

August 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The August 2nd Board meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Glenn Leep.

Roll Call: Township officials present: Glenn Leep of Martin, Roger VanVolkinburg of Wayland, Tom Rook of Orangeville, and Mark Englerth of Yankee Springs. GLASWA employees present: Director Larry Knowles and Office Manager Tara Palandri.

Review Minutes: Mr. VanVolkinburg motioned to accept the July meeting minutes, Mr. Englerth supported, the motion carried 4-0.

Director's Report:

- Laboratory Technician Monthly Report attached.
- YST Water
 - The MOR and reports have been sent to the DEQ.
 - July Water Report attached. A record 4.175 million gallons was pumped in July.
 - MRWA presented their rate study to the YST Board and the Water Advisory Board. YST Board will hold meetings in the future to discuss.
 - Mr. Knowles still hasn't heard from Yankee Springs regarding their intentions with the contract.
- Grinders
 - Mr. Knowles presented the Board with an ordinance adoption that assigns ownership and responsibility of new grinders to the homeowner. The Board agreed that this will be a great way to evaluate the pros and cons of homeowners maintaining grinders while considering expanding the ownership to existing homeowners in the future. GLASWA plans on holding an informational meeting next summer to discuss changing the ownership of the current grinders.
- Rates
 - Per the plan developed in 2016, the board will bring ordinance amendments regarding increasing the sewer rates to their respective townships for approval to take effect 1/1/19. The increase will be an additional \$3 per quarterly bill (from \$93/quarter to \$96/quarter) and an increase from \$4.00/1,000 gallons to \$4.15/1,000 gallons metered.
- Attorney
 - The current situation with GLASWA's attorney was brought up. The Board recommended that Mr. Knowles explore all possible options.
- Water Testing Lab
 - GLASWA is in the process of becoming a certified water lab that will be able to test only for bacteria. We intend to offer the service to YST Water and owners of private wells for a fee.
- Project
 - We held the preconstruction meeting on Tuesday (7/31/18). The contractor expects to start construction of the headworks around September 1st.
 - Request for proposals for the bond are due 8/7/18. The closing is scheduled to happen prior to 8/31/18.

New Business: Two sewer permits (Orangeville) and no water permits.

Financial Statements: July payroll totaled \$25,261.70 and operation expenses (checks #14496-14525) along with electronic payments totaled \$48,471.65. Total July expenses came to \$73,733.35. A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Englerth and supported by Mr. VanVolkinburg, the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion: More discussion about giving ownership of grinders to new homeowners took place.

Hear Those Present: None present.

Adjournment: Mr. VanVolkinburg motioned to adjourn at 8:11 PM, supported by Mr. Englerth, passed 4-0.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM.