

RLMA Budget Meeting
Wednesday September 24th, 2025

Present:

Dennis Klinedinst Gary LaTulippe
Nevin Horne John Krantz

Meeting Agenda:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- The pledge was recited and roll call was taken.

Discussion:

- **Insurance Rates and Surplus**
 - Mr. Krantz noted that all numbers shown this evening are very preliminary and will be more accurately reflected after he receives the final numbers at the end of the third quarter.
 - Health insurance is due to increase approximately 7% and we are still waiting on numbers for vision and dental. Life insurance typically remains the same.
 - The surplus from insurance (that gets returned to RLMA) was around \$41,000 today, but that number will continue to fluctuate daily as well.
- **Employee Salaries**
 - Employees are due for annual 3% raises per usual, and there was discussion of which non-union employees have gone above and beyond for a potential extra bump.
 - There was an in depth discussion ensuring everyone is being fairly compensated.
- **Capital Projects**
 - Mr. Krantz showed a list of 7-10 million dollars in projects for next year potentially. He is going to break these down by which are absolutely necessary to be completed right away, and which can be pushed out further into the future.
 - The project board will be updated to show order of importance as well.
 - Mr. Krantz briefly discussed each project listed with approximate costs.
- **Edgewood Tank Fund**
 - Mr. LaTulippe inquired about when we should begin paying on the Edgewood Tank Loan through PENNVest. He wanted to know if it is possible to pay on the principal now.
 - Mr. Krantz and Mr. Klinedinst agreed that the rate is set for the first 5 years and is fairly low, but if we are able to pay down early that would be beneficial. They are going to follow up with Mr. Dillinger to see what options exist.
- **Replacing All Meters in the Distribution System**
 - This project has been ongoing for awhile, and staffing issues have caused some delay completing it as well. At the start of 2026, any customer who has not scheduled a meter replacement will begin paying a penalty until completion. Customers have been notified on their bills and our website of this penalty.
- **Second Floor Rental**

- Mr. Krantz is still looking into renting the second floor for some additional profit. He would like to avoid tax complications by renting to a non-profit organization and would like to ensure any tenant we would allow in is the right fit for our building.
 - **Bulk Water**
 - There was some discussion of what rate increases are needed for our bulk water customers. Mr. Krantz is going to finalize numbers and notify these customers accordingly.
 - **Overall Budget Review**
 - Mr. Krantz went through some of the major items for the water/sewer expenses and revenue. He answered some questions about the spreadsheet items and stated that everything will be more finalized at next month's budget meeting -including potential rate increases.
 - **Audit**
 - Mr. LaTulippe inquired about some discrepancies found in the audit report and plans to address them in the future to be discussed at a later date.
- More Authority members showed up ready for the regular monthly meeting and were briefly updated on the various things discussed tonight.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Klinedinst adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kyrsten Scutta