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MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Authority Board Meeting

1:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL: Chairman Bither called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Jeff Bither, Jackie Light, Jim Stoneburner and Wes Kahler. All present. Also present were Director Rich Pierson, Office Manager Anne Richmond, Engineer Tom Wheat, Attorney Ken Sparks, Attorney Rob Thall, and guests Barry Township Trustee Roger Turner and SW Barry County Sewer & Water Authority Director Mark Doster.

REVIEW AND SET THE AGENDA: Pierson requested to alter the Agenda to review the Escandon matter and Rosenberger connection fee issues after opening bids on the used Cargo Van. He also requested adding the Augusta flow issue to Old Business. Kahler made the motion to accept the revised agenda. Motion was seconded by Light. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2009 REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION BOARD MEETING AND JULY 1, 2009 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: Pierson requested that the ITC action item in italics be stricken from the June 25, 2009 regular meeting minutes as this letter had already been received. A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Light to accept the regular meeting minutes as amended, and the closed and special meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

OPEN BIDS ON USED CARGO VAN:

The following bids were received for the 2003 GMC Savana Cargo Van:

Dan Bowker	\$4,750.00
Atlas Plumbing	\$9,000.00
Experienced Plumbing	\$5,400.00
Modernistic	\$5,405.00

A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Stoneburner to sell the van to the high bidder, Atlas Plumbing, for \$9,000.00 cash or certified check. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

HEAR THOSE PRESENT (Non-Agenda Items): None present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

To: Renz Sump Pump letter and flyer
Mr. & Mrs. Renz were contacted regarding their possible groundwater sump pump connection to the public sewer. A "mailer" that has been disseminated to all GLSWA customers was included in the letter to the Renzs explaining that groundwater sump

pumps are not permitted to be connected to the public sewer. The Renzs were asked to contact a local plumber to make the necessary correction if required and allow GLSWA to inspect the completed work or provide before and after pictures as documentation of the improvement. *Pierson to verify correction was made.*

To: Engel City Inspection Fee \$300.00

Mr. Engel is refusing to pay on an invoice sent to him for reimbursement of the water main inspection bill that GLSWA has paid for Spruce Lane Apartments. Mr. Engel is currently in court with the Village of Richland over the water main project at Spruce Lane Apartments and will contest any attempt to collect this via certification. *Pierson to discuss with the Village deduction of the payment for this invoice from Richland Village Water Connection Fees that are normally collected by GLSWA and passed through to the Village.*

To: England Sherman Lake Assistance

Ms. England needs to connect to the public sewer system as her existing septic system is failing. Ms. England was quoted \$8,892 for the connection fee due our office and \$3,108 for the on-site installation costs. She had asked if the \$8,892 could be financed with GLSWA and we told her we are currently evaluating whether to continue to allow financing as we have had difficulty as of late with payments due us under similar contracts. She is also investigating grant or loan programs for disabled homeowners to help pay for the connection costs. A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Light to postpone financing any new connection fees until GLSWA can resolve the security of connection fee liens. **Motion carried; all ayes.** *Pierson to have further discussion with Authority Attorney regarding lien status of connection fee liens.*

To: Scott Cranes Pond

On May 1, 2009, we invoiced Mr. Jon Scott for work performed by Prein and Newhof (\$70 + \$206 respectively) on his Crane's Pond project. Mr. Scott responded with a letter dated June 10th, 2009 stating the invoices were "tardy", "vague", "invalid", and "should be a part of the Authority's operational overhead". Mr. Scott was provided an explanation of the work and told that while it was legitimate, GLSWA would absorb these costs as he requested. Prior to the next phase, GLSWA would like to meet with Mr. Scott to outline what must be done and what the fees will be for the work needed.

To: Wigent Consumers Easement for Drive

On June 24, 2009, Ms. Sandra Wigent of Consumers Energy was mailed the official Application for Grant of Easement, along with letter attachments, maps, legal description, good-faith offer, etc. GLSWA also requested a License to remove the existing asphalt drive, return it to grass, add white split-rail fencing around the perimeter of the property, and mow and trim the landscaping.

To: Abushmaies Grinder Repair

Recently, the red light was observed on Ms. Abushmaies grinder pump wastewater system. When we went to service the station, Ms. Abushmaies advised us that one of

OLD BUSINESS

GIS Update	Discussion and update
Pierson to bring proposal/quote to purchase new server, software, etc. to next month's meeting.	

Inflow / Infiltration	Discussion and update
In process-Pierson & Wheat	

Charleston Township Sewer	Discussion and update
In process	

Water Connection Fee	Discussion and update
On hold	

Easement Releases	Discussion and update
In process for Kalamazoo and Barry County	

Disability benefit reinstated	Discussion and update
<p>Harleysville Insurance was going to discontinue the long-term disability coverage for GLSWA's full time employees as of July 1, 2009. A letter was written to Ms. Angela Aguirre to formally request an extension or reconsideration by Harleysville in this matter. After further discussions with Ms. Aguirre, long-term disability insurance was reinstated with Harleysville for GLSWA employees.</p>	

Pfizer Animal wastewater	Discussion and update
<p>After a record “low” flow in January, the Pfizer Farms on Gull Road has had record “highs” the last two months. Mary Aldrich of Pfizer was asked to contact us if there are any anomalies or future trends in this regard. No blockage or meter problem has been discovered.</p>	

MDEQ-PPP flow from purge water Discussion and update
In FYE 2010, two new purge wells pumping an additional 40gpm are expected.

Escandon matter Discussion and update

A motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Stoneburner to enter into closed session with Kahler, Light, Stoneburner, Bither, Pierson, Richmond, Wheat, Attorney Sparks, and Attorney Thall to review a confidential communication from the Authority Attorney. **Motion carried; Roll Call Vote; all ayes.** Closed session at 1:06 pm.

At 1:45 pm Chairman Bither declared the closed session adjourned.

A motion was made by Stoneburner and seconded by Kahler to direct Attorney Thall to communicate to Attorney King that it is GLSWA's intention not to contest the

bank's position on the sewer lien including having GLSWA refund the amounts collected on the Escandon contract via the tax roll. The mechanism for refunding is to be worked out with the Authority attorney with guidance from the Authority director.

Motion carried; all ayes.

Augusta Flow Issue

Installation

Augusta is again requesting that the flow meter be installed. *Pierson to contact Augusta to discuss further.*

FINANCIAL REVIEW/ PAY BILLS

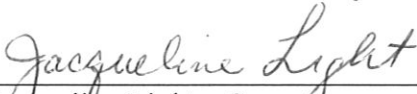
A motion was made by Light and seconded by Stoneburner to file the financial reports as presented, approve the standard bills paid, and pay the Prein & Newhof bills as presented.

Motion carried; all ayes.

CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURN. NEXT MEETING AUGUST 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise notified:
Chairman Bither adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Submitted for approval



Jacqueline Light – Secretary