

**LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY**  
**415 Franklin Street**  
**Carlisle, PA 17013**

**MINUTES OF THE LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY**  
**February 15, 2018**

The meeting was held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, at the Carlisle Community Center. The meeting was called to order by Andy Parker at 7:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members / Representatives**

**Present:** Brett Flower, Sandy Kern, Andy Parker, James Ruhl, and Herb Weigl

**Members / Representatives Absent:** Bill Berwick, Dennis Burkett, and Dominik Maida, Jinnie Monismith

**Staff Present:** Kathy Russell

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Herb made a motion to approve the January minutes. James seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Administrator** - (Kathy Russell) – Kathy reminded everyone to complete their Statements of Financial Interest Forms.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance / Budget** – (Herb Weigl)

**Monthly Financial Status**

The memorandum of bills is as follows:

**Receipts:**

Current Month	
Municipal Contributions .....	+\$3,000.00
Friends Cash Contribution .....	\$150.00
Prior month Interest .....	+\$29.51
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>+\$33,179.51</b>

**Bills Requiring Approval:**

Administrator .....	-\$300.00
Verizon Wireless .....	-\$26.82
Herb Weigl Jr. (USPS) .....	-\$49.00
Deluxe Checks (Electronic Withdrawal) .....	-\$15.95
<b>TOTAL BILLS requiring approval .....</b>	<b>\$391.77</b>

Herb made a motion to approve the February monthly bills for payment in the amount of \$391.77. Sandy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**BANK ASSET ACCOUNTS:**

**BUSINESS CHECKING ACCOUNT (07)**

Beginning Balance .....	\$100.00	
Electronic Withdrawal .....	-\$15.92	
Transfer from Money Mgmt. Savings Acct .....	+\$391.77	
Paid bill .....	-\$375.82	
<b>Closing Account Balance .....</b>		<b>\$100.00</b>

**BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT (00) GENERAL FUND**

Beginning Balance .....	\$14,510.70	
Interest .....	\$0.66	
Municipal Contribution .....	+\$3,000.00	
Transfer to Checking .....	-\$391.77	
<b>Closing Account Balance .....</b>		<b>\$17,119.59</b>

**BUSINESS MONEY MANAGEMENT SAVINGS, FRIENDS OF THE LETORT**

Beginning Balance .....	\$8,837.02	
Interest .....	+\$0.38	
Donation .....	+\$150.00	
<b>Closing Account Balance .....</b>		<b>\$8,987.40</b>

**BUSINESS SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS, RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Beginning Balance .....	\$3,774.48	
Interest .....	+\$5.16	
<b>Closing Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$3,774.64</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #43 (25 Month)</b>		
Beginning Balance .....	\$5,104.36	
Interest .....	+\$5.81	
<b>Closing Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$5,110.17</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #44 (25 Month)</b>		
Beginning Balance .....	\$5,104.36	
Interest .....	+\$5.81	
<b>Closing Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$5,110.17</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #45 (25 Month)</b>		
Beginning Balance .....	\$5,197.26	
Interest .....	+\$5.91	
<b>Closing Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$5,203.17</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #46 (25 Month)</b>		
Beginning Balance .....	\$5,139.77	
Interest .....	+\$5.85	
<b>Closing Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$5,145.62</b>
<b>CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT #47 (15 Month)</b>		
Beginning Balance .....	\$5,000.00	
Interest .....	+\$4.93	
<b>Closing Account Balance.....</b>		<b>\$5,004.93</b>
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS ON DEPOSIT:.....</b>		<b>\$55,555.69</b>

- Financial Summary – The financial summary report is as noted.
- Budget Report – The budget report is as noted.
  - We had budgeted \$4,500 for Carlisle, but only received \$3,000.

**Friends of LeTort** – Brett Flower

- Donor Appeal Letter – Herb and Andy are still drafting the donor appeal letter.
- Next project(s) for Faulkner Grant? – No report
- Activities –
  - South Spring Garden Street is being closed this week for the Union Quarry who is building a tunnel under the road to run a conveyor belt from the pit to the crusher. This will greatly reduce but not eliminate truck crossings.
  - Brett is working with Ben Mummert to organize a roadside trash pickup between CPC, CVTU, and LRA.
    - They proposed this Sunday morning for this event, but they are not sure what time the road will be closed or if the weather will cooperate.
      - CPC will take care of picking up the gathered trash.
      - Brett will email everyone with details on the event if it goes forward.
  - The UGI gas line construction should be moving ahead sometime soon.
  - No report on the joint fundraiser with CPC that was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the Molly Pitcher Brewery. Brett is waiting to get the final figures from Anna Yelk from the CPC.

**Grants** – Andy Parker

- Next Grants – No report

**Audit** – James Ruhl –

**Information and Education** - Sandy Kern

- Recent press releases – None
- Facebook posts –
  - Our Facebook following has increased to 78.
  - Sandy continues to post articles and encourages members to share their news and photos from the trail with her so that she can post them on FB and our website.
- Website stats and updates –
  - Brett, Herb, and Andy met to work on the content for the new website.
  - Andy would like everyone to come up with a draft of the web content by the March meeting.

- Sandy will take on the role of combining the content, editing, and making everyone's text into one voice so there is some continuity to the website.
- Web hosting update – Cross and Crown continues to work as our web host.

**Nature Trail** – Dennis Burkett

- Trail maintenance – No maintenance problems have been reported.
- Tree maintenance – No report
- Fill your trail map boxes – Please continue to fill your assigned map boxes as needed.

**Long-Range Planning & Easements** - Andy Parker

- Cumberland Conservation Collaborative report (Herb) –
  - Herb reported on the meeting held on January 29, 2018.
  - Herb discussed a news article he sent out from the CCC regarding the McCormick farm on Harrisburg Pike.
    - CVSD would like to acquire this land, which has a conservation easement and Silver Spring open space preservation.
    - The school district's lawyers are telling them they can break the conservation easement if they want to take this land by eminent domain.
    - If we are asked, Andy will draft a letter of support stating that allowing the conservation easement to be overturned would set a bad precedent.
- CCC Volunteer Hour Survey
  - Herb requested that members complete the volunteer hour survey provided by Kathy so the list can be submitted to the CCC.
- CPC purchase of Burgoon property – Andy provided an update.
  - The CPC is committed to purchasing all three properties.
    - They will be closing this spring on the two large properties.
    - The small property will probably close in the fall of 2018.
    - They are approximately \$20,000 short on funds.
  - The CPC will be moving ahead on working with the nature conservancy on the restoration plans for the wetlands and relocating the stream.

**Stream Ecology** – Bill Berwick

- ALLARM report and analysis – (even months)
  - Data was reviewed and discussed.
  - Most of the values ALLARM reported were high.
- Stream Vegetation Kill Status – No significant changes have been reported.

**Project Review** - Andy Parker

- Dawood – Carlisle United Methodist Church, South Spring Garden Street, SMT – Andy reviewed and submitted his comments.
- Bohler – Restaurant Development (Popeye's Chicken & Burger King), Harrisburg Pike, MT – Andy reviewed and submitted his comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Board Vacancies – Middlesex Township and North Middleton Township.
- SUNOCO Mariner East Pipeline Fines –
  - The total fines for Sunoco are up to \$12.6 million (aggregate / includes \$70,000 that was specifically for the spill in the LeTort).
  - Sunoco has gotten a contingent approval to begin construction again with a consent decree that they will now abide by.
  - Andy has left a message for Ronald Eberts at DEP to try to see about getting some of this money earmarked for the LeTort watershed.
  - Andy is also composing a letter to State Senator Mike Reagan.
  - Andy will ask Ben to reach out to Lauren Imgrund, Deputy Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, to see if she can help as a state agency.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Andy reported that we are dissatisfied with Strickler as our broker and PENNPrime as our insurance carrier. Andy asked members to check with their municipalities to find out what our other options are for insurance coverage for next year.

**Note of Interest:** Andy attended a lecture of HAGS (Harrisburg Area Geological Society). They have been conducting studies on the Boiling Springs bubble. They have found that the water temperature typically varies. The coldest water comes out in the middle of the summer and the water is warmer in the winter. Based on the topo, the drainage area to the bubble is three square miles. To account for the discharge, the area required for that discharge is 20 square miles. They are using data from a new NOAA Satellite that provides rainfall data from around the entire world every 30 minutes. They have developed an algorithm to correlate rainfall to discharge increases at the bubble. The source for

the discharge spikes has been narrowed down to the Pigeon Hills area near Abbottstown, on the other side of the South Mountain. The researchers suspect there is a conduit that is taking water out of the Conewago Creek watershed and traveling under the South Mountain and coming out in Boiling Springs.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the LeTort Regional Authority is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Carlisle Community Center in Carlisle, PA.

3/15/18  
Date Adopted  
Prepared by: Kathy L. Russell

Sandy Kern  
Sandy Kern, Secretary