

LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, February 7, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Lehighon Water Authority was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. Chairman; David Harleman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Attendance:

David Harleman; Chairman, Lamont Ebbert; Vice Chairman, Russell Schoenberger; Secretary, Gordon Ripkey; Treasurer, Larry Markley; Asst. Treasurer, Tucker Haberman; Superintendent, Jeffrey Ebbert; Asst. Superintendent, Nicole Nothstein; Administrative Secretary and Jenny Cheng; Solicitor

Minutes:

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2024 were approved on a motion by Lamont Ebbert seconded by Larry Markley and passed.

Solicitor's Report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

1. Gordon Ripkey made a motion, seconded by Lamont Ebbert and passed to authorize the release of the Letter of Credit for Fred Leshner—was for the main extension project to the Country Inn & Suites.
2. Authorization given for David Harleman to sign the engagement letter for Buckno Lisicky & Co. to complete the 2023 financial audit at a cost not to exceed \$9,000 on a motion made by Lamont Ebbert, seconded by Larry Markley and passed.
3. Industrial Appraisal requested the board's consideration to provide a proposal for a complete reappraisal of our buildings and contents. The board is interested in receiving the proposal and requested Nicole Nothstein to ask if it's necessary to complete the annual revaluation service for \$540 insurable values and \$380 for accounting data if we'd decide to have a complete reappraisal.
4. Larry Markley made a motion, seconded by Gordon Ripkey to pay for ½ page as a cost of \$50 in the Carbon County Sports Hall of Fame in Honor of Lamont Ebbert and Memory of the late George Bibighaus.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Gordon Ripkey made a motion, seconded by Lamont Ebbert and passed to roll over the Edward Jones 3-months CD that matures on 2/20/24 for the best rate.
2. Nicole Nothstein is to check with the Borough if they carry cyber insurance and also to ask PenTeleData how the authority is protected with their services.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Water Works Metrology provided Quote #TIM12061225 for 400 hundred meters and nodes at a cost of \$104,560. The quote was approved on a motion made by Lamont Ebbert, seconded by Gordon Ripkey and passed.

2. Water Works Metrology provided Quote #TIM02011210 for 6 specialty meters for a cost of \$4107.12. The quote was approved on a motion made by Gordon Ripkey, seconded by Lamont Ebbert and passed.

Old Business:

1. Solar Energy—Received an email late in the day from Stephen Saliba asking the board to consider utilizing floating solar with our treatment facility. The board is interested in further information.

Approval of all Reports, Account Payables and Additional Account Payables:

On a motion by Lamont Ebbert seconded by Larry Markley to accept all reports and pay all bills.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Larry Markley, seconded by Lamont Ebbert and passed to go into executive session at 6:39 p.m. for personnel matters.

Regular Session:

On a motion by Gordon Ripkey, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to go back into regular session at 7:20 p.m.

Action Taken on Executive Session Items:

1. Russell Schoenberger made a motion, seconded by Larry Markley and passed; Lamont Ebbert abstained from voting; to remove Jeffrey Ebbert off of probation for the Assistant Superintendent position, move to full-time status with an approved salary increase.
2. A motion was made by Lamont Ebbert, seconded by Larry Markley and passed authorizing the payment of \$4,600 to 160 Driving Academy for a 4 weeks CDL training course for Ryan Moser.
3. A motion was made by Gordon Ripkey, seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed to invite the Borough Manager, Dane DeWire to our next monthly meeting or whichever after works best for him.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Lamont Ebbert seconded by Russell Schoenberger the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Russell Schoenberger
Secretary