

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015**

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MINUTES

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:** Chairman Michael Berger called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Garret Miller, Steve Wilson, John Prange, and Marlowe Graff. Professionals present: Engineer, Tim Miller; Solicitor, Jill Nagy; Manager, Justin Yaich, Utility Operator, Allen Leiby.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

1. Chairman Berger announced that the Maxatawny Township Municipal Authority met in executive session from 6:45PM to 7:30PM on Thursday, April 23, 2015 to discuss litigation.

**ACTION ON THE MINUTES:**

1. Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Prange to approve the Minutes of February 26, 2015 MTMA Meeting. Motion passed (5-0).

**REPORTS:**

1. Manager's Report
  - a. The Authority Manager gave his report for the month of April. He reported on the Saucony Creek Brewery and their billing and meter status. There were several items regarding water service in Bowers which was held until the Utility Operator's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2015-01 setting the tap in rate for Bowers sewer at \$4,500 and Area A sewer at \$6,500. Motion passed (5-0).
2. Mike Kohler - Sewer request - Area A.
  - a. Mr. & Mrs. Kohler were present to request a sewer connection.
  - b. Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Wilson to grant the connection request and approve the module exemption once submitted and reviewed by Engineer Miller. Motion passed (5-0).
3. Alan Gehringer - Sewer request - Area A.
  - a. Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Wilson to grant the connection request and approve the module exemption once submitted and reviewed by Engineer Miller. Motion passed (5-0).
4. Ramon Nolt - Sewer & Water request - Area B.
  - a. Motion was made by Graff and seconded by Wilson to grant the water and sewer connection request and approve the module exemption once submitted and reviewed by Engineer Miller. Motion passed (5-0).
5. The Authority discussed reasonable escrow fees to be posted in order to cover Engineer Miller's review time of all submitted module exemptions, reviews, and inspections. All connections will be contingent upon the proper paper work approvals and fees paid.
  - a. Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Prange to set the escrow fee at \$500 for each connection approved.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

1. Engineer – Tim Miller
  - a. Engineer Miller reported that he and the Authority Manager were researching possible grant funding for water line replacement in the Bowers service area. He and the Manager will continue to pursue grant funding to aid in water line replacement.
  - b. Engineer Miller reported on the status of the meter project and the remaining homes and businesses to be installed. He will continue to work with the Manager and contractor to wrap the project up.
2. Solicitor – Jill Nagy
  - a. Solicitor Nagy gave a brief update on litigation. She reported the favorable decision by the Commonwealth Court with regards to the Borough of Kutztown and the SCRA litigation.
  - b. Solicitor Nagy also reported on the status of the Karaisz property.
  - c. Member Steve Wilson thanked Solicitor Nagy for her hard work on the SCRA case and stated that she clearly impressed the Commonwealth Court with her handling of the matter.
3. Utility Operator – Allen Leiby
  - a. Operator Leiby reported on the Bowers water tank inspection. The inspection found that the tank is in great shape with some minor maintenance needed.
  - b. There was a brief discussion on the water loss issues in Bowers and the need to begin looking at upgrading a portion of the water system. The Authority Manager and Engineer will continue to work on this and report with more detail next month.
  - c. Operator Leiby also reported that the Area A sewer plant was operating well within compliance.

**HEARING OF THE VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Mike Kohler – 15001 Kutztown Road continued to ask the Authority for consideration of his sewer connection request. The Authority informed him that they did approve his request and that the next step was complete the planning module exemption as required by DEP.
2. Steve Haring questioned why the Bowers tap in fee and the Area A tap in fee were different. He was informed that because they are two separate operating systems with separate debts, the calculation work out different.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

1. Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Prange to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed (5-0).
2. Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Prange to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion passed (5-0).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Prange and seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:13PM. Motion passed (5-0).

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Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Yaich, Manager