

**DALLASTOWN-YOE WATER AUTHORITY
175 E BROAD STREET
DALLASTOWN, PA 17313
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 – 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The September 10th meeting of the Dallastown-Yoe Water Authority was called to order by Authority Chairman, Arthur Wertz, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Arthur Wertz
Patricia Myers
Steve Malesker
Tana Bentzel
Patrick Callahan

ALSO PRESENT

Connie Stokes
David Jones – Stock & Leader - Solicitor
Joe Joines - Maintenance

ABSENT

Dennis Sarpen – Holley & Assoc – Engineer (Vacation)

ACTION ON THE 8/11/2014 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Callahan moved and was seconded by Ms. Myers to approve the 8/11/2014 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

VISITORS

- Petru-Stefan Bruciu – 90 W. Main St, Apt B, Dallastown – Mr. Bruciu asked to have his water consumption checked again. He felt the consumption was too high and had asked for a correction to his bill. His water meter was taken out and tested by York Water and the results were that it was reading low. Ms. Stokes scheduled a meeting with Mr. Bruciu for 2:00 pm tomorrow, September 11th to go over all his usage and payment history.
- George Holtzapple – 255 S. Pleasant Ave, Dallastown – Mr. Holtzapple believes he resolved the consumption issue that had DYWA maintenance stumped. He had a plumber (Dirk Posey) come in and check everything and there were no leaks, but the meter was still moving 24 hours a day. Apparently the backflow preventer was not working properly and was allowing water to flow back & forth through the meter. Since the new dual flow check valve was installed, Mr. Holtzapple has been taking daily readings and that seems to have solved the problem. Mr. Holtzapple asked for reimbursement of the high bill that he paid, since he did not use all the water that he paid for. The Authority asked that he get a letter from his plumber stating the problem and what he did to rectify the situation in order to document everything for the Authority's records. If everything checks out then the Authority is willing to look at an average and revise his bill. The Authority does not feel they are responsible for his plumber's bill.

Motion: Mr. Malesker move and was seconded by Ms. Myers to approve the averaging and revision of Mr. Holtzapple's high water bill upon receipt of the letter from Mr. Posey.

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Wertz stated that whenever a service call is made, the backflow preventer needs to be checked.

- Doug Bray – 280 N. Park St, Dallastown – A new meter was installed in Mr. Bray’s property on N. Park Street. With the new meter, usage was able to be logged 24/7. It was discovered that quite a bit of the usage was during the night.

The old meter that was removed from the property was tested by York Water and was reported to be running a little slow. Mr. Bray was still concerned with the fact of the old meter jumping 40,000 gallons that one day (previous reported as 400,000 gallons). The Authority asked that a manual read be done every day for two weeks, plus all documentation is to be pulled from billing for the old & new meters and reviewed.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Sarpen was not present for the meeting. Ms. Stokes and Mr. Joines went over a few things that were happening in the system.

- The meeting that the Authority was to have with RLMA concerning flushing and dirty water was cancelled. The Authority would rather have a professional look at the flushing schedule to determine if the sequence for flushing is correct. DYWA is currently using RLMA’s flushing schedule, but yet RLMA is saying that DYWA is not flushing properly. When Mr. Sarpen returns from vacation, a meeting will be set up with him to review the schedule. Mr. Malesker thought it might be a good idea to have someone from York Water in on the review.
- Keystone needs to put the controllers in for the new valves and then they will be ready to put into use.
- Mr. Joines was at Wyndridge Farm this past Friday. They flushed for about 5 minutes and the water was pretty clear. They gave Mr. Joines a list of chemicals to test for. The facility will now be on the water sample list.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Regarding Mrs. Robbins of 60 E. King Street, Attorney Jones reviewed the DYWA Rules and Regulations He referred the Authority to Section 1-5-C. (Every consumer, by the taking of water, understands and agrees that the Authority assumes no liability as an insurer of the property or person and that the Authority, by providing capacity or facility other than that ordinarily provided in normal operation. The Authority hereby declares and each and every consumer agrees that the Authority shall be free and exempt for any and all claims for injuries or damage to person and/or property by reason of fire, water or failure to supply water, pressure or capacity.) According to this, the Authority would be exempt. Attorney Jones also went on to say the maybe the Authority should not recommend Red-B-Gone, or put some disclaimers on its use. Mr. Joines stated that there has never been a complaint about it before.
- The new water shut-off procedures are scheduled to begin in 2015. A statement is to be put in both Dallastown’s and York Township’s next newsletter. A letter is to be drafted to go out to all customers.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- The Borough and Water were both approved for CDBG money to do Charles Street in 2016.
- CDBG did not approve the project on W. Maple Street. Ms. Stokes asked the Authority if they wanted to still go ahead with the project. The Authority declined to do so at this time. There are currently too many unknowns with the new valves and tank repairs. It will be kept on the back burner for the future.
- Tank Level Report
- Master Meter Report
- Maintenance Log

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE AUTHORITY – There was no new business.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion: Mr. Malesker moved and was seconded by Ms. Bentzel to approve the bills as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Mr. Malesker moved and was seconded by Mr. Callahan to approve the financial statements as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Malesker moved and was seconded by Ms. Bentzel to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Wertz