

Patton Municipal Authority

Regular Meeting

Minutes

April 27, 2017

Location: Patton Borough Council Chambers

Member Present: Chairman, Edwin Link; Vice Chairman, Patrick Wood; Members: Don Kirk and Mark Stephens ; PMA Secretary, Donna Dunegan; and Recording PMA Secretary, Amanda Farrell. Absent: Jay Weakland.

Guests: David Cunningham, Keller Engineer, Marianne Kuzar, Joanne Jossel, Brian Barkley, Amber Stich

Chairman Link opened the meeting at 7PM.

Recited Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion:** Stephens/Wood to approve the March Minutes. Motion passed without objection.

Guest Marianne Kuzar stated she was here to get an update on the water. Engineer Cunningham stated that Hastings is still waiting for their DEP Permit. Currently the water is an equal mixture between Well #2 and Well #3 while. Once Hastings is no longer using our water (and the demand from ETMA decreases), the water will primarily come from Well #3. More discussion followed.

Guest Joanne Jossel stated that this water is affecting her health, that she has an a terrible odor in her home all the time and that she invited any of the members to go to her home to smell what she inhales every day. She stated that she is close to the point that will she should get a lawyer. More discussion followed which became a little heated.

After which Secretary Dunegan suggested testing the water at Ms. Jossel's house. Secretary Dunegan said this would eliminate any just speculation. Ms. Jossel agreed with Secretary Dunegan and said that she does not have any more filters on and she would agree to have testing done. Chairman Link stated that it would be possible to get the Plant Manager, Ken Trinkley, to do a sample. Ms. Jossel replied yes, there's a problem with the water but no one is investigating, there's no leak in her house, it smells like a sewer constantly. Member Stephens

said that a test at her house would determine if there is a problem. Member Kirk stated that it may not even be the water that's causing the smell, it may be something in the house.

Guest Marianne Kuzar stated that there is a constant Sulphur smell all the time (at her resident). Jossel said maybe it's Sulphur that she smells from the water. Member Link suggested that we also test one of Jossel's neighbors as well. Jossel stated that she will ask her neighbors.

Member Stephens said if we put in a filtration system our water bills could go up \$25.00 or more per bill. Guest Kuzar stated that she would pay that. It was added that that would only be the cost to pay for filtration system not including the operational costs. More discussion took place. Secretary Dunegan stated that a filtration plant would not solve the problem if it's in the distribution system, unless they do individual testing they won't know what the problem is. Marianne Kuzar asked why her water is cloudy while her neighbors are clear. Member Stephens said to Marianne Kuzar that her neighbors, The Thirsty Dawg, water was tested they had no problems and it was good and clear. A discussion of this took place.

Guests Kuzar asked about the odor and why she could have an odor and other not have an odor. Engineer Cunningham stated that it could be a reaction to her hot water tank, or a number of things. Marianne Kuzar stated Ed Galavich from DEP told her that elements in her hot water wouldn't cause that smell. Engineer Cunningham stated that some people have an odor while others don't while he was going to dispute the information that she received by the DEP but in his experience that well water can react with the element in hot water tanks causing an odor. Chairman Link also stated that he talked to various people about hot water rod causing a reaction that can give off smells. Ms. Kuzar stated that she has tank without elements. More discussion followed. Ms. Kuzar added that the water is a little better than February, not as milky and that she felt the odor is still there, especially using hot water rather than in the cold water. The guests stated that they also heard that Hastings residents also were getting smell from the water. Mr. Barkley stated that Hastings always had "stinky" water. More discussion followed.

Engineer Cunningham then discussed "ice pigging". This is the process for cleaning distribution lines, isolate one valve consisting of an "ice slushie" like substance, where it goes in white and usually comes out with any particles that could be in the line. It was asked if this would be done on certain lines. Engineer Cunningham said it's usually a one day process, and that every distribution place will be done.

Engineer Cunningham stated that it would be system wide. Ms. Jossel said she would be interested in how this worked and asked if she could be notified when it starts. The Authority said everyone would be notified but they can also notify her as well.

Well #4 was discussed and the timeframe for getting Well #4 online. A pretest was done on Well #4 and there are some issues with methane. The plan is to grout that layer. More

discussion took place on Well #4. It would be awhile before this work would even be near beginning.

A brief discussion took place before the guests left at 7:40pm.

A discussion took place on the items to be bid out.

Member Kirk asked what the generators would run on. Engineer Cunningham responded either diesel or propane. Member Kirk said that propane is better to use than diesel. They would have to be fixed to the buildings to be eligible. More discussion took place on the list of items for bid.

**Motion:** Kirk/Wood to approve Keller Engineers (Dave Cunningham, Engineer) to prepare the needed documents to place the items that need bid out, out for bid. Motion passed without objection. Engineer Cunningham hoped to be able to have a bid opening in May.

Engineer Cunningham was directed to set up testing with an independent lab for Ms. Jossel, Ms. Kuzar, and Mr. Barkley.

Executive Session took place to discuss a legal and personnel matters 8:00pm

Ended Executive Session at 8:20pm. No motions were made in executive session.

**Motion:** Stephens/Wood to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Motion passed without objection.

A copy of the Engineers Report is attached to these minutes.

Respectfully Submitted by



Amanda Farrell

Recording Secretary