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READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
4:00 PM
August 19, 2025

In attendance were Vice Chairman Mr. Richard L. Carpenter , Mrs. Cecile Grimshaw, Mr. Daniel Luckey , RAWA Solicitor Attorney Edwin Stock, Executive Director Mr. Bill Murray, Director of Operations and Maintenance Gary Phillips, Distribution Manager Anthony Reynolds, Administrator Suzanne Ruotolo, Director of Asset Management Yuri Evans, Plant Superintendent Patrick Bauer, Lake Ontelaunee Manager Michael Reider, Customer Service Manager Tracey Karish, Human Resources Manager Wendy Marrero, Meter Reader Manager Amy Styer, Dan Standish from SSM Engineering, Matt Kozlowski from Caselle, and Tim Kraft from RKL. Absent was Chairman Rev. Steven McCracken and Mrs. Tressa Jefferson.

The meeting was brought to order at 4:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

Ms. Shannon Hoch spoke at Public Comment regarding the balance of their bill. Mr. Murray advised Ms. Hoch to speak with Mrs. Ruotolo and Ms. Karish. Mr. Luckey asked if the board could be updated on final deposition on what was agreed upon.

Timothy Kraft from RKL presented to the Board the 2024 RAWA Financial Audit. There was one new accounting policy that went into effect this year but there was no impact on the financials. Mr. Kraft continued to present the audit with no unfavorable findings. Vice Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion to accept the 2024 Audit. A motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw and seconded by Mr. Luckey. All in favor, motion approved.

Vice Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from August 19, 2025. Mrs. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Luckey seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion to approve the August Invoices for Payment as follows, General Fund in the amount of \$762,214.62, the Capital Fund in the amount of \$248,291.53 and the Escrow Fund in the amount of \$3215.75. Mr. Luckey made a motion to approve payment of the invoices and Mrs. Grimshaw seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Carpenter advised he has been setting in on the Union Contract Negotiations.

Mrs. Ruotolo provided an update on the Public Comment, stating the customer is going to contact hardship for assistance.

Mr. Murray told the Board Members the monthly department reports were provided in the board packet.

Mr. Murray provided a GLO update, stating we continue to get into homes to verify the service line material. The 400 potholes GLO was trying to approve but due to the federal budget cuts the pot holing will be down to 200. Mr. Murray advised we pay the city a fee every time we open a street or sidewalk. Mr. Murray advised the city is going to give us a credit up to \$30,000.00, so the program will not have to use funds towards this fee.

Mr. Murray advised the Drought conditions have been lifted, and next week there is a meeting scheduled in Harrisburg to discuss our permit. Mr. Murray stated we are asking them to make modifications, if they don't want to make the modifications, we are going to ask them to allow us to resubmit and do this over again rather than wait for the 15 years term. He will provide an update next month.

Mr. Murray advised the last item is the purchase of Filter Turbidity Meter and asked Pat Bauer to further explain. Mr. Bauer advised this is a capital budget item, each of the filters has two sides, the "A" side of the filters have older obsolete meters. He stated this was approved in the beginning of the year for \$100,250.00, he was able to purchase the meters for \$99, 233.10 providing savings on the capital budget.

Mr. Murray stated we received a call today from a customer who is reporting a person in their home has been diagnosed with legionnaires disease. Mr. Murray stated the county had a situation at their new building with legionnaires and is still having reports. Mr. Murray spoke with the owner, and the person diagnosed is a friend who is staying with the owner, within 15 minutes of talking with the owner the water was tested RAWA was at 1.9, which is very good. Mr. Murray advised not only is there an issue with the county building, but New York City is having an outbreak.

Vice Chairmen Carpenter asked are we calling customers or just knocking on the doors to go into the property. Mr. Murray stated we call with the RAVE system, there are signs posted in the area, every GLO representative has a RAWA employee, all fully identified, and each one has a letter signed by Mr. Murray explaining what they are doing. Mr. Murray advised there are customers who don't let them in, and it is not a problem they say thank you and move on. They are very understanding that not everyone will open the door.

Mr. Dan Standish advised the Engineers report was submitted in the board packet. Mr. Standish advised he has two items for discussion. He provided an update on North Heidelberg Well, SSM prepared the budget and has a driller lined up. He is hoping for the test well to be done within the next 30 to 60 days to have an idea on the amount of water. Mr. Standish advised the other item is a capital improvement item, it is a pay application for the pavement restoration to CMS. He stated they are about 50 percent complete.

Mr. Luckey asked what GPM they are looking for, Mr. Standish advised between 60 and 100 GPM.

Solicitor Ed Stock advised there are no action items.

No Executive Session was needed.

Vice Chairman Carpenter stated the next Board Meeting will be on September 16, 2025.

Vice Chairman Carpenter asked for a motion to adjourn, a motion was made by Mrs. Grimshaw at 4:39 pm.