

**AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE
AUTHORITY, HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF JULY 2015, 7:00 P.M., MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
#2, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:**

PRESENT:	William Brown	-Chair
	Christopher Tuck	-Vice Chair
	Mary Biggs	-Secretary-Treasurer
	Gary Creed	-Member
	Todd King	-Member
	Robert C. Fronk	-PSA Director
	Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	Marty McMahon	-County Attorney
	Steve Howard	-Planning Commission

ABSENT:	Annette Perkins	-Member
	Matthew Gabriele	-Member

CALL TO ORDER

Chair William Brown called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by Christopher Tuck, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Public Service Authority hereby approves the Consent Agenda, dated July 06, 2015.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Mary Biggs		Annette Perkins
William Brown		Matthew Gabriele
Christopher Tuck		
Todd King		
Gary Creed		

**R15-07-01
AUBURN HIGH AND AUBURN
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHATTEL DEED**

On a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by Christopher Tuck, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Board of Directors hereby agree to accept the Chattel Deed for the Auburn High and Auburn Middle School Project water and sanitary sewer lines, valves, fittings, laterals, connections, storage facilities, manholes and any and all other equipment and appurtenances to the Montgomery County Public Service Authority. The Chattel Deed is hereby attached and made part of this Resolution by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority is hereby authorized to sign the above referenced Chattel Deed for the purpose of acknowledging acceptance of the Deed on behalf of the Directors of the Montgomery county Public Service Authority.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Mary Biggs

Annette Perkins

William Brown

Matthew Gabriele

Christopher Tuck

Todd King

Gary Creed

R15-07-02

**WARM HEARTH PUMP STATION
FORCE MAIN RELOCATION FOR SOUTHGATE DRIVE**

On a motion by Mary Biggs, seconded by Christopher Tuck, and carried; IT WAS RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority, that the Board of Directors hereby agree to accept the proposed Deed of Easement between Montgomery County Public Service Authority and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Appalachian Power Company for the force main sanitary sewer line to service Warm Hearth Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority is hereby authorized to sign the above referenced Deed of Easement for the purpose of acknowledging acceptance of the Easement on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority.

The vote on the foregoing motion is as follows:

AYE

NAY

ABSENT

Mary Biggs

Annette Perkins

William Brown

Matthew Gabriele

Christopher Tuck

Todd King

Gary Creed

***RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
DONALD W. FLEET***

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Public Service Authority operates three wastewater treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, The successful operation of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority wastewater treatment plants is reliant upon the dedication, knowledge, and skill of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority wastewater operators; and

WHEREAS, Donald W. Fleet committed considerable effort to acquire the knowledge and skill needed to obtain the professional experience required for the Class 1 Wastewater Works Operator License; and

WHEREAS, Donald W. Fleet demonstrated his proficiency of wastewater operations by passing the Class 1 Wastewater Works Operator License Exam; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority that the Board of Directors congratulates **Donald W. Fleet** for acquiring the Class 1 Wastewater Works Operator License.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original of this resolution be presented to **Donald W. Fleet** and a copy be made a part of the official Minutes of the Montgomery County Public Service Authority.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Monthly Activities Report

The June 2015 report is attached for review.

2. PSA Employee Licenses

Attached is a list of PSA employees showing water, wastewater and driver licenses. The number and level of licenses held is significant for an organization our size. We have considerable experience and flexibility for our current and future operations. Based upon the current licenses and interest of our newer employees, the incentive program has been very successful.

The average age of PSA employees is 43.3 years and the average years of service is 8.4 years.

3. Elliston Water Main Break

We experienced a 10-inch water main break along Roanoke Road in Elliston the morning of Friday June 26, 2015. Repairs were completed before noon that same day even-though the repair work required extensive traffic control measures due to the proximity to a high speed road (Rt. 460).

4. Theft of Service

We experienced an unusual theft of service in June 2015. A rental property customer in the Plum Creek area had their service initially cut-off for non-payment April 8, 2015. A follow up check on June 10, 2015 discovered that the meter had been turned back on so we turned the meter off and locked it. Due to an inquiry by the landlord, we again checked the meter on June 18, 2015, found that the lock had been cut and the meter turned back on. At this point we removed the meter.

In response to another report from the landlord on June 24, 2015, we found a water meter that had been removed from another PSA customer had been installed. The serial number had been scratched off the meter and the radio transmitter was removed. At this point we contacted the Sheriff's Department and turned over all information and evidence. The Deputy indicated this issue would be pursued as a criminal offense.

5. PSA Intern

We sent out inquiries through several educational sources for a college student to work as an intern over the summer college break to update our water and sewer mapping/GIS information. Mr. Jake K. Yoder, first year engineering student at Virginia Tech started on June 25, 2015 and is expected to work until the start of the fall semester.

6. Water Breaks / Pipe Failures at Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School

We experienced three water main breaks on the 8" PVC pipe main to the new Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School on June 18, June 20, and July 2, 2014. There have been at least six pipe failures of the same nature on the 8" PVC pipe main since October 2012. The pipe failures were straight-line splits in the "bell" end of the pipe. The estimated repair cost was about \$2,500 for each repair. We kept damaged pipe joint sections from the last 2 breaks and sent one to the pipe manufacturer for evaluation. The pipe manufacturer's report stated the pipe failure was the result of improper installation and "additional joints are susceptible to similar stress induced failures."

After reviewing with Montgomery County Public School (MCPS), MCPS staff issued a letter to the general contractor, Branch & Associates claiming a "Latent Defect" in the water line installation. The contractual relationship and responsibility for the waterline construction is between the general contractor and MCPS. The PSA took over ownership of the waterline based upon certifications and warranties from MCPS and their agents. A meeting was held October 1, 2014 with the general contractor, pipeline subcontractor, MCPS staff and PSA staff to review the situation and available information. The pipeline subcontractor submitted a letter dated November 5, 2014 claiming that even-though the pipe was installed/joined improperly, the fault is from over-compaction of the fill material above the pipe that was required by the project specifications as prepared by MCPS' engineer.

There has been a lack of substantial action by the general contractor since November 2014 in response to multiple MCPS inquiries. During this period, the general contractor replied to say

they are “seeking the advice of third party experts” and “want to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.”

As directed during the February 2015 PSA Meeting, the County Attorney sent an email to MCPS requesting repayment for PSA expenses for water main repairs and future reimbursement of repairs for 3 years. As a result, the County Attorney has been corresponding with the contractor’s attorney in an attempt to reach a solution. The latest correspondence of May 21, 2015 from the County Attorney to the contractor’s attorney requests terms of a \$7,500 payment (originally \$15,000) for past repairs and a 5 year period of coverage (12/31/2019) for future repairs of water main breaks.

It may be time to consider other options in order to protect the PSA interest due to the lack of response. The terms and conditions that lead to PSA acceptance of this water line have been proven invalid due to the documented improper installation/joining and over-compaction identified by the pipeline subcontractor. We could relocate the water meter for the school at the point of connection to the PSA water main along Roanoke Road (Rt. 460) and rescind the acceptance of the water line.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS’ REPORT

Member Gabriele- Absent

Member King- Distributed information about PSA Board of Directors compensation and current Compensation for other nearby authorities. PSA Board of Directors compensation had not Changed since set by PSA Board in April 1974.

Member Perkins- Absent

Member Creed – No Report

Member Biggs- No Report

Member Tuck - No Report

Member Brown - No Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned this meeting to the next meeting scheduled for August 3, 2015.