

**MINUTES OF THE GETTYSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 18, 2018

The duly advertised Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gettysburg Municipal Authority ("GMA") was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the GMA office, 601 E. Middle Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325, by Ms. Dorothy Puhl, Chairperson. Present were Ms. Dorothy Puhl, Chairperson; Ms. Susan Naugle, Vice Chairperson; Dr. Timothy Good, Secretary; Ms. Susan Cipperly, Treasurer; Mr. Max Felty, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. Mark Guise, Utilities Manager; Mr. Paul Gross, P.E., of Buchart Horn, Inc. Authority Engineer; Mr. Bernie Yannetti, Authority Solicitor; Ms. Amy Smith, Finance Director and Ms. Karen Rabine, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Zach Bolitho, National Park Service; Ms. Barbara Mowery, Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association; Mr. Brenden Synnamon, Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association and Mr. Jim Hale, representing The Gettysburg Times were in attendance.

Public Comment:

No public comment at this time.

Minutes:

Mr. Felty moved, seconded by Ms. Cipperly, to approve GMA's May 21, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Invoices:

Dr. Good moved, seconded by Ms. Naugle, that all invoices for the month be paid. The motion carried unanimously.

Stratton Street Project Update:

Mr. Guise stated that the contractor E.K. Service, Inc., that is replacing the water main on Stratton Street from Lincoln Avenue to East Middle Street, started work today. The approximate time of completion is 4 – 6 weeks weather permitting.

Herr's Ridge / Cemetery Hill Tank Design Update:

Mr. Gross of Buchart Horn and the Board discussed some alternatives previously suggested by the National Park Service including additional costs, regulations and locations regarding the proposed construction of two water towers proposed to be located at the intersection of Herr's Ridge and Fairplay roads in Cumberland Township and along Baltimore Street at Cemetery Hill. The proposed alternatives suggested by the NPS were to change the Herr's Ridge single elevated tank to multiple standpipes that would have the appearance of farm silos, utilize a below ground or at grade pumping system rather than elevated tanks or to construct the tanks in a less visible location. Mr. Bolitho, representative from the NPS, stated the best case scenario would be the water towers are invisible to the Park's viewshed.

Mr. Gross stated that a skirt construction to make the structure look more like a silo would cost an additional \$200,000 to \$500,000 and the tanks would appear too large to get the desired effect. The option of building below ground or at grade is not equivalent to having water stored at the required elevation to pressurize the system. PADEP does not allow finished water to be stored in below grade structures. At grade structures are permitted but require constant pressure pumping system, which is

the situation GMA is trying to eliminate. To construct a tank alongside the existing Heritage Land tank on Natural Springs road would require installing more than a mile of water mains at the cost of \$1.1 million plus. The location also poses flow problems and resulting quality risks because it is far from the system where the existing storage structures are located. Ms. Barb Mowery representing the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association stated that she's concerned with visibility and wouldn't want tanks at either Heritage Land or Herr's Ridge.

Chairperson Puhl commented, "The bottom line is that it's a big money issue. The decision about the towers will have a direct impact on rate payers and the duty of the Board members is to make that impact as non-egregious as possible."

Mr. Bolitho stated that "The best case scenario would be for the towers to be invisible in the park's view shed, but on the other hand residents and visitors both require water and a balance needs to be found, but so far no one has come up with a solution".

Tax Exempt Filing For Newly Acquired Land / Jack Rd.:

Mr. Yannetti stated that GMA is in the end stage of their land acquisition. GMA is filing the PA Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act paperwork which provides a preferential tax assessment for this land which protects the head waters of GMA's system.

Water Agenda:

NPDES Permits:

Mr. Guise stated that GMA has started the process of renewing the NPDES permits for the Gettysburg Water Treatment Plant and on the Stream Well #2 permit for 2019.

Public Comment:

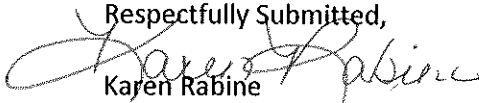
No public present at this time.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Felty moved, seconded by Ms. Naugle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular GMA Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the GMA office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Karen Rabine
Recording Secretary