

**Minutes of the Special Artesian Water Co Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2018**

a.i. Artesian – There was a meeting held at 7:00 PM for the council to vote on an agreement between the Town of Slaughter Beach and Artesian Water Co.

a.ii. Mayor Ward reviewed the details of the agreement.

a.iii. Council Members Present:

Harry Ward – Mayor
Ken Lewis – Vice Mayor
Kathy Lock – Treasurer
Bob Wood – Secretary
Becky Kraft- Council Person

Artesian Members Present:

Dave Spacht – CFO
John Thaeber – Vice President of Operations
Jeff Price – Manager of Southern Delaware Operations

Slaughter Beach Water Members

Frank Draper – President

Harry then proceeded to discuss the water company sale from the council perspective.

We considered several options including for the town to purchase but that would be a huge task and even if the town decided to purchase we have no experience in any faze of the operation. Council feels that this was the best option for the town moving forward.

Dave discussed that Artesian has been the Delaware area since 1905 and currently has 84,000 customers.

The company is Delaware based (Newark) and most employees are in the state.

Dave praised Franks running of the water company for many years.

Dave also stated that for now all rates will remain the same and be billed 2 times a year. As far as the future, it will depend on the improvements that will be required but that any change in rates will be governed by the Public Service Commission. As improvements are made they will be brought back to the council.

Transfers of home ownership will proceed pretty much as now.

There will probably be Meters installed in the future.

It was also stated that a resident's responsibility was from the curb stop to his house.

There will be newsletters sent to each billing address several times a year.

Billing can be accomplished in several ways like Online, Phone, e-billing, at the office or by Mail.

Testing will be done monthly.

There will be another open meeting between the town and Artesian in May to further discuss various customer service options.

The town than also acknowledged the great job that Frank had done all the years of delivering a great product and service to the town.

Water Service Agreement:

A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Service agreement between the town and Artesian and Seconded by Becky Kraft. Vote 5-0

Right Away Agreement

A motion was made by Becky Kraft to approve the right Away agreement between the town and Artesian and Seconded by Ken Lewis. Vote 5-0

10. Adjournment

Motion: Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Ken Lewis seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary

