

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
APRIL 2, 2019

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Council Room 241 Main St.

The following members were present: Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer J. Eckman and Member P. Bauman. Absent: Chairman Stoudt had called George to say he would not be in attendance. Jolene Hall had called George to say Steve would not be present as his mother was in the hospital. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

Vice Chairman Bubacz called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

J. Eckman wonders how many people that live in town work in the Foundry. The Union voted to strike Sunday and it could have an impact on us.

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held 3/5/19 were brought up for discussion. 1.) J. Bubacz noted that on Page 2, Letter B, we take out "her former employer" and put "to use". There being no further discussion on the minutes, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the minutes be approved as amended." All in favor.

BILLS BE PAID

Unpaid bills for sewer \$20,679.90+FCCB new STP loan monthly interest payment
Unpaid bills for water \$152,037.11+\$9,264.76 Penn Vest monthly payment

The following discuss was held: 1.) A bill was received for \$65.00 from Pace for sewer testing. 2.) George and Dan are going to take a PRWA water class on 4/18 and the cost is \$140.00. 3.) J. Bubacz asked about the total bill from L/B Water in the amount of \$130,887.60. This is for the Taylor Run new water line pipe and fittings. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the bills be paid." All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Eckman reported a balance in sewer of \$45,631.08 and in water \$29,116.35. We will have to transfer funds from one of our water accounts to pay for the new water line. The water accounts were discussed. J. Eckman discussed our list of accounts, and Leesa said we could take the money out of the Royalties MMI, which we can write checks out of. We would not have to break any CD's. This account is where we deposit monthly Royalties income, and we will be getting the #16 payment in a week or two. J. Eckman made the motion, "That we withdraw from the Royalty MMI to pay our water bills," seconded by J. Bubacz, all in favor. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the Treasurer's Report be accepted subject to audit." All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) WATER UPDATE

George reported they heard water running on the hydrant in the area of the old school shop toward Tom Phinney's on Ruah St. T. Phinney was away and we talked with his plumber. He checked the house and found a leak in the bathroom downstairs, so the water was shut off.

B.) DELINQUENTS

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A list of old account balances prior to 2009 was made up from the billing program which has been carried on the books. Cheryl is transferring customers from the Freedom program to Diversified, and asked if the Authority would like to write the sewer and water off, since they are uncollectable at this point. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we write off the accounts." All in favor.

C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

George said we are by-passing at the sewer pump house when we have high water and send a notice to them when this occurs. We had had no reply but they know we are in the process of putting a new plant in.

D.) WATER FUTURE I/99-BUSINESS 15 CORRIDOR

George reported they met with RUS. Funding from them would help keep their water customers bills down around \$65-70 a month. They are working on the paperwork to submit and it would not be until fall before they get a reply.

E.) CHEMICAL REDUCTIONS AT STP

We are still adding the ferric chloride. We should not have to buy credits every year by October, with the new sewer plant.

F.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

George has not heard from Erika.

G.) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOOKLET

We are working on the Taylor Run project and 1 MG tank. Previously George had given the members a red covered book to look at for 2015-2020. He will get the members a copy.

H.) CASSELBERRY

Jim is working on the Taylor Run well project and submitting to SRBC and DEP.

I.) OLD HOSPITAL

This has been quiet. It was asked if the roof is good and George said a rubber one was put on about 25 years ago.

J.) HYDRO APPLICATION WATER WITHDRAWAL-WATER ALLOCATION

George has not talked with anyone from there. In July we will bill them for the agreement we have which expires in 2020.

K.) PIPELINE BY TAYLOR RUN

George said Hamilton Twp. was to have their meeting last month, but did not have a quorum. They meet again next Monday. George is to talk with them about the new tank at Taylor, the new water line to the tank, spraying along the road and a sign for water source.

L.) INTERNET AND SOFTWARE PAY BILLS ON LINE

A letter was sent to our customers with the water bill. One side is to update contact information, if would want to receive bills by email and use online bill paying. The other side that Dan Grinnell did was regarding taking water samples from homes for lead and copper, per a change

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with a DEP mandate. This sampling has been done in the past twenty years from about 15 homes. This has to do with lead solder and corrosion. We have been adding to our system a corrosion control chemical from Dabco for years. The Boro is only responsible for the main to the curb box of a person's home. From the curb box in is the property owner's responsibility. The meter in a home is ours. P. Bauman asked about new pipes in homes, soldering, reverse osmosis and destabilization. The water bills going out will be done on the new program. J. Eckman said C. Bubacz is doing a great job.

M.) POWER PAY

N.) NEW STP

Requisition #6 from the Line of Credit was received from HRG in the amount of \$14,707.93 covering 2/4-3/3/19 for engineering to be sent to RUS. After going over the bill, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That this bill be approved for payment." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall are to sign the request.

P. Bauman asked about the 3/4/19 report from HRG and their concern that the 2018 influent flow data indicates that at the permitted flow of 0.6 MGD, the new WWTP would be over capacity; and they are evaluating alternatives for compliance. P. Bauman asked George about sewer flows and capacity. Last year we had a lot of flooding and infiltration to take care of as it was one of the wettest. Our normal usage is about 250,000 gpd but can go up to 800,000 to a million gpd following high water. We continue working on I&I, which is costly, and it helped by us paying half the cost of the sewer camera with Wellsboro for use locating leaks.

O.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

Work will not be done on this until we have the Taylor Run well on line, which could take a year or so.

P.) BR GENERATOR

George is working on getting the exhaust fixed.

Q.) AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON TWP. TAYOR RUN ROAD

R.) BR DAM

S. Bray met with DEP and discussed the dam and will submit the paperwork for a permit for the sediment pond above Bellman. The pond keeps leaves from going into the reservoir.

George has the crew working on the new STP driveway and will start getting the pool ready for summer, before they do any work on the pond.

S.) REPSOL WELL PAD DORN-HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

We had returned the agreement for signatures but did not receive it yet so George will call Chris.

T.) PAINT BR TANK

This is on hold until Taylor Run is done. It was asked if it could be painted on the outside. George does not think with the moisture the paint will hold and there also is brown mold on it. It

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was asked if it could be pressure washed. George can check. It is metal and sits on sand. J. Eckman noted a lot of homes in town have mold on the north side of them this year.

U.) RAILROAD PROPERTY-R. WILSON

This will be used as a new driveway to the sewer plant and will cross to tie into the old railroad property. Our boys are doing a good job. It is gravel and an area is being leveled out for the contractor to use. DEP will put in a culvert and S. Bray talked with them about the permit.

On the bill list for this month is a bill to pay the Real Estate Taxes to the County for the Wilson property. The amount is \$225.87. The location is 55 Creek Road and is .392 acres. George called Bill Stokes and he said we will have to pay this, but won't get a bill for 2020. We should not get a School Tax bill, but if we do we are to contact him.

V.) FCCB INVESTMENTS

J. Eckman reported from the water motion, we withdrew from the Royalties MMI and invested in a 30-month Breakable CD #25 earning 2.45%; 36-month CD #26 at 2.50%; 48-month CD#27 at 2.60%; and a 30-month Breakable CD #28 at 2.45%. Interest will compound quarterly and go back into each. We also closed CD#83, #26 and CD#79. These were combined into a 30-month Breakable CD #29 at 2.45% with interest to compound quarterly back into itself. The authorized signers on the 5 CD'S will be Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz and Treasurer J. Eckman.

George had talked with S. Bray about reinvesting our sewer CD's. He said it would be no problem to reinvest since it would not bother our sewer loan with RUS which we already have.

J. Eckman suggested that we combine sewer CD#31, #32 and #33 into one account for a better interest rate. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we close one year Easy Access CD#31; one year Easy Access CD#32 and one year Easy Access CD#33, These three CD's are to be combined into one account, and invested into an Easy Access CD. The interest is to compound quarterly." All in favor. The authorized signer on this CD will be one of the three officers: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr or Treasurer J. Eckman.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) TR TANK PROPOSAL FROM DUTCHLAND, INC.

The members were given a budgetary proposal to look over for the Taylor Run tank from a company located in Gap, PA. This company manufactures various precast structures. The amount of this proposal is \$809,400.00, and is good for 60 days. This is so we have an idea and George had thought it would cost a million dollars. The pipe and other parts would be around \$300,000.00. This would be bid out. It was also asked about an engineer and also being bid out. We would be looking at the fall or spring time for construction.

B.) PENNVEST LOAN LAST PAY

Leesa looked it up and we borrowed \$2,492,100.00 for 30 years at 1% interest rate. We pay \$9,264.76 per month and the last pay is due 4/1/2020.

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C.) REPSOL #16 ROYALTY STATEMENT

The members were given a copy. The funds will be coming this month, and are less again.

D.) C&N INVESTMENT STATEMENT FOR 2/19

This was in the member packets. We are doing well with interest income from investing. It was noted that we never had money in the past to be able to invest and get better interest rates. Leesa passed out the 3/19 statement.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Bubacz adjourned the meeting at 7:35PM, on motion of J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY