

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Sykesville Sewage and Water Authority was called to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Rick Fike. Those answering to roll call were Fike, Matusky, Frantz, Reiter and Sedor. Visitors were Tom Kundrich, Mack Zimmerman and Linda Mahlon from Borough Council. Also attending was Rose Klaiber of the Punxsutawney Spirit.

A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2015 Meeting was made by Frantz and seconded by Matusky. Motion carried unanimously.

Fike asked Matusky about the infiltration at the treatment plant with Matusky replying there is still around 24%. Sandy Township is down while Troutville is now up. Matusky plans on attending a Troutville Council meeting.

Matusky reviewed the permits that DEP now requires. There are more tests required and they will be more intense.

At this time Fike presented the water rate increase prepared by Gwin, Dobson & Foreman. The proposed basic rate will go to \$17.50/1,000 gallons and each additional 1,000 gallons will be \$12.00. This amounts to a 15 % rate increase. Winslow Township rate would go to \$6.00/1,000 gallons.

Zimmerman asked if it wouldn't be better to hook onto Sandy Township's water line and was told they buy their water from DuBois too.

Sedor wanted to know if the new line is going to be an 8" line. He was told it will be a 12" line instead since the Borough Council agreed to let Sandy Township install fire hydrants along the line. Sedor stated he feels we do not need the hydrants since there are so many fire departments in the area. Also this will cost the borough \$500,000 additional to do this.

Reiter said he feels it is better to look to the future and be prepared so he thinks the 12 inch line is okay.

Sedor said it all comes down to funding and we didn't get what we were supposed to from Brookville CDBG funding since the council dropped the ball by not doing the required income surveys. (Only Matusky completed his). Reiter asked what happened to the surplus of \$125,000 that had been put a side, he was told it was spent on water line repairs.

Mahon asked if it would be feasible to fix the line to save money instead of paying DuBois for the water loss. Sedor responded by saying it would have been better for Council to do the survey. With that, Mahlon agreed.

A Motion to Adopt a Resolution to raise the water rates to the suggested amounts was made by Reiter and seconded by Matusky. Opposed – Sedor. Motion carried.

Matusky said he heard where Council wants the Sewage and Water Authority to do more than set rates but if that happened the PUC would become involved and set rates for us.

A Special Meeting is set for August 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Reiter and seconded by Matusky. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karen M. Oeter", is written over a horizontal line.

Asst. Sec./Treas.