Milesburg Borough Water Authority Meeting Minutes
416 Front Street
June 23, 2025

Present: Vice Chairman Plummer Davidson, Ethel Kellerman, Jon McClure, and Fred Kellerman (phone)

Consultants: Jeff Stover, Esq., David Ritchie HRG Engineer (represented Matt Deskevich), and Ron Smith, Milesburg Water Authority employee (represented Nick Witherite]

Absent: Eric Fisher, Board Member and Nick Witherite, Milesburg Water Authority employee

Pledge of Allegiance

Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors – no comments.

Previous Minutes (Motion to Approve)

Motion made by Ethel Kellerman and seconded by Jon McClure to approve May 19, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Budget Reports, and Pay the Bills (Motion to Approve)

Motion made by Jon McClure and seconded by Ethel Kellerman to approve and pay the bills. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Usage Report: Smith reported that the usage was 233,000.
- Leak Detection: Ongoing.
- New Tap (s): No new taps were reported.
- Backflow Inspection Program: McClure reported the letters were mailed and the forms should start to come back to the Water Authority.
- Delinquent Accounts: The Secretary-Treasurer announced that the estimated amount for outstanding water bills exceeded $18,000, and second notices would be mailed out later that week.

- HRG Engineer: Ritchie submitted the Authority's 2024 Consumer Confidence Report and mentioned that it must be distributed to customers by July 1, 2025, and that the certification for this distribution had to be sent to the DEP by October 1, 2025.

  Smith confirmed that he would pick up the report mailings from the printer tomorrow and would start sending them out that week.

- Amended and Restated Lease with the Milesburg Borough **(Motion)**

  No action was required, as it had already been voted on and approved during the meeting on May 19, 2025. Davidson also mentioned that the lease agreement was signed by Milesburg Borough Council.

New Business:

- Penn Center Logistics [new fire flow pump]

  Smith mentioned that Penn Center Logistics contacted the Milesburg Water Authority and wanted to perform a flow test of 1500 gallons per minute on the water system. The test had been attempted before, and caused a water shutdown for Runville customers, which required a bacteria test and resulted in a fine from DEP. Concerns arose that they might attempt this again, leading Witherite to reach out to DEP, who advised that they could disconnect Penn Center Logistics if they threatened the Milesburg Water Authority's system.

  Additionally, Stover pointed out that this problem had been ongoing for the past 10 to 12 years; in the latest occurrence, he sent them a letter that forbidden another flow test. Smith also informed the board that Penn Center Logistics had removed their pump; and with that change, the board decided that no action would be taken unless a new pump was installed, at which time Stover would need to send another letter to the company.

- M&T Bank Accounts signer **(Motion)**

  Motion made by Ethel Kellerman and seconded by Plummer Davidson to remove Fred Kellerman's as a signer on the M&T Bank accounts and add Jon McClure. Motion carried.

- Audit Update

  The Secretary Treasurer noted that one issue was holding up the audit, specifically an uncashed outstanding check. After she reached out to the recipient of the check to verify that it had not been cashed, she would void the check, to allow the audit to be finalized and prepared for a vote at the next board meeting.

- Recommendation to fill vacant position of Secretary-Treasurer **(Motion)**

Motion made by Jon McClure and seconded by Ethel Kellerman to award Michaela Bressler the Secretary-Treasurer position for the Milesburg Water Authority. Motion carried.

- MAIL: The Secretary-Treasurer announced that mail was received from The Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association concerning the notification of the voting delegate and alternate, as well as the application for the extended service award nomination.

Resident Barry Campbell, Jr. pointed out that although the Cavalry Pear Trees were cut down in October 2023, their roots remained, that caused sprouts to emerge along Turnpike Street, that came up through the sidewalks, in residents' yards, and even in basements. He understood that the root system would be addressed but did not believe that had happened. McClure mentioned that he would reach out to several arborists he was familiar with to investigate possible solutions and present their proposals at the next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Eric Fisher and seconded by Jon McClure. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at: 6:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

Robyn D. Dyke, (Acting Secretary-Treasurer)