

WYSOX TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

PRESENT: Thomas Henson-Vice Chairman, James Isaac, William Them – Secretary/Treasurer, Tina Pickett

ABSENT: Robert Williams-Chairman

OTHERS: Chad Strickland-Superintendent, Chris Jones – Solicitor

VISITORS: Gerald Howard

Visitor:

Mr. Howard stated that he has been the maintenance man for Ms. Leann Wolfe for several years. Mr. Howard is asking for forgiveness on the sewer portion on the bill as Ms. Wolfe had a water leak that did not go through the sewer. Mr. Howard thought he was treated rather rudely when he came into the office to request the reduction in the bill. Mr. Isaac asked if he took any pictures of the leak Mr. Howard stated he did not know he had to. Mr. Howard also questioned our winterization procedure we do for Ms. Wolfe’s property, Mr. Howard stated the meter pit was placed in an area that he did not approve of, and Mr. Johnson is aware of the issue. Mr. Henson apologized for how he was treated and asked for a motion to have the sewer credited on the account, Ms. Pickett made the motion to approve the sewer credits, Mr. Them seconded, approved. Mr. Howard was told in the future we need photos of the leak or the Authority needs notified in order to see the leak/repairs to verify it did not go down the sewer. Mr. Henson stated the agreement on the winterization needs further investigation. Ms. Maynard will contact Ms. Wolfe with the amount due on her bill.

Mr. Henson requested Mr. Casanave look at the property and check for notes on the Wolfe property.

Mr. Strickland stated he would contact Mr. Johnson as well to get the history of this meter pit installation.

Minutes:

The minutes from the meeting held on June 17, 2022 were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Isaac, and seconded by Mr. Them, approved.

Bills:

Mr. Isaac questioned a bill for low water pressure; what is done in that situation, Mr. Strickland stated we have to respond to ensure it is not a water main leak but usually we just adjust the pressure reducer valve. Mr. Isaac made a motion to pay the following bills for July, Ms. Pickett seconded, approved.

Wysox Operating Fund List of Bills:	July 2022	Amount:
TMA	WWTP TMA bond – 08/01/2022	\$ 3036.23
TMA	Administrative cost- 7/22	\$ 2,103.67
TMA	Sewer Flows (June)	\$ 14,939.11
TMA	Contracted Services	\$ 3,580.28
Frontier	Telephone 6 Invoices	\$ 289.49
TMA	CardMember (Battery)	\$ 53.39
TMA	Penelec PS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	\$ 1,052.55
HallockShannon	2021 Audit	\$ 2,000.00
Gannon	Premium	\$ 1,576.50
Stiffler McGraw	Invoice 126 & 133	\$ 2,228.00

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Commonwealth of PA	Chapter 302 Annual Fee	\$ 65.00
TMA	M & T monthly pymnt	\$ 4,988.44
TOTAL:		\$ 35,912.66

Wysox Water Operating List of Bills:	July 2022	Amount:
TMA	Water (June)	\$ 25,297.38
TMA	Contracted Services	\$ 2,961.61
TMA	Penelec Tank, Vault, PS	\$ 1,009.12
TMA	AT & T Scada	\$ 90.60
Gannon	Premium	\$ 525.50
HallockShannon	2021 Audit	\$ 2,000.00
Stiffler McGraw	Invoice 126 & 133	\$ 1,276.00
Commonwealth of PA	Chapter 302 Annual Fee	\$ 65.00
BNYMellon NY	August 2022	\$ 12,839.58
TOTALS:		\$ 46,064.79

Engineer:

Mr. Casanave stated that the changes to the rules and regulations outlined last month did not include the changes to the backflow prevention. Mr. Casanave stated he was able to sit with Mr. Strickland and review the regulations in regards to the back flow prevention. Mr. Casanave stated that the average life span of a back flow preventer is 5 to 7 years the water system has been in existence for over 8 years, with that being said he made a blanket policy. Mr. Casanave presented the rules and regulations that Mr. Jones presented last month with his suggested changes to back flow prevention. Section 2.06 discusses the need for back flow preventers to prevent cross contamination; Mr. Casanave reviewed with the Board his recommended changes. Mr. Strickland advised that the sentence that references that when it is discovered a back flow preventer is not operating it be replaced or repaired as some can be repaired. Mr. Strickland also suggested that a change be made to paragraph 2 where it states "A double backflow prevention device" be changed to "A dual backflow prevention device"; a dual is standard a double is testable. Mr. Jones suggested that we put the definition in the regulations to ensure they are defined as to their difference.

Mr. Henson wanted to review the changes and what burden we are putting on the consumer. Mr. Casanave stated maybe we have the testing every two years instead of annually. The Board discussed the backflow preventers and cost to replace them. Mr. Casanave stated the cost to keep a private water system places another level of potential contamination because there is a risk of unregulated untested water being introduced to the municipal water system. Mr. Casanave stated the burden of cost is something the Board has to decide; Mr. Them stated that burdening the Authority with the cost of testing will ultimately relate to what we charge the customer. Mr. Casanave stated that the initial inspection needs completed to know how many customers have and want to continue using their private water system. Mr. Henson stated in the first paragraph can it be put that the customer will pay for the testing, Mr. Casanave agreed that we need to outline who is responsible for what. Mr. Henson mentioned paragraph two we already have customers who have to replace their back flow preventer; Mr. Casanave mentioned that we need to look at this and do a start date for the customer base. Mr. Strickland stated the double back

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flow preventers are tested but they have a life span as well and that should be investigated and entered into the regulations. Mr. Henson mentioned that the 3rd paragraph and if the Board is agreeable to what is written; Mr. Casanave stated maybe to outline the costs and who is responsible to burden the cost in that summation as well.

Mr. Them stated he would like to review these changes in their entirety so he can review the changes; Mr. Casanave stated these changes are not to be adopted today we need to discuss the changes and costs.

Superintendent:

Mr. Strickland stated the new probe was installed at pump station 7 it is working well. We are still getting a lot of the flushable wipes at the pump stations; we will try to inform our customers again.

Treasurers Report:

Mr. Them stated everything looks good for revenue and expenditures so far this year; we have had a dry year and that has helped keep costs down.

Delinquents:

Mr. Henson asked about the delinquent list. Ms. Maynard stated we are doing good we still have our problem accounts.

Attorney:

Mr. Jones stated he is still working on Mr. Schultz, he sent correspondence to Attorney Niemiec to accept service on his client's behalf to enforce our rules and regulations and lien we have filed, Mr. Niemiec has yet to respond.

Audit:

The Board discussed the Audit presented by HallockShannon P.C. for the fiscal year 2021. Mr. Them made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit, Mr. Isaac seconded, approved.

Mr. Williams:

Ms. Maynard stated Mr. Williams was concerned by having to pay the tap in fees; the Board agreed we can have Mr. Williams make a payment arrangement for the tap in fee.

Adjournment:

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Maynard
Towanda Borough