
**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUA
REGULAR MEETING
October 22, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was called to order at 7:35 PM on October 22, 2014. Adequate notice of this meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was given to the Daily Record and the Courier News on February 19, 2014. Notice was also posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

Members Present: Messrs. Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Mascott
Alt. Members Present: Messrs. Babb
Members Absent: Messrs. Popper
Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Kramer
Staff Members Present: Executive Director (E.D.) Pucilowski, Secretary Waller

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2015 BUDGETS

The water and sewer capital budgets were reviewed. The following items were also discussed:

- The budget was updated to reflect the water capital income from water connections.
- Increases to the water and sewer capital expenses were reviewed.
- Capital improvement needs, both short-term and long-term, were reviewed.
- Due to financial resources, the capital budget historically has not been completely expended. It was agreed to include what should be spent in order to keep the needs documented, but continue to spend conservatively.
- The goal has been to keep the debt down by not refinancing until the debt is paid off while not letting the infrastructure run down. The debt is scheduled to be completed in 12 years.
- Prioritizing the capital needs is recommended.

The water and sewer operating budgets were reviewed. The following items were also discussed:

- A water rate increase of 4.6% is recommended to have a balanced operating budget
- Increases to the water and sewer operating expenses were reviewed.
- A usage rate history was provided.
- The sewer budget was presented with no rate increase.

Rates were reviewed. Alternative increases will be reviewed at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

- The generator at Old Farmer's Road School will be tested in two weeks. This will allow the Township to use the School for a warming center.
- The DEP has proposed to reduce the Administrative Order for the Long Valley sewer spill over Memorial Day weekend to \$2,500 which is half of the cost of the fine. This is an acceptable solution to the Board.
- An attempt of to increase bacteria growth at the sewer treatments plants by using hard dog food was discussed.
- The Schooley's Mountain Water System Overview from the engineer was reviewed. The pump storage system is recommended when taking a tank out of service for repairs but not as a long term solution

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Napolitano, and seconded by Mr. Mascott, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Mascott, Babb
NAYS: Messrs.: None
ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Jill Waller
Secretary