

Chairman Eugene “Gene” Neidermyer called the October 10, 2019 meeting of the Western Heights Water Authority to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Gene Neidermyer, Jim Leonard and Tony Gay. Also, present were Patrick Kidd (Operator), Gary Martin (Engineer), William Cassidy (Solicitor) and Tom Plitt (Township Supervisor).

Jim made a **motion to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes as presented.** Tony seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

Jim made a **motion to approve the August 8, 2019 minutes as presented.** Tony seconded the motion and all voted yes. This motion was necessary due to the minutes being approved in error at the September 12, 2019 meeting.

Gary and Patrick presented a quote from Rio Supply Company for one hundred and twelve (112) Neptune water meters, in the amount of Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$59,848.80). Solicitor Cassidy will provide information on prevailing wage and if this project will need to go out as a public bid. The meters will be an upgrade with a back-flow prevention already included. Gary said the Authority should recommend to each customer that a surge tank be installed at the homeowner’s expense, to prevent pressure surge in their water system. Jerry suggested we purchase three (3) meter readers, one for each vehicle. Jim asked Gary to verify if touch pads would be included in this quote. Gary also recommended that the WHWA apply for the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Project Grant in December of 2019, which will pay for eighty five (85%) percent of the current quote. Gary informed the Authority that there will be an additional cost of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for Legal and Engineering fees. Legal and engineering fees will be an expense even if the grant is not awarded to WHWA. After much discussion Jim made a **motion to apply for a Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Project Grant.** Tony seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Gary reported that the New Holland Shopping Center is currently pursuing a connection to the New Holland Borough public water system. After some discussion no action was taken.

Linda presented a rough draft of the 2020 Budget, Linda requested that the Authority look over the Budget and at the November 14, 2020 meeting this will be discussed.

Patrick reported on the Uninterrupted System Service Plan. The two (2) pressure tanks where installed inside the pump house. The cost was Seventeen Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) This will provide adequate time for the generator to connect during power failures and maintain system pressure. With these two pressure tanks, the water system should remain above the PA DEP minimum 21 psi requirement before a boil water advisory notification is required.

Jim made a **motion to Adopt the 2019 Audit.** Tony seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Solicitor Cassidy reported on the Gail R. Blann property, 823 West Main Street lien matter. The day before sheriff sale was scheduled to take place the homeowner filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy. This property isn’t currently connected to WHWA. However, WHWA is still waiting on water samples to evaluate the quality of the private water system.

The delinquent accounts were reviewed in the amount of \$ 2,581.90.
The receipts for August were reviewed in the amount of \$ 316.32.

Tony made a **motion to approve the disbursement of checks #4251 - #4266 in the amount of \$11,342.91.** Jim seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Linda Marburger, Appointed Secretary/Treasurer

