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POTTSTOWN BOROUGH AUTHORITY

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chomnuk called the Go-to meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present were Mike Benner, Jeff Chomnuk, Tom Carroll, Aram Ecker and David Renn. Also in attendance were Solicitor Vincent Pompo, Authority Manager Justin Keller, Engineer Joshua Fox, Public Works Director Doug Yerger, Utilities Director Brent Wagner, Bookkeeper Gerry Keszczyk and Borough Secretary Virginia Takach.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

AQUA PENNSYLVANIA INTERIM EMERGENCY BULKWATER PURCHASE

Mr. Keller explained the request of Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. for its need for bulk water. The request was due to low pressure issues in its service area and due to more people working and schooling from home. He advised that Staff is seeking approval of an Interim Bulk Water Emergency Agreement for a four-month period, to review monthly and determine if this results in a long-term agreement. Mr. Keller added that there is also a license agreement for a small shed to house its controls. Aqua is supplying an escrow agreement and covering engineering and legal fees. He also advised that the final plans for the shed structure shall be approved by the Engineer and the capacity amount is to be provided. He added that for the motion this evening, the amount of bulk water shall not exceed 300,000 gallons per day.

Solicitor Pompo added that the document is an interim agreement and reduces the Authority's liability in providing water to Aqua, which meets potable water standards set by State and Federal guidelines. The pump house would be installed at the Farmington Avenue station and the provisions would provide for a maximum supply not to exceed 300,000 gallons per day and a precise number for gallons per minute. Solicitor Pompo added that the agreement provides for appropriate metering and a shut off valve and Aqua will pay for its share of electricity. He also noted that the License Agreement allows for authorization to temporarily occupy the site. The site map is included in the License Agreement. He added that a few outstanding items remain to finalize the agreement, including the size of the shed.

Mr. Ecker advised that he was assigned the task of marketing water several years ago and worked with Superior and advised that with Occidental, Mrs. Smith's Pie Company and Flagg's, the Authority was selling approximately 4.5 to 5 million gallons per day.

Mr. Yerger advised that even though Aqua is asking for 1 million gallons per day, he needs to watch out for the Authority's system to not over extend the pump stations.

Mr. Keller added that staff will be monitoring the use throughout the temporary agreement.

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Engineer Cory Salmon added that HRG is in agreement with the presentation.

Mr. Carroll moved to approve and authorize execution of the Interim Emergency Bulk Water Purchase Agreement and the License Agreement between the Pottstown Borough Authority and Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. as presented at the meeting subject to the conditions of Aqua providing a revised point of connection plan satisfactory to the Authority Engineer and the Authority Engineer providing capacity modeling in order to fill in the blanks in the Agreement for the Maximum Supply and Maximum Rate. Mr. Renn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on motion by Mr. Renn.

Submitted by,

Virginia L. Takach, Borough Secretary
for Thomas Carroll, Secretary