

Memorandum

TO: Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steven Jackson, Ferguson Representative to State College Borough Water Authority

DATE: 25 September 2016

SUBJECT: Notes from SCBWA meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016

CC: Mark Kunkle, Ferguson Township Manager

CC: John Lichman, SCBWA Executive Director

The SCBWA held its monthly meeting on Thursday September 15, 2016 at 1600. All seven board members were present and thus a quorum existed.

There were no public comments.

After approval of the minutes, the board approved payments in the amount of \$1,275,011.56 and Board Reserve Fund Requisitions in the amount of \$82,158.72, most notable of which was the final payment of the contract on the Waddle Road Bridge project which is finally done. New water connections were approved, none in Ferguson Township.

Most of the meeting involved a presentation of Mr. Mike Wolf from Appalachian Forest Consultants who was invited by the SCBWA Source Water Protection Committee to discuss a forest management plan for the SCBWA's Shingletown Gap Reservoir property. The plan involves a variety of techniques in different management units to eliminate invasive species of plants, fence off areas from deer and herbicide application to allow native trees to regenerate. The cost of the proposed plan would be off set by the harvesting of some timber on the SCBWA property. The plan was then sent back to the SCBWA Source Water Protection Committee for further discussion.

Proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations Concerning Water Service were tabled for redrafting for more clarity.

There were no full committee reports.

The Executive Director's report noted the work on fire hydrant painting, the completion of PSU summer water withdrawals, and the ongoing work in Hamilton Square project downtown. Mr. Lichman also noted that the Authority has had a very high number of calls recently for line location associated with digging and maintenance, demonstrating the need for a GPS-linked system for showing water line locations. The Paymentus and MuniLink payment systems were fully implemented on September 10. Finally, he said that water depths in wells have dropped 5-10 feet on average during the summer but that water production has not been affected.

There were no consultant reports, though the gist of a issue affecting the Treasurer/Financial Consultant was mentioned concerning pension investments. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 1715 and the Board then went into executive session.