

**Minutes of the Meeting of December 19, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE:

Herbert Mattern, Jr.
Barb Horst
Cullen Ketcham

Lewis Jury

ABSENT:

Phil Donmoyer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Hiester, NWLCA Secretary/Treasurer
Doug Zook, Inframark
Amanda Zook, BSA Troop 39
Ted Allwein, Red Rose Detail
Sandy Paoletti, Red Rose Detail

Alex Piehl, RGS Assoc.
Gary Gaissert, Pleasant View Communities
Dan Becker, Becker Engineering
Connie Weidle, Recording Secretary (Zoom)

Call to Order- Chairman Herber Mattern, Jr., opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments – Ted Allwein, owner of Red Rose Detail, discussed with the Board the hardship that is being caused to small businesses due to the rising rates for sewer testing as part of the Non-Residential Waste Program. The laboratories are raising rates and he cannot afford the costs of testing. Discussion took place on how to help the businesses know what to test for and the options that might be available.

A motion was made by L. Jury, with a second by B. Horst, to approve the November 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by B. Horst, with a second by C. Ketcham, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by M. Hiester. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications

B. Horst shared the following highlights from the MAWSA Report:

- MAWSA is continuing to fix or replace curb stops in conjunction with the meter replacement program.
- There were 3 main breaks in November.
- All of the new meters have been received and Kentrel is continuing installations
- MAWSA received the full grant award for the water capital project.
- There is now available the ability to show water consumption by day for each customer.

Inframark Contract Operations Report

Doug Zook presented his monthly report and highlighted the following items:

- Repairs have been made to a leak that developed at the Fruitville Pike Booster Station due to degradation of the pump skid piping.
- PLC is replaced and connected to SCADA.

- A response to the Performance Evaluation was sent today to PA DEP. C. Ketcham expressed concern that the items they mentioned were not required and also cost prohibitive. D. Zook noted that Inframark did well in the evaluation and DEP found little things to comment on.

A motion was made by B. Horst, with a second by C. Ketcham, to approve the Inframark Contract Operations Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Engineer's Report

Dan Becker highlighted the following items from his monthly Engineer report:

- Sweetbriar Creek Subdivision – The developer recently contacted Becker Engineering regarding the Maintenance Guaranty amount associated with the sanitary sewer facilities. The Township accepted dedication of the streets but the sanitary sewer facilities have not been dedicated to the Authority.
- Pumping Station No. 1 – An updated project schedule has been prepared due to the funding that has been applied for.
- PVRC Water System – The Authority had approved in May 2023 to allow PVRC to utilize 2 water meter pits, provided the original water meter pit was abandoned by December 31, 2023. The developer's consultant submitted a request to extend the date for abandonment of the original water meter pit from December 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

A motion was made by C. Ketcham, with a second by L. Jury, to approve the request from Pleasant View Community to extend the date for abandonment of the original water meter pit to May 31, 2024. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1 (H. Mattern voted no).

- PVRC Cultural Center – A motion was made by B. Horst, with a second by C. Ketcham to authorize the execution of the Water/Sewer Developer's Agreement for Pleasant View Community Cultural Center. The motion passed unanimously.
- MCSD Middle School Athletic Fields – The school's consultant contacted Becker Engineering and noted that the existing private connection lateral does not extend to the proposed concession stand as noted on approved plans. The school is proposing to connect the proposed concession stand to the Middle School's existing 8-inch sanitary sewer lateral.

A motion was made by C. Ketcham, with a second by L. Jury, to allow the installation of a portion of the sanitary sewer lateral at a slope less than the required 2.0% for the MCSD Middle School Athletic Fields.

A motion was made by B. Horst, with a second by C. Ketcham, to approve the Becker Engineering Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Township Manager's Report

Discussion took place relative to the Nonresidential Waste Program. Discussion included how to provide communication to customers on how the sewer testing could be done. D. Becker suggested giving Inframark the authority to give directions but not hold Inframark responsible. Also, it was discussed that businesses should be given some help in making requests for relief and then the Authority could decide if it is needed. A "NRW for Dummies" or equal may help, some board members suggested. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by H. Mattern, with a second by B. Horst, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Weidle
Recording Secretary