

Washington Township Municipal Authority
Special Meeting
June 25, 2009

The meeting was opened at 1:00 PM by Chairman F. Eisenhart. Others present were S. McCleaf, L. Frantz, E. Gladhill, J. Blair, and S. McFarland.

The meeting was called to discuss the cracks in the East and West wall of the new Administration Building. Several cracks in the mortar joints and some of the 4 inch thick split face block have been identified on those walls.

The Board reviewed the submittal from GRC General Contractors, Inc., which include an opinion prepared by their Structural Engineer, Rex Benchoff. GRC has also submitted a proposed remedy of replacing the cracked blocks, removing 2 ½ inches and re-pointing the affected mortar joints, and installing expansion joints on the East and West walls.

The Board also reviewed the report and recommendations provided by an independent Structural Engineer, Curt Bradley, with the Talus Design Group, who was hired by the WTMA to consult on this issue. Both engineer's opinions were that the cracks were cosmetic, and not related to any structural deficiencies. Mr. Bradley concurred with GRC's repair proposal, with the possible addition of another expansion joint on the South wall.

After further discussion, the Board accepted GRC's proposed remedy of replacing the cracked blocks, installing an expansion joint, and re-pointing the affected areas on the East and West walls. The WTMA will also request that the entire East wall be re-pointed if the repaired areas are not blended to the WTMA's satisfaction, and that GRC provide the WTMA with an additional 4 year warrantee on the entire building (in addition to the one year that would be conveyed with the building) against similar cracking in the future. The E. Gladhill, S. McCleaf motion passed (5-0). The Manager was directed to convey the wishes of the Board to GRC, and negotiate the issue on the WTMA's behalf.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

These minutes were prepared by S. McFarland, Manager, respectfully submitted this 14th day of July, 2009.

Lori Frantz, Secretary/Treasurer