

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Portage was held on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room at 606 Cambria Street.

Those in attendance were:

Dave Miorelli, Chairman  
Craig Castel  
Mark Castel  
John Gartland

Also present were: Ron Cadwallader, Supervisor; Attorney William Barbin, Solicitor; Joe Beyer, The EADS Group; Michael Barton, Forester; Ron Portash, Mainline Newspapers; Mike Jubina, Resident; and Clair Chappell, Chuck Salyards and Caleb Salyards, Blue Knob Fire Department.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Miorelli, 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. Miorelli recognized Mr. Portash, Mainline Newspapers, Mr. Jubina, and the representatives from the Blue Knob Fire Department.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Miorelli noted that the following correspondence was received:

- Letter from USDA stating that they reviewed the Authority's audit and it was satisfactory.
- Letter from S&T outlining the services they could provide for the Authority.
- Announcement of Region VI spring meeting to be held at the Blair County Convention Center on May 31 starting at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending was asked to contact Mr. Cadwallader.
- Mr. Cadwallader commented that information was received relative to the Pension Plan which he would discuss under his report.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION OF MR. GARTLAND, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE APRIL 6, 2017 MINUTES BEING THAT THEY WERE DISTRIBUTED IN WRITTEN FORM AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.

**V. AGENT'S EXPENDITURES**

No Agent's expenditures to be presented.

**VI. INVOICES**

Battery Warehouse	\$	165.00
Cintas		60.58
CMPA		1,000.00

Cole-Parmer	4,274.46
Craig Castel	50.00
DEP	120.00
Eijah Fetcko	100.00
FWF Insurance Agency, Inc.	2,195.00
Grainger	6.69
Hach	1,621.42
Hines Equipment	128.32
John Gartland	50.00
L/B Water Service, Inc.	168.05
Link Computer Corporation	300.00
Mainline Newspaper	94.92
Mark Castel	50.00
Mary L Elchin	325.00
Mountain Research, LLC	156.00
Portage Auto Parts	58.20
Portage Post Office	147.00
Portage Service Center	509.00
Pristow's Sales & Service Inc	292.21
Ray Oil & Gas Co	1,427.31
RDM-Johnstown LLC	136.00
Ronald Cadwallader, Jr	20.00
Sharon Squillario	50.00
Stager's Store	32.54
Univar USA, Inc.	2,855.09
Verizon Wireless	150.70
Visa – 1 <sup>st</sup> Summit	194.40
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	\$ 16,737.89

**Paid Bills**

Comcast	\$ 293.08
Highmark Blue Shield	7,942.03
PA Once Call System, Inc	58.40
Penelec	1,823.91
Peoples Natural Gas Company	287.93
REA Energy Cooperative Inc.	1,481.33
Aflac	226.22
Lowe's	119.68
McMaster-Carr	13.60
Pro Disposal, Inc	142.00
Sheetz Fleet Service	355.38
Verizon	441.49
Water System Solutions, Inc.	146.00
WB Mason Co, Inc.	38.84
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	\$ 13,369.89

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. GARTLAND, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ACCEPT AND PAY INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,563.69 (REGULAR BILLS, \$16,737.89; PAID BILLS, \$13,369.89; PennVEST, \$3,896.36 AND \$5,508.55; USDA, \$16,051.00). BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.



## **VII. TREASURER'S REPORT**

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE APRIL 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT AS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED IN WRITTEN FORM AND UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE REPORT WITH A BALANCE OF: BEGINNING CASH, \$1,476,804.16; CASH IN, \$201,760.59; CASH OUT, (\$193,072.73); ADJUSTMENT, \$1,348.00; ENDING CASH, \$1,486,840.02. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND, AND MR. MARK CASTEL.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Miorelli 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, since the last meeting, there was an incident at the Benscreek plant. Over the weekend following the last Board meeting, from Saturday night into Sunday morning, someone drove into the back gate at the plant and damaged it. The gate is currently working; however, it is going to need some repairs. The repairs will be less than the deductible, so the repairs will be done in-house as we will have to buy a piece of fence to replace the piece that was bent. Mr. Cadwallader commented that he does have a copy of the police report from the investigation. Mr. Cadwallader presented to the Board a quote he obtained to add a camera on the back end of the plant facing the gate. We do not currently have a camera in this area. The price for the purchase of the camera is \$1,500, which includes installation and running of the wiring.

Mr. Gartland questioned how many times the gate has been damaged, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that this has been the second time. The first incident involved someone coming under the gate and spray painting the building. Mr. Mark Castel commented that he believes it would be a good idea to place the camera. Mr. Miorelli stated that we should also have a camera on the back door of the plant, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that we do have a camera in that location. The current system covers the back door, the clear well, the front of the plant, and the side of the plant; however, there is no camera facing the gate that was damaged. Mr. Miorelli questioned if have a wireless camera, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that the system that we have is not wireless as there is no internet connection to do WiFi. Mr. Mark Castel questioned if the current camera records, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied affirmatively, stating that it does have battery backup as well. Mr. Miorelli questioned if we would have to get a battery powered camera for the reservoir itself, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied affirmatively. Mr. Cadwallader commented that we would be able to observe the gate with the new camera. He noted, however, that the problem will be to get toward the reservoir to face up the road, he does not know how far out you can run the wires out the camera. There is no internet or WiFi to get it to where we could do wireless. We did try this before with our old SCADA system and it did not work.

Mr. Miorelli stated that this is the time for the Authority takes a stand. If there is someone found to be out of line, we do need to move forward and press charges. Mr. Cadwallader did note that destruction of any Water Authority property does fall under an act of terrorism. Attorney Barbin commented that this is covered under Federal law. Mr. Miorelli questioned if we obtained more Federal posters, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied affirmatively.



ON MOTION OF MR. GARTLAND, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO PROSECUTE ANYONE FOUND NEAR THE PLANT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.

Mr. Gartland questioned if we could possibly use a wildlife camera since we do not have WiFi available, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that we could possibly purchase one to be placed by the dam. Mr. Mark Castel noted that we could then watch the feed from the camera at any time. Mr. Cadwallader noted that we could also then pull the cards out of the camera and review them at the plant. Mr. Cadwallader questioned whether the Board would like to add to the above motion the purchase of a game camera as well. Mr. Mark Castel noted that the cameras will have to be placed high enough so they are not tampered with. Mr. Miorelli also suggested that some hardware cloth be placed over the Federal posters and to talk to Mr. Barton regarding this. Mr. Beyer noted that, if a game camera is purchased, the Authority should ensure that its name is engraved on it as well, to which Mr. Mark Castel agreed. Mr. Cadwallader questioned how many game cameras should be purchased, to which Mr. Miorelli replied that he would like to see a camera on the back reservoir. Mr. Cadwallader commented that he would purchase two cameras.

The following amendment to the above motion was then made:

ON MOTION OF MR. GARTLAND, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO PROSECUTE ANYONE FOUND NEAR THE PLANT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE BOARD ALSO AGREED TO THE PURCHASE OF TWO GAME CAMERAS TO BE PLACED IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS AT THE PLANT. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.

Mr. Barton joined the meeting at this time.

#### **IX. BLUE KNOB FIRE COMPANY QUAD RUN**

Mr. Barton informed the Board that he has been kept in contact by the Blue Knob Fire Company regarding the clean-up efforts and the fact that Mr. Chappell's dozer was not fit to complete what needed to be done. Blue Knob has sent Mr. Barton a copy of the map of the proposed run; and the map is the same map that was provided back in the fall with essentially one small change which Mr. Barton has no problem with. Mr. Barton explained that the nice thing is that the area that Blue Knob did not get cleaned up is the area they want to run in the upcoming run. He commented that Blue Knob has done everything they said they would do and has kept Mr. Barton in the loop with everything. Mr. Barton commented that, with the weather, even if the equipment was available and in working order, he does not think Blue Knob would have been able to finish the work. It is Mr. Barton's feeling that we are on track with Blue Knob now; and everyone understands that the cleanup will occur annually,

Mr. Miorelli suggested that, when the runners sign in for the run, they should be made aware that we do have cameras on the property. Mr. Caleb Salyards noted that Blue Knob is no longer near the dam with the run. He stated that Blue Knob had tried to rope off that area near the dam; however, there were times when he went into that area to ask people to leave, and they stated that they were not even part of the Blue Knob run. Mr. Caleb Salyards commented that he will ensure that there are signs posted that it is Water Authority property and ask that the



runners respect the area. Mr. Chuck Salyards explained to the Board that Blue Knob has moved 80% of its run away from the main water area; therefore, there should be no issues. He emphasized that Blue Knob has done everything it can to make it work; and Blue Knob wants to stay on good terms with the Authority.

Attorney Barbin questioned what Mr. Barton's recommendation would be, to which Mr. Barton replied that he would recommend to the Board that we allow the run to take place this year; and if there are major concerns after the run this year, the Authority would not allow the run to occur any longer. In addition, we would expect that any cleanup work would be done immediately following the run. Mr. Chuck Salyards pointed out to the Board that Blue Knob has an entirely new Board; and what was done in the past should be considered history. Blue Knob would like to start with a whole new slate; and they have done a lot of improvements in the area. Mr. Barton agreed that the work that has been done to date has been exceptional.

Mr. Cadwallader questioned how long after the run will Blue Knob move forward with any cleanup, to which Mr. Caleb Salyards replied that, following the run, they would like a month to six weeks to allow the area to dry before moving in to do any cleanup. Mr. Cadwallader noted that he understands that Blue Knob will now not be near the reservoir; however, if we get a lot of rain, there may be more concerns. Mr. Chuck Salyards emphasized that most of the run is on the other side of the continental divide; and six weeks after the run, Blue Knob will move in to do the cleanup. Mr. Caleb Salyards questioned if Mr. Barton wanted to meet with him one week after the run or to wait until the cleanup has been completed, to which Mr. Barton replied that he will contact Mr. Caleb Salyards following the run.

Mr. Jubina expressed his feelings that the Blue Knob run is completely out of control currently. Mr. Chuck Salyards noted that the run is policed more currently than it used to be. The run is about 80% on the Helsel property now to keep the complaints down. Mr. Jubina questioned if the run goes through the Sportsmen's property, to which Mr. Chuck Salyards replied negatively noting that they do not go near the Cooney end either. Mr. Mark Castel noted that another concern the Authority is having is that, after the run is over, those involved in the run feel that they are allowed to go onto the property anytime they want. Mr. Caleb Salyards agreed that this is a problem; and Blue Knob has tried to put signs up to discourage this. Mr. Jubina commented that everyone in the State of Pennsylvania and surrounding states knows that this run is occurring. After the run is completed, those same people feel that they can come to the area at any time to run. Mr. Jubina noted that he talked to another resident of Blue Knob who questioned where all of the people are coming from. Mr. Barton emphasized that, since his tenure, if he is marking timber on a Friday, whether before or after an ATV run, he will see at least 16 to 17 quads during the day. He noted that the watershed is open to the public; and it has always been since he has been here. Mr. Barton noted that, in his opinion, this has not changed during the week given a run or without a run. The first timber sale that Mr. Barton marked for the Authority was in 1993; and he would see 15 to 16 riders on a Friday; and he sees the same thing now. Mr. Miorelli stated that there is a rumor circulating that the Authority has allowed this but that the riders should not go near the dam. Attorney Barbin noted that there were Board members that encouraged this in the past. Mr. Barton commented that the Blue Knob run now is far away from the water source and this should benefit everyone. He emphasized that this is a good fundraiser for Blue Knob; and if it saves one life, this is the ultimate goal. Mr. Cadwallader noted that the Authority does have a contract written by Attorney Barbin that Blue Knob will sign.

ON MOTION OF MR. GARTLAND, SECONDED BY MR. MARK CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE REQUEST FROM BLUE KNOB FIRE COMPANY TO HOLD THEIR ATV RUN ON MAY 13. BOARD MEMBERS



VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.

Mr. Barton noted that he will ride the area tomorrow to check it out prior to the run. Mr. Castel questioned if Blue Knob notifies the riders that once the run is over, it is over and they are not to be on the property, to which Mr. Caleb Salyards replied affirmatively. Mr. Miorelli commented that everyone must understand that, since the cameras are now in place, if it is found that someone has done damage, the Authority will prosecute to the fullest extent. He noted that the Authority would also like to review the agreement that Blue Knob provides to the runners as well, to which Mr. Caleb Salyards replied that he does not feel the Blue Knob Fire Company Board would have a concern with that. Attorney Barbin agreed that this would be beneficial for the Board.

Mr. Chappell then shared with the Board his history of involvement with the Blue Knob Fire Company and the Portage area. He noted that the main item that should be understood is that the Fire Company has a history with the Authority; and the Fire Company needs to survive. Everyone is struggling financially; and everyone needs to work together. Mr. Chappell commented that, in order to survive, the ATV run is important. He emphasized that the Blue Knob Fire Company appreciates everything that the Authority has done for them. The Fire Company also has a collegial relationship with the Portage Fire Company and wants to continue that relationship as well. Mr. Chappell pointed out that the main thing that should be understood is that Blue Knob wants a good working relationship with the Authority and will do everything it can to ensure that.

The representatives from Blue Knob departed from the meeting at this time.

#### **X. FORESTER'S REPORT**

Mr. Barton apprised the Board that he is not pleased with the condition in which Mr. Claar left the log landing. If the Board is in agreement, Mr. Barton will contact Mr. Claar to have the area cleaned up. There is a lot of debris and wood left in the area and it is an eye sore. Mr. Jubina commented that he was in the area recently and noticed the pile of mulch that was left in the woods. He asked Mr. Claar to level it off and he did. Mr. Miorelli questioned who loaded out in the area on Cichota's Curve, to which Mr. Barton replied that it was Mr. Claar. This area was to be cleaned up as part of the run. Mr. Miorelli noted that there is an old truck cap, etc. in the area, to which Mr. Barton pointed out the truck cap was already in that area but it got moved around with the logging that was taking place. Mr. Miorelli questioned if we could place crown vetch in this area, to which Mr. Barton replied that he usually uses bird's foot trefoil and white and red clover. Mr. Miorelli questioned if we could plant the crown vetch on the bank across from the reservoir, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that we really never planted that area. We have tapered the hillside and placed bank shale. Mr. Cadwallader noted that we did have some crown vetch near where the fish trap is; however, DEP asked that it be removed because the animals burrow into it.

#### **XI. CONTINUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Cadwallader apprised the Board that Somerset Well Drilling and Castleberry were at the plant and pulled the tubing to videotape the well. It was found that we do have a buildup of iron inside that has occurred over the last 20 years. There were no real faults other than the iron buildup. Mr. Cadwallader commented that the plan is to run the steel down through, break up the buildup, clean it out and pump it down to the lagoon and drying bed. He noted that this plan is acceptable to DEP; and we will have to wait to move forward when the weather is better so



that we can get the drying bed pump out and set up. Mr. Miorelli questioned if going into the drying bed will be less expensive, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied affirmatively. Mr. Cadwallader reported that what we will do is dig a ditch from the well down, dig a pit, line both with plastic, and then put up a silk fence and hay bale everything so that nothing gets down to the creek. The fire company has also agreed to come up and run 2,000 feet of hose and pump from the pit. Mr. Miorelli questioned if we usually get a buildup of algae in the lagoon, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that we do get a buildup of iron and magnesium from the sedimentation of the backwash, but not algae. Mr. Cadwallader stated that we sometimes get a buildup of algae at Benscreek but that only happens when it gets to a point where it is not spilling. Mr. Miorelli questioned if Mr. Cadwallader if he has tried to use barley straw which will address this. Mr. Miorelli commented that this is what Chambersburg is using. Mr. Beyer indicated that the barley straw will work well. Mr. Cadwallader questioned if this would affect the fish in any way, to which Mr. Miorelli replied negatively.

Mr. Cadwallader reminded the Board that we did budget for the above project; and he is awaiting the final costs to come in. He indicated that between Somerset Well Drilling and Castleberry they will be onsite and oversee the entire project and videotape it afterwards down to 297 feet. Mr. Cadwallader noted that it starts at about 140 feet with the buildup of iron; and at about 150-160 feet you are getting to the top of the pump. He commented that with cleaning the pipes and intake, as well as the screens on the pump, it brought it up another 80 gallons, so we know we will get to the 340. Mr. Cadwallader reported that DEP will also be onsite as it relates to the ground water.

Mr. Mark Castel questioned if at one time we had an aerator at the reservoir at Martindale, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that many years ago we did and he believes it was set up because they had a piece of pipe running through and they were aerating in the back so they did not get algae in the line.

Mr. Cadwallader reported that he received a call relative to the chemical feed pumps, so he will need Bard approval on the purchase. The feed pumps have already been purchased.

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. GARTLAND, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF THE CHEMICAL FEED PUMPS. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.

Mr. Cadwallader apprised the Board that Robindale Energy is coming into town to remove the rock piles and slag piles near RD's. This will be a two-year project. When everything is removed, they will soil, seed and plant grass. Mr. Cadwallader commented that he would need Board approval on Robindale Energy's request to cross over the Authority's lines in that area. He commented that the Sewer Authority is going to be more affected with this request than the Water Authority. Robindale is planning on doing a 60 foot run with blacktop where the pipes come across at the pressure reducing station. Mr. Miorelli questioned what type of weight we would be looking at, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that they would be triaxle trucks. Mr. Miorelli commented that perhaps it would be better for them to go down, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that it would be shorter for them to get out the way they have planned. The State has Robindale permitted to come out on Route 164 and head down the road. Mr. Miorelli questioned if there is any type of bonding required in the event Robindale does damage any of the pipes, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he would recommend that any Board approval include the stipulation that any damage caused by Robindale would be their responsibility and they would also pay the freight. Mr. Beyer stated that he received a call from someone from Russell Engineering; and Mr. Beyer questioned him if they would be keeping the road in since



they received a permit for that. Mr. Cadwallader noted that the road and blacktop will be kept after the project is completed. He indicated that the Sewer Authority has a manhole back the road and they will blacktop to the manhole. Mr. Beyer commented that the engineer from Russell Engineering called him basically regarding what the Township permits were; and that is when Mr. Beyer asked him about leaving the road following the project and the engineer did not know. Mr. Cadwallader stated that, as far as he is aware, the road is going to remain following the project.

Mr. Cadwallader indicated that this item was included under New Business for discussion; and he did provide a copy of Robindale's agreement for signature. Attorney Barbin questioned if the agreement includes anything regarding their liability for damage to any of the Authority's lines, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he did know. He commented that, if it is not present in the agreement, perhaps Attorney Barbin could draw up a document for Robindale to sign.

Mr. Castel questioned if there is going to be any runoff issues in that area, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied negatively. Mr. Miorelli questioned if Robindale would be removing the lower dump as well, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that, as of right now, Robindale will come down through to where you would cross the creek and remove everything in that back section. Mr. Miorelli questioned if what is removed will be recycled, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied affirmatively. Mr. Cadwallader noted that anything that has red dog is not feasible to be recycled any longer. Mr. Cadwallader noted that, when this project is complete, there will be breaks coming down the hill to stop the water and the water will fan out through the ditches as you come down. It was questioned when the project will start, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that he did not have a start date as yet. Attorney Barbin commented that this is going to be quite a lengthy project, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that removing the piles started quite some time ago; however, when the coal mines basically fell apart, the process was stopped and is now starting up again.

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE REQUEST FROM ROBINDALE ENERGY TO CROSS OVER THE AUTHORITY'S LINES IN THE ABOVE PROJECT AREA, WITH THE CONDITION THAT ROBINDALE WOULD ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY REPAIRS TO THAT SECTION OF THE AUTHORITY'S LINES DURING ROBINDALE'S USE OF THE PROPERTY. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.

Mr. Cadwallader apprised the Board that he met with Rosebud. Mr. Cadwallader received a copy of a DEP permit for Rosebud wherein they are looking to extend their refuse pile from the point of the road across to Benscreek off of Cooney Road over to where the pines are. He commented that Rosebud has already removed the timber in this area. This is the first phase of the project; and it will basically be a pile that is lined and nothing will be going toward the Benscreek side. Everything will be staying on this side; and any runoff will go toward Cooney's. Mr. Cadwallader emphasized that there will be no effect to the Authority; however, he does need approval from the Board and he will send the permits back to DEP. Mr. Miorelli questioned if the refuse is useable, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that they take the sludge to this location, let the sludge dry and let the water seep out of it. They then take it and put it back on the pile.

ON MOTION OF MR. CRAIG CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. MARK CASTEL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE DEP PERMIT REQUEST FOR ROSEBUD AS OUTLINED ABOVE. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING



AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. GARTLAND, AND MR. MARK CASTEL.

As it relates to the Cardone Route 53 project, Mr. Cadwallader apprised the Board that this is in the early phases and will not actually be starting until 2018. More information will be provided to the Board by Mr. Cadwallader at a future meeting. They are looking for a linear price on pipe; and he will meet with Mr. Beyer on this and bring more information back to the Board. Mr. Miorelli commented that he believes there should also be another line in that area from the railroad, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that this would be an old cast iron line and it is abandoned. Mr. Beyer indicated that we should question whether we can receive PennDOT reimbursement on this as well.

Mr. Cadwallader reported that, when flushing the lines, it was found that there was a broken valve near the Italian Club that has been temporarily repaired to at least stop the leak. In the process, it was found that there is a valve up above this area that will not shut down. In order to go in and replace the valve and fix the leak, Mr. Cadwallader explained, we will have to shut down a big area in order to make the repair. We will have to shut down at the Legion and below that. Mr. Cadwallader commented that when this project is done, the staff will do it at night and come out at 10:00 p.m. so that we will not affect Rebekah Manor or CRS. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that he did a custom map on this and took in anything that could be affected by this (no water, low pressure or no water). He will be notifying DEP before proceeding. A One Call message will also be sent out. When the project is done, we will still have two employees in the field and two employees at the plant.

Mr. Cadwallader informed the Board that there was some junk at the pipe yard found when it was being level off (i.e., an old foundation, metal, etc.). It was taken to the junk yard; and we received \$147 for it. The Board agreed that these monies would be placed into Account #106.5, Capital Improvements.

As it relates to the retirement plans for employees, Mr. Cadwallader reported that we have received the updates that we were requesting. Mr. Cadwallader explained to the Board that there are two items that would need consideration. If someone would retire as of today, they would not be able to come back to work and collect their pension. Mr. Cadwallader questioned if the Board wanted to keep it that way or to allow an employee to work and receive their pension at the same time. Mr. Miorelli commented that he would think we would want it that the pension would stop if the employee left and came back to work. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that if the Board is saying that the pension would stop, then it does not have to consider the other questions which was let them work and receive benefits at the normal retirement age of 60 or if the employee retires and comes back to work to give the employee the choice of having or stopping the benefit. Mr. Miorelli indicated that he would feel that, if an employee leaves, and then wants to come back to make additional money, the pension benefit would stop. Mr. Cadwallader commented that this is the way the plan is currently. Attorney Barbin stated that, if you have an employee that retires, you have to build up experienced staff as quickly as possible.

Mr. Miorelli questioned if a motion by the Board is required on the pension plan, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that the plan will not go into effect until July 1 so it gives the Board another meeting to take action. He feels the Board should take the information and review it before any action is taken. Mr. Cadwallader noted that additional information was also provided relative to the adoption of the cash balance plan that will be added to the current plan. He commented that he and Mrs. Ringler have reviewed the information and have some additional questions, so he feels the Board should review the information first and take action at the June meeting. He



and Mrs. Ringler in the meantime will receive answers to the questions they have. Mr. Miorelli questioned the cash balance plan, to which Mr. Cadwallader replied that is where the employee's excess contributions go along with additional 1% mandatory and the additional 1% the board will contribute once the updated plan is passed. The new defined benefit and cash balance plan will have a lump sum option. Attorney Barbin noted that you would not be able to make any additional money if you do it that way; however, this would allow the employees to take the money out and do what they want with it. Mr. Cadwallader noted that, once he and Mrs. Ringler receive the answers to the questions they have, he will get revised documents to the Board prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Cadwallader commented to the Board that, if they have a chance, they should visit the new pipe yard. There is plenty of land available and the improvements are exceptional. When doing the leveling, Mr. Cadwallader commented, an old foundation was uncovered. We will be able to take out the front pieces of the wall and we will have the concrete places to put the shale in.

Mr. Cadwallader reported that he did address the concerns that Mr. McNally brought forth at the last meeting.

## **XII. CONTINUATION OF FORESTER'S REPORT**

Mr. Barton informed the Board that he was contacted by someone from REA about working the line from the top of the hill near the Burger residence to Martindale. Mr. Barton had provided to REA a copy of the Management Plan approximately two years ago. He notified REA that they were allowed on the property as long as they notified Mr. Barton and Mr. Cadwallader and that we did not want any mowing on the property and we wanted good cuts on the trees. Mr. Barton drove by the property yesterday and was appalled relative to the work that was done. The area was mowed and the cuts on the trees are horrific. Mr. Barton had asked for a wire zone or border zone and it was not provided. Mr. Barton commented that he would like to contact REA about this. REA had stated that they were going to work about one-half dozen trees and they worked over 100. Mr. Barton emphasized that this is nothing he would have approved on the Board's behalf. He noted that the cuts are horrendously bad on the trees.

Mr. Barton emphasized that, because of this, as far as he is concerned REA trespassed on the Authority's property. He indicated that he does not have a copy of the REA agreement, but he will meet with Mr. Cadwallader on this. Mr. Barton pointed out that he does not feel REA followed the management plan in any way that he provided to them. He emphasized that he is appalled by the work that was done. Mr. Miorelli commented that he saw what was done and he agrees with what Mr. Barton is stating.

Mr. Barton noted that he was expecting a call from REA before anything was done. He noted that he will obtain a copy of the right of way. With some right of way, they can manage it the way they want; and it really depends on the wording of the agreement. A lot of the agreements are old and do not allow spraying because of the chemicals being used. Mr. Miorelli indicated that, if we make a stand now, they will be aware. Attorney Barbin commented that, if REA puts machinery into a wetland, the Fish Commission is going to be concerned. Mr. Cadwallader noted that signs are posted that it is watershed area.

Mr. Mark Castel questioned if it would be worth our while to post the area, to which Attorney Barbin replied that REA has an easement and would have a legal right to enter the property to protect their line. However, depending on what the easement states, they are generally allowed to cut trees out of the right-of-way. The question would be how wide is the right-of-way and whether they went out of the right-of-way and this would be stated in the easement. Mr. Barton



indicated that, as far as he is concerned, REA trespassed on the Authority's property and violated everything that was discussed in the past.

### **XIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT**

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

Concerning the water treatment plant in Benscreek, Mr. Beyer noted that he has not received a response on the permit. Mr. Cadwallader indicated that he talked with Cliff and he has no problems with it.

As it relates to the PA Small Water grants, Mr. Beyer stated that grant applications will be accepted in August. He asked that the Board think about projects that could be considered; i.e., the Mountain Avenue project. The application fee is probably \$100 and it would have to be a shovel-ready program. Mr. Beyer commented that he will keep the Board apprised as to when the grant application is available.

Mr. Beyer noted that he will not be available for the next meeting, but Mr. Steve Sewalk will be present representing EADS.

### **XIV. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Miorelli commented that Attorney Barbin's report was provided prior to the meeting; and he questioned if any Board member had any questions.

Attorney Barbin noted that he has contacted Highland relative to the property that they wanted to turn over to the Authority; however, he has not received a response.

### **XV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Employee Issues

Mr. Cadwallader noted that he met with all of the employees and there were no matters brought forth.

- Blue Knob Poker Run

Discussed earlier in the meeting

- Retirement Plan for Employees

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

### **XVI. NEW BUSINESS**

- Chemical Feed Pumps

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- Robindale Energy Service Proposal

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- DEP Permit for Rosebud Refuse Piles

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**XVII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

No items to be presented.

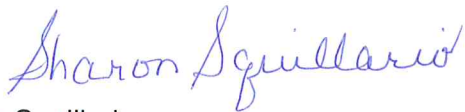
**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

ON MOTION OF MR. MARK CASTEL, SECONDED BY MR. CRAIG CASTEL, THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M. BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MR. MIORELLI, MR. CRAIG CASTEL, MR. MARK CASTEL, AND MR. GARTLAND.

**XIX. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary