

LEHIGHTON WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES Wednesday, January 10, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Lehigh 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

Reorganization:

The meeting was turned over to Jenny Cheng, Solicitor, all positions were declared vacant.

Lamont Ebbert made the motion, seconded by Gordon Ripkey and passed to elect the following board member positions, positions/professional services and regular meetings:

Chairman:	David Harleman
Vice-Chairman:	Lamont Ebbert
Secretary:	Russell Schoenberger
Treasurer:	Gordon Ripkey
Asst. Treasurer:	Larry Markley
Asst. Mgr. & Pub. Relations:	Russell Schoenberger
Superintendent:	Tucker Haberman
Asst. Superintendent:	Jeffrey Ebbert
Administrative Secretary:	Nicole Nothstein
Solicitor:	Jenny Cheng
Bank & Depository:	Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank
Engineer:	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Auditors:	Buckno Lisicky & Company
Insurance Agent:	Seltzer Insurance Group
Meeting Night:	The first Wednesday after the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. *January, July & September changed to following Week due to holidays.

The meeting was turned back over to David Harleman; Chairman.

Minutes:

The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting of Wednesday, December 6, 2023 were approved on a motion by Lamont Ebbert seconded by Russell Schoenberger and passed.

Solicitor's Report:

1. Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

1. The email from Patricia Rowe who expressed interest in leasing water authority property for distributed solar (panels) was declined on a motion made by Gordon Ripkey, seconded by Lamont Ebbert and passed.
2. A motion was made by Gordon Ripkey, seconded by Lamont Ebbert and passed to change the escrow required with the application for water connection from \$500 plus \$100 per acre to \$2,000 plus \$100 per acre.
3. The quote provided by Keystone Technology in the amount of \$1,625 to upgrade the office computer with the utility billing software on it was approved on a motion made by Lamont Ebbert, seconded by Larry Markley and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Community Bank CD \$200,000 matures on 1/13/24-a motion was made by Gordon Ripkey, seconded by Larry Markley and passed to cash out the CD and move the funds to Edwards Jones for one year at the best rate.
2. A motion was made by Gordon Ripkey, seconded by Lamont Ebbert and passed to roll over the Edward Jones CD \$30,000-matures on 1/17/24 for three months at the best rate.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Cost to replace one filter media at the plant is \$51,400, will get an updated cost to budget in 2025.
2. EPA provided a proposed update to the Lead & Copper Rule, was in the board's agenda packets for informational purposes.

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.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Lamont Ebbert seconded by Russell Schoenberger the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Russell Schoenberger
Secretary