



Matt Gieg stated that he received a Settlement Agreement proposal from John Bee, legal counsel for Greg Werstil of Energy Intermodal Associates, LLC. In this Settlement Agreement, Mr. Werstil agrees to pay \$4,302.45 for sewer charges. Matt recommends that the Authority accept this Settlement Agreement in order to resolve the dispute regarding sewer charges at the former North American Communications facility at 141 Innovation Drive. Motion was made to authorize Ted Ventre, Chairman, to sign the Settlement Agreement between BTWSA and Energy Intermodal Associates, LLC., given that the language in the Agreement includes that this property would be subject to the uniform, system-wide future rate restructuring rates which will be adopted shortly, but prior to that, would be billed at the 1 EDU Metered Sewer Rate. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 4 Yes.

Last month, motion was made to bill Chris Weidley for sanitary sewer service, retroactively, for 2321 Smoke Drive, Unit C, from July 2017 to February 2021 in the amount of \$2,384.00. On March 23, Matt Gieg sent an email to the Authority Members, Tim, and Katie, stating that Mr. Weidley had presented a check to Gieg Law Offices in the amount of \$2,384.00 to satisfy, in full, all past due amounts for 2321 Smoke Drive, Unit C. This amount does not include any fines or penalties. Chris Weidley, who was in attendance at tonight's meeting, stated that he was unsure how his bill was computed and questioned where BTWSA got their information whenever he is just concluding an investigation with Pennsylvania Municipal Code Alliance (PMCA). Matt Gieg stated that PMCA's decision does not necessarily mean that is BTWSA's decision. Matt commented that if Mr. Weidley is disputing the legitimacy of his bill, he should put this in writing and send it to the Authority. Motion was made to table accepting payment of \$2,384.00 from Mr. Weidley as payment for sewer service for 2321 Smoke Drive, Unit C, until next month's meeting so Mr. Weidley has a chance to present the findings of PMCA and can compose a letter to BTWSA outlining his concerns. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 4 Yes.

Dan Carbaugh stated that Keller Engineers submitted the Chapter 110 Water Supply Report to DEP.

Dan reported that Vicki Claar has hired a new contractor to install the Sanitary Sewer Extension at 646 Patrick Lane. Pat Burns is the official contractor, and he will be submitting blueprints to Keller Engineers for approval.

Dan reported that Keller Engineers has performed a Rate Analysis using a 10-month snapshot of Customer Usages and has arrived at a new Metered Sewer Rate Structure that would essentially eliminate multiple EDU Billing Rates and further simplify the BTWSA Rate Structure into a Tiered Consumption Billing Rate. Robin Cadwallader liked the concept of a customer who is conserving to be billed less, and for a customer who waters their lawn and power washes their driveway to be billed more. Brendan Peterson pointed out that using the proposed rate, the ones who are conserving essentially were paying more per 1000 gallons. After discussion, motion was made to authorize Keller Engineers to examine each tier of the proposed Tiered Consumption Billing Rate to make sure the charges are fair and equitable for low users and high users alike, and to present their findings at the May BTWSA Meeting. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 4 Yes.

Tim McGaw stated that this past month he contacted 4 customers about their Delinquent Accounts. As a result, 3 customers paid, and the other customer was given an extension because she'd been out of work for a month due to COVID-19.

Tim reported that he has been looking at Leak Detection devices. Last month, our distribution system lost around 2,000,000 gallons of water, which put our Water Loss Percentage at 40%. The Gutermann Aquascan TM2 Kit offered by Exeter seems best suited for a system with predominantly plastic service lines, such as ours. It costs \$39,000.00, which includes a day of demonstrations and training. Brendan calculated that if we are losing that much water, it would only take a few months to recoup the price of the Leak Detection Device if it enables us to locate and repair a few water leaks. After discussion, motion was made to purchase the Gutermann Aquascan TM2 Kit for \$39,000.00 which includes 1 day of on-site Training. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Tim spoke with Altoona Water Authority (AWA) at length about the way they bill Landlord-Tenants. Since an Authority can place a Municipal Lien against a property in order to collect Water and Sewer, AWA has eliminated sending a bill to a Tenant. AWA only bills Owners for Water and Sewer and places the burden upon the Owner to collect this from their Tenants. The question arose as to whether BTWSA would still shut off water to a tenant due to non-payment if it wasn't the tenant's responsibility to pay the water bill. Tim pointed out that we have multiple 4-unit townhouses that only have 1 shut-off. Dan Carbaugh said our Rules and Regulations clearly define that in that case, the Owner is responsible for separating the water lines. The Board suggested enacting a Rule that a surcharge would be applied each day until the repair had been made, as an incentive for the Owner to make the repair in a timely fashion.

As a result of the Tiered Consumption Billing Rate presented by Dan Carbaugh, Tim reported that this new rate will eliminate the term "EDU" for Metered Billing Purposes and will only need to be used for Reporting Purposes. There is no nationwide standard that defines an EDU. Duncansville defines it as 300 gpd; Hollidaysburg defines it as 170 gpd; Freedom Township defines it as 270 gpd; and BTWSA defines it as 250 gpd. Dan stated the term will still be used for Permitting purposes as well.

Katie McGaw reported that as a result of Duncansville Borough's 2020 Reconciliation, it was determined that BTWSA underpaid them by \$261.72 for wastewater treatment. They have been sent a check for \$261.72.

Brendan announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held via Conference Call on May 5, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 9:08 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Silveti VOTE: 4 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,

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