

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016
MINUTES**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: Chairman Garret Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Michael Berger, Marlowe Graff, Steve Wilson, and John Prange. Professionals present: Engineer, Solicitor, Jill Nagy; Utility Operator, Allen Leiby; Enforcement Officer, Chris Paff; Secretary/Treasurer, Jerilyn Wehr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Nothing at this time.

ACTION ON THE MINUTES:

1. Motion was made by Berger and seconded by Prange to approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2016 MTMA Meeting. Motion passed (5-0).

REPORTS:

1. Secretary/Treasurer Jeri Wehr gave the Manager's Report for the month. There were no action items on the report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Advantage Point Water Request
 - a. Solicitor Nagy informed the Authority that Advantage Point was looking to reconfirm everything with the plan. The last remaining issue for the subdivision plan is the water connection. Kutztown Borough made a water commitment in May 2013. At that time a water agreement letter was sent to Kutztown to be the bulk water supplier with no response. Nagy suggested to have Secretary Wehr send a letter to Kutztown to check the status of the letter.
 - b. The plan is currently set up like Cedar, where the meter is on the property. Everything up to the meter is Kutztown owned and they would be able to add additional customers on the line. After the meter is a Maxatawny customer. Kutztown would install and maintain the line up to the meter.
 - c. A question was raised about fire hydrants. Any hydrants would be Kutztown responsibility unless they are inside the development, then Advantage Point would be responsible.
 - d. Motion made by Prange and seconded by Wilson to have Wehr follow up with Kutztown on the water agreement for Advantage Point.
2. Advantage Point Line Request
 - a. Solicitor Nagy reported that she received a formal request from Advantage Point to install a sewer stub on their property after getting proper permits from Chris Paff. They would also like to install a second stub at the plant area. Nagy spoke with Chris Falencki, who informed her that the stub installation would not need

to be bid out, so he would get quotes and the developer would need to then escrow that amount.

- b. Authority member Berger questioned if Advantage Point has been paying their reservation fees that were agreed upon and stated that he felt that we should not approve stubs if they are not current with payments.
- c. Chris Paff asked for clarification on voting for the stubs. Paff is looking for approval from both the Authority and the Board of Supervisors for both locations before he would issue any permits, due to the stubs not connecting to an existing line and that final land development plan approval is pending. Application for required permits have not been submitted.
- d. Motion made by Prange and seconded by Wilson to allow the developer to proceed with the stub at the plant. Motion passed (4-1). Berger - no
- e. Motion made by Wilson and seconded by Prange to allow the developer to proceed with the stub at the site. Motion passed (4-1). Berger - no

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water Grant Resolution
 - a. Solicitor Nagy presented the resolution to move forward with the water grant for Bowers Area.
 - b. Motion made by Prange and seconded by Berger to accept the water grant resolution 2016-02. Motion passed (5-0).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

1. Engineer – Tim Miller
 - a. Not in attendance.
2. Solicitor – Jill Nagy
 - a. Nothing at this time.
3. Utility Operator – Allen Leiby
 - a. Utility Operator Allen Leiby presented his report. He informed the Authority that leak detection will be done in August in Bowers and that a water line repair was done in June. Also that the plant is operating efficiently and in compliance with DEP. There will be lead & copper testing coming up.
 - b. An update on the grease trap at the pumping station was given. Chris Paff informed the Authority that Saucony Creek Brewery currently has a tank on site and they said that they will have it installed by August 5. The Airport Diner tank is full. Paff cited them for it. They should be pumping on a regular basis, but he has had to remind them multiple times over the past few years to have it completed.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Steve Haring had a billing question relating to his property at 620 Noble St. He has three meters, as there are three separate businesses in the building. One business left the building and the area has been sitting empty. He requested from the

Authority a rate reduction while the space is not being used. The Authority discussed and asked Mr. Haring to write a formal request and they would discuss again after the request was received.

2. Resident David Sobotka requested an update on the current arbitration with Kutztown Borough and how it will affect the residents of the Township. Solicitor Nagy informed Sobotka that the Arbitration panel needs to decide the damages at a future hearing and that the residents should not be affected as we currently have set aside the original land and pipe usage costs. Sobotka asked if the public was invited to attend the Arbitration hearing for damages. Nagy informed him that the Township welcomes the public to the hearings, but that at the first hearing Kutztown requested that the public be excluded. At this time, it is not clear if the panel will allow the public to attend the next hearing.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Graff and seconded by Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Motion was passed (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerilyn Wehr, Secretary/Treasurer