

Patton Municipal Authority

Regular Meeting

Minutes

June 15, 2017

Location: Patton Borough Council Chambers

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

Guests: David Cunningham, Keller Engineer, Marianne Kuzar, Joanne Jossell, Amber Stitch

Chairman Link opened the meeting at 7PM.

Recited Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion:** Kirk/Weakland to approve the May Minutes as well as the bid opening notes from June 13, 2017. Motion passed without objection.

Engineer Cunningham went over the bid results that we received and stated that he had estimated that the bids would be around \$300,000 for the water system improvement project and was pleased with the lower price by the SE Construction Group. More discussion on the same took place.

**Motion:** Weakland/Kirk to approve and award the contract to SE Construction Group for the 2017 Water System Improvements Project totaling \$218,460 based on Engineer Cunningham's review of the same. Motion passed without objection.

Engineer Cunningham stated that Hastings began operation of their treatment plant the week of May 15<sup>th</sup>. Engineer Cunningham stated that he is pretty comfortable that Hastings will not need our water in the future. Since Hastings is on their own source (and our production has gone down), we have been pumping almost exclusively from Well #3. Well #2 will be periodically exercised to keep the system operational.

Utility Service Group is scheduled to come in on June 28<sup>th</sup> just to get a preview of our area, and meet with personnel to review the ice pigging process.

Guest Kuzar asked Engineer Cunningham if he could go over the process of ice pigging again for her, which he did.

The Ice Pigging process should take around three to four weeks to complete. This process will start around September 11<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Link questioned if they will be doing this process during the day or at night. Engineer Cunningham responded that they will be doing the process during the day, every other day Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Guest Jossell stated that in prior meetings she stated that she would like to watch this process, and asked Secretary Dunegan if she was still on the list to be notified of when they start. Secretary Dunegan replied that yes that she will be notified. But also that all of the public will be notified prior to the pigging taking place. More discussion on the ice pigging process took place.

Engineer Cunningham stated that the operators noticed water in the yard around Well #2 facility. He stated that it was a pretty significant leak. Because of the location of the leak, they believe it was because of a water main break. Ferri Contracting was made aware of the condition and did the labor repairs at no cost.

Member Stephens arrived at 7:17pm

Engineer Cunningham asked Secretary Dunegan if line flushing was complete. Secretary Dunegan replied yes, it was completed the week before.

Engineer Cunningham stated that Mountain Research did the water testing. He stated that it will be at least another two weeks before we get the results. Guest Jossell asked if she will get a copy of her test results. Engineer Cunningham stated yes. A short discussion took place, Engineer Cunningham he went over the list of what they tested for.

Guest Kuzar stated that when the guy came to do the test at her place, she asked him if he could smell the Sulphur, to which he told her no.

Guest Kuzar stated that the pH in the water dries the skin out, when it's too high. Guest Jossell asked if the pH is higher, does it help save the copper pipes in the house? Engineer Cunningham replied yes.

Engineer Cunningham stated that the Elder tank has been overflowing at times, he believes that the tank is too turbulent. He stated that the water operators have been going directly to the tank to get their reading. SE Construction will be fixing this with the contract this month.

Guest Jossell asked about operator training. Authority members replied, yes they continue to go to training classes. More discussion followed. Guest Jossell asked for the names of the certified operators (which are Ken Trinkley and Mike Pompa). Guest Jossell asked if she could get copies of their certifications. The Authority members stated they would check to see if they could get her copies of those and if they could they would get her copies.

General discussion took place before adjourning.

**Motion:** Kirk/Weakland to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Motion passed without objection.

Respectfully Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amanda Farrell".

Amanda Farrell  
Recording Secretary