

Centre Documenters

Meeting: Gregg Township Water Authority

Township: Gregg Township

Documenter name: Rivka Wolin

Date: Oct. 30, 2023

Start Time: 7:35 p.m.

End Time: 8:26 p.m.

In attendance

Water authority members

- President: Tom Stitzer – not present
- Vice-President: Laron Horner – present
- Secretary: Jeff Beron
- Treasurer: Aaron Covalt – present
- Member: Roy Thompon
- Operator: Roy Rupert – present
- Operator to be: Justin Kerstetter – present

Buchart Horn Engineers

- Zebulen Smoyer
- Patrick Ward

Township Staff

- Supervisor: Cathy Arney
- Accountant: John Corman
- Solicitor: Bod Mix

Notes

- On Oct. 31 – the day after this meeting – there is a meeting with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to go over a Water Plant Performance Evaluation that will take place in December.
 - There are some false reads coming from the turbidimeters, which might be caused by

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air getting into the system for 20 minutes. The water operators would like to have this documented before the December inspection.

- *A note from your Documenter:* A turbidimeter is a testing device that measures the haziness, or cloudiness of a liquid sample by determining how much light can pass through it.
- The Buchart Horn Engineering agreement was accepted by members during today's meeting.
 - The proposal was presented to the water authority during last month's meeting. The authority asked for additional time in September to approve the agreement.
 - The agreement between the water authority and Buchart Horn Engineering will provide the township with services for the completion of a Public Water Supply Permit modification.
 - Buchart Horn engineering will be assisting in the preparation and submission of the permit modification. This includes:
 - Installation of one individual filter effluent turbidimeter
 - Installation of one entry point actuated valve
 - Integration of turbidimeters chlorine analyzers and the entry point actuated valve into the SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system to provide alarm and shutdown capabilities
 - *A note from your Documenter:* A SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system allows for water operators to control, monitor, and analyze the equipment and processes occurring at the water treatment plant.
- The sewer authority reviewed a financial document and a motion to accept finances was passed. *Documenters will follow up with the township for this document.*
 - Residents with overdue payments will be notified of overdue payments.
- The engineering firm located the specific water main that will be impacted by the bridge replacement.
 - The authority is considering putting a valve on the water main so that no residents' water is shut off during the bridge's replacement.
 - *A note from your Documenter:* The name of the engineering firm was not stated nor was the name of the bridge in need of replacement.
- The authority approved its 2024 budget.
 - There will be an increase in both the base water rate and the rate for additional gallons starting Jan. 1, 2024
 - The base rate of water will be an additional \$2 (\$54 to \$56).

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Follow-Up Questions

- What bridge was the authority talking about?
- Which engineering firm located the water main near the bridge?
- What financial document approved during the meeting?

Summary

- An agreement between the water authority and Buchart Horn Engineering was signed. The firm's services will help the water authority complete a Public Water Supply Permit modification application.

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