pre-trial conference held in May prior to going to trial. At that time, Attorney Barbin repeated the Authority's offer for Diehl to pay the claim and that the Authority would remove the debarment. Diehl's attorney had informed the Judge at that time that he would recommend to his client that he accept this offer. At this time, Attorney Barbin noted, it came to the Board's attention that another resident had reported a concern. A week after the meeting, Diehl's counsel wrote a letter to the Judge that Diehl would pay the amount and settle the judgment so that there was no need to file the briefs. Attorney Barbin noted that the Judge's law clerk has been questioning whether the Authority was going to agree to this; however, he wanted to speak to the Board before he agreed to anything. With the new claim, Attorney Barbin pointed out, the Board would need to decide what action it would want to take.

Attorney Barbin commented that the total bills from the original claim amounted to \$1,452,90. Mr. Stancovich questioned if this included the most recent claim, to which Attorney Barbin replied negatively. Attorney Barbin noted that he would request that the Board allow him to proceed with the original claim. Mr. Yetsko questioned if the Board could then present Diehl with the most recent claim, to which Mr. Cadwallader further questioned if, before the Judge makes a decision on the

original claim, could he be presented with the second claim. Attorney Barbin explained that the Judge is not forcing anything. There was a pre-trial conference held; and Attorney Barbin informed the Judge that if Diehl agreed to the payment, the Authority would lift the debarment.

Mr. Koval noted that it was his feeling that the Authority should agree to the payment of the first claim. Attorney Barbin noted that, if we delay and include the second claim, there would be increased costs. Mr. Stancovich commented that, if the Board agrees to move forward with the first claim of \$1,500 and ignore the second claim of \$700, there may be the chance that other claims in the same area may come forward at a later time. Mr. Cadwallader questioned what the Authority would do if more claims came through in the future, to which Attorney Barbin noted that the only concern at this time is the original claim. However, the Authority does have six years from the date of the original contract where it can sue for breach of contract. If any claims come up in the future, he noted, the Authority could pursue them at that time (i.e., the Authority could pursue the \$700 claim as long as it is within the six years). Mr. Yetsko questioned if Diehl was provided the information on the \$700 claim, to which Attorney Barbin replied affirmatively.

ON MOTION OF MR. KOVAL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO AUTHORIZE THE RESOLUTION OF THE DIEHL MATTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,452.90. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

Attorney Barbin informed the Board that he sent the map to Mr. Lambrusco relative to the property discussion that took place at the last meeting. He noted that he is sure that he will receive a request to survey the property. Attorney Barbin emphasized that buying additional property in the watershed is a positive step for the Authority for the future.

XI. FORESTER'S REPORT

No report.

Mr. Miorelli questioned if it was brought before the Board about the bores on the ash and hemlock on the water shed and whether something was going to be done. Mr. Cadwallader noted that Mr. Barton was working with Krug's relative to this and they really were not too bad as yet. Mr. Cadwallader informed Mr. Miorelli that Mr. Barton does take care of any diseased trees or anything that needs to be harvested but does not specifically clear cut. He noted that Mr. Barton just did some work across from the reservoir to open up the floor to get more growth in. We also go in every so many years and spray for the ferns so that they are not choking out the smaller trees.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2014 CDBG Grant

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- Tax Sale – Caldwell Avenue

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- Cemetery Road Project

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- Employee Issues

Employee health insurance discussed earlier in the meeting.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

XIV. REGULAR SESSION

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 8:00 p.m and continued under Unfinished Business.

XV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Employee Licenses

As it relates to the information provided to the Board prior to the meeting concerning the employee licenses, Mr. Stancovich questioned if the Board had any comments. Mr. Koval questioned if the information contained what was discussed by the Board at the last meeting, to which Mr. Stancovich replied affirmatively. Mr. Stancovich pointed out that, after reviewing the information, if there is an employee that currently makes \$21.56 per hour, and if you bring someone in that does not have anything and that person passes Class A and all of his subclasses, that person has the potential to make over what our operators are currently making. Mr. Stancovich commented that this may cause some concern with the employees. Mr. Yetsko indicated that he would recommend that the Board table the matter until the next meeting until the matter can be reviewed further. Mr. Stancovich commented that there are only certain subclasses that are required by our facilities, so we should only be paying for those; therefore, we need to figure out which subclasses are absolutely needed. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that he would contact DEP, Highland, Altoona and other authorities to determine which subclasses are definitely needed and how other authorities handle this matter. Mr. Stancovich indicated that if the Board still wants to provide a raise to employees for the subclasses that are not required, perhaps it could be done on a lower scale.

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. KOVAL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO TABLE THE MATTER RELATING TO EMPLOYEE LICENSES UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

Mr. Yetsko questioned how years of service weighs into this matter, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that technically it does not. Mr. Stancovich noted that at Highland, there are employees that are hired and get paid the same as employees that have been at Highland for many years.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

- Repair of Transducer at Munster Tank

Mr. Cadwallader presented a quote for the repair of the transducer at the Munster tank in the amount of \$740.86 plus freight.

ON MOTION OF MR. KOVAL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE QUOTE PRESENTED FOR THE REPAIR OF THE TRANSDUCER AT THE MUNSTER TANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$740.86 PLUS FREIGHT. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

XVII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Request for Adjustment

Mr. Cadwallader noted that there was a request for an adjustment that was approved by the Board at the last meeting for the property at 828 Prospect Street. At the time it was approved by the Board, it was thought that the concern was repaired; however, it was not. Therefore, Mr. Cadwallader noted, it is being requested that the Board rescind the action taken at the last meeting and approve the request at this meeting being that the repair of the concern has been completed.

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. MIORELLI, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO RESCIND THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE LAST MEETING RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT RECEIVED FROM THE RESIDENT AT 828 PROSPECT STREET AND APPROVE THE REQUEST AT THIS TIME AS THE REPAIR HAS BEEN COMPLETED (AMOUNT BILLED, \$127.45; TOTAL ADJUSTED BILL, \$47.23). BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

- Trout Run Watershed Association

Mr. Stancovich apprised the Board that a letter was received from Dennis Beck of the Trout Run Watershed Association. Mr. Beck is working with Saint Francis University in an attempt to expand the Puritan acid mine drain cleanup. Mr. Beck noted that, for this effort, a grant is being applied for and he was requesting a letter of support from the Authority for this project. Mr. Beck outlined in his letter the efforts of the Trout Run Watershed Association in the community cleanup project and the planting of trees in the watershed. Mr. Stancovich noted that in 2003 the Authority did a similar letter of support for a project of the Trout Run Watershed Association; and he questioned the Board if revisions could be made to this letter and sent to Mr. Beck noting the Board's support of the project. Mr. Stancovich commented that Mr. Beck also requested the use of the backhoe if needed for this project.

ON MOTION OF MR. KOVAL, SECONDED BY MR. MIORELLI, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO FORWARD A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MR BECK AND THE TROUT RUN WATERSHED ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROJECT AS OUTLINED ABOVE AS WELL AS THE USE OF THE AUTHORITY'S BACKHOE IF NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

- Gonzalez Billing

Mr. Cadwallader noted that this matter was placed on the agenda; however, the matter has been resolved. Mr. Koval commented that the Gonzalez' wanted a letter explaining what they paid and what they owed. Mr. Koval did sit and explain everything to the Gonzalez'; and the matter has been resolved.

Mr. Miorelli questioned how many outstanding bills the Authority has in water and sewer that are not paid to date, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that this changes day by day; however, there are at least 10, most of which are around \$100 - \$300. Mr. Miorelli questioned what the penalty is for the delinquency, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that it is a percentage. Mr. Cadwallader pointed out that, when a resident receives a shut-off notice, they usually address the matter immediately.

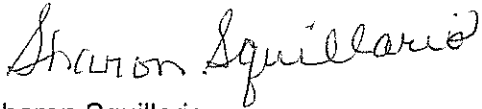
XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. KOVAL, THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:19 P.M. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. STANCOVICH, MR. KOVAL, MR. MIORELLI AND MR. YETSKO.

XIX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary