

WEAVERLAND VALLEY AUTHORITY

4610 Division Highway
East Earl, PA 17519
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 9, 2022

1. **OPEN MEETING**
 - A. **Minutes approval (April 11th)**
 - B. **Public Comment** (public comment otherwise at time of each agenda item)

2. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & OTHERS**
 - A. **Correspondence**
 - B. **Administrative Report**—*Denise Bensing*
 - C. **Financial Report**—*Denise Bensing*

Action Items:

 - a. Approval of Financial Report and pay the bills
 - D. **Engineer's Report**—*Becker Engineering*

Action Items:

 - a. Gravity Sanitary Sewer Pipe Substitution
 - b. Force Main Sanitary Sewer Pipe Substitution
 - c. Sanitary Sewer Manhole Bases Substitution
 - E. **Solicitor's Report**—*Frank Mincarelli*
 - F. **Operations Report**—*Bruce Crabb*
 - G. **Day-to-Day Committee Report** – *Harold Kilhefner*

3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. County of Lancaster ARPA Funding

Action Items:

 - a. Request ARPA funding from the County of Lancaster

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Revelations of Freedom Ministries Water Leak**

Action Items: Request credit for sewer charges due to water leak
 - B. **Sunset Ave. Line Replacement (Water)**

5. **ADJOURN**

Weaverland Valley Authority

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022

The Board of the Weaverland Valley Authority (“Authority”) met at the East Earl Township building 4610 Division Hwy, East Earl, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania on May 9, 2022. Chairman Kenneth Witmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present: Kenneth Witmer, Harold Kilhefner, Scot Ash, Terry Zook, Jason Firestine, Gene Pierce and Randy Miller. Also, present were Dan Becker, Becker Engineering; Frank Mincarelli, Blakinger Thomas; and Denise Bensing, Administrator.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Harold Kilhefner, seconded by Gene Pierce, that the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. M.J. Reider lab reports (Shady Maple) April. Denise noted there will be no surcharge.
2. Wayne Morris, 408 Randall Dr. – Mr. Morris is unhappy with the rates and rate structure. The board directed Denise to send him a letter explaining that the board understands his concerns and the next time the rates are reviewed his comments will be taken into consideration.
3. Earl Township Sewer Authority – Notice that ETSA authorized design and permitting for upgrades of the Kinzer Ave. pump station. The cost estimate for design and permitting is \$78,000. ETSA is willing to allow WVA to budget for this project in 2023 and pay the Authority’s proportionate share of the design and permitting costs in 2023.
4. Becker Engineering – Shady Maple RV Expansion Land Development Plan Review #1.
5. Becker Engineering – Burkholder Trailers Plumbing Plan Review #2.
6. Blakinger Thomas – Lien filed for K. Esh, 1011 Sunset Ave.
7. PADEP – Construction Permit for Blue Ball Chlorination System.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was read with \$141,799.95 (Sewer \$98,086.88 Water \$43,713.07) in bills for approval.

Water & Sewer Collection Fund	\$1,928.87
Business Checking Water Fund – ENB	\$100,000.00
FDIC Insured Sweep Account – Water	\$849,903.29
FDIC Insured Sweep Account - Sewer	\$2,644,309.59
Business Checking Sewer Fund - ENB	\$250,000.00
FDIC Insured Sweep Account – Fulton	\$1,026,487.29
Joint WWTP Business Checking – Fulton Bank	\$2,500.00
Joint WWTP Business Checking – Ephrata National Bank	\$22,500.00

A motion was made by Scot Ash to approve the financial report and pay the bills, seconded by Gene Pierce. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERS' REPORT:

Dan Becker reported:

WWTP & Collection System: The Notices to Proceed were issued at the pre-construction meeting on April 27, 2022. Individual kick-off meetings were held with Pact Two (WWTF General Construction) and HRI (Collection/Conveyance General Construction). Becker received several Requests for Information (RFI's) from contractors for Authority consideration of substitute piping and manhole materials. Becker reviewed the RFI's and discussed them with Bruce. The proposed substitutions will result in project cost and/or time savings without impacting the end product of the project. Dan also noted that the Authority Developer Specifications should be revised to permit these material substitutions.

Gene Pierce made a motion to allow contractors to utilize SDR-26 PVC pipe in lieu of Class 52 epoxy lined ductile iron pipe for gravity sanitary sewer piping installed at depths up to 18 feet as recommended by Becker Engineering, seconded by Terry Zook. Motion carried unanimously.

Scot Ash made a motion to allow contractors to utilize C-900 (DR-18) PVC pipe in lieu of Class 52 epoxy lined ductile iron pipe for low pressure and force main sanitary sewer piping as recommended by Becker Engineering, seconded by Harold Kilhefner. Motion carried unanimously.

Harold Kilhefner made a motion to allow contractors to utilize precast concrete manhole bases with Raven 405 epoxy coating on the precast concrete benches and flow channels in lieu of the GU Manhole Liner System or the PREDL Manhole Base Liner System as recommended by Becker Engineering, seconded by Jason Firestine. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan also reported that Becker, Pact Two, and Conestoga Wood met to discuss using a different access drive until the facility access drive can be completed. Construction of the facility access drive requires the installation of a culvert which has a lead time of 4-6 months for manufacturing and installation. Conestoga Wood has been very accommodating and has agreed to allow the contractors to use an access drive on Conestoga Wood property until the facility access drive is completed.

Dan reported that a letter to impacted property owners was mailed the last week of April. This letter noted that future public informational meetings will be held. The board discussed dates for these meetings and decided on Saturday, June 4th and Tuesday June 7th. Denise will contact the fire company in Blue Ball and Terre Hill for availability of a location to hold the meeting and will then send a second letter to affected property owners with the dates of the meetings.

Cedar Creek (Horst) Farm Market: The record drawings have been. This project is complete.

Timberline Estates: The developer contacted Becker today to schedule a site meeting to review the punch list items.

Frontier Fiber Optic Conduits – Becker attended a meeting with the Authority, Township Roadmaster, and Frontier on April 26th to discuss the anticipated project. The Frontier plans were reviewed by Becker with respect to the Authority sanitary sewer and water facilities and Becker forwarded recommended conditions to the Township to place on Frontier prior to issuance of a permit. Frontier anticipates commencing work within the next month or two.

After meeting with the Day-to-Day committee to discuss funding for the connection of the well in Twin Springs, PENNVEST was contacted to set up a planning meeting. Dan explained that PENNVEST offers low-interest loans and grants but they are primarily a loan program. A planning meeting with PENNVEST and DEP is scheduled for May 23rd. Dan also explained that the committee discussed submitting an application to the County for ARPA funds for this project.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Frank was in attendance but had nothing specific to report.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Bruce provided his monthly report via email. In Bruce's report, he reported that the EQ Station pump is being completely overhauled. He also reported that the Cedar Lane pump station has a faulty controller. For the Witmer Rd. pump station, the staff built and installed a weighted float manifold and installed 3 additional

intrinsically safe relays. The Witmer Rd. pump station currently runs off of floats. A new controller is roughly \$6,000 and a complete panel is estimated at \$25,000. Bruce will continue to get quotes for a new controller.

DAY-TO-DAY COMMITTEE:

Harold reported that the committee met and reviewed the operations positions and wage ranges. The board was happy with the final product. Scot mentioned doing the same for the office staff but it was felt that it isn't necessary at this time.

The committee also discussed funding for the project to connect the Twin Springs well to Rt. 23.

NEW BUSINESS:

County of Lancaster ARPA Funding: Denise explained that Justin Sauder provided her with information on applying for County ARPA Funds. Denise, with the assistance of Mark Homan, completed the application and gathered additional information for the application. The application is ready to be submitted if the board would like to do so. Gene Pierce made a motion to authorize submission of the application to Lancaster County for ARPA funds, seconded by Jason Firestine. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revelations of Freedom Ministries (ROFM) Water Leak: A request was received from ROFM after the agenda was completed for April requesting a credit of their sewer charges due to a water leak. The leaked water did not go in the sewer system so they are requesting a credit for water in excess of their average consumption. Based on their average consumption (170,000 gallons/ quarter) this credit would be in the amount of \$6,233.00. Harold made a motion to credit ROFM for sewer charges in the amount of \$6,233.00 due to their water leak, seconded by Randy Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Having no further business, Jason Firestine moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37, seconded by Randy Miller. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2022 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Bensing

Cc: Scot Ash
Harold Kilhefner
Scott Marburger
Randy Miller
L. Eugene Pierce
Kenneth Witmer
Jason Firestine
Terry Zook
East Earl Township
Terre Hill Borough
Robert Rissler
Dan Becker, Becker Engineering
Frank Mincarelli, Blakinger Thomas
Terry Kauffman