

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
AUGUST 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Secretary S. Hall, Treasurer P. Bauman, and member F. Wasowicz. Also present were G. Lloyd, Borough Manager, and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

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

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion.

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 7/2/24 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. Leesa noted on the sewer list, to be added, is a bill received from Cleveland Bros. for the monthly generator rental at the WWTP, in the amount of \$2,777.50. It was dated 3/30/24 but had not been received by email back then. J. Bubacz questioned the bill from Costy's in sewer. George said there was a plugged sewer line at the Taber St. Housing, so he hired them to clean out debris that was in the manhole. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That the minutes, treasurer, and bill payment reports be accepted as presented." All in favor.

Section 2: OLD BUSINESS

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

They continue to look for leaks. D. Mahonski on Maple Hill had water coming in his basement, which was going into his cellar drain, so he had Faye Bradley put in a new plastic line to the curb box. Dan was going to check the readings to see how much it saved.

B.) DELINQUENTS

Report in the packets. One was off and paid and others are coming in from the notices that were sent out.

C.) INFILTRATION

The information was sent to RUS asking to use left over funds from the WWTP project, toward relining. No reply received yet.

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

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George had a proposed management and operations agreement to look over. UTRRA signed it 7/18. It says the term shall commence on the date as herein provided, unless terminated or extended in writing, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December each year. It shall renew automatically for each additional year until such time as either party shall notify the other of their desire to terminate. Notification must be in writing 30 days prior to the termination. If terminated by either Party, BMA shall be reimbursed by UTRRA for any and all wages, expenses, or other operational costs through the date of termination. P. Bauman asked if it means we would be doing everything for them, and George said yes. We would be an independent contractor. P. Bauman asked what they would be doing, and George said nothing until they get money ahead to get started. He said we have an agreement with Morris Run where when we do any work for them, we pay first, then rebill them. We do not do their billing or receiving nor all the other things this is suggesting. The Chairman asked if Chris Lantz prepared and reviewed this, and George will have to check. The Chairman has concerns over us doing everything and questions if we have enough manpower and time to take care of them, and if it is really in our best interest to even consider. He does not think we should sign and all agreed. You also have to consider what it would cost us. S. Hall noted our crew has changed their working hours for the summer. He also asked about reading their meters and George said they would get the same type with remotes like the new ones we will be getting. George asked that we keep this meeting open pending further information from the attorney.

E.) CASSELBERRY

He will be working in Arnot and hopes to find good water for their secondary source. George has a meeting set with Janice and Harold House regarding access across their land to the proposed new well on DCNR land. Arnot's tank has a small dribble leak about 8-10 feet up and are getting ahold of a company to see if it can be worked on before pursuing money to replace it.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

Has been quiet and they will have to go through a codes review since there are new changes and the original request is obsolete.

George noted Cheryl does a report for Council on homes sold. There are few empty lots available. The Authority has 8 lots on Parkhurst St.

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

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Dan has been working with Martz to correct some issues. The flow meter is not in communication with the SCADA correctly and getting the monitor to work remotely. This has to do with the high/low level, and he is keeping his eye on that.

H.) NEW STP

An email was received from Luke regarding the grit system and changes for Performance and Tra Electric a Change Directive #1 to install a panel meter that will provide the needed signal to the grit panel that the influent pumps are running. This signal and some programing should address the issue of non-continuous flow. All warranties are still intact, and the OCC panel meter will have a warranty. HRG is not in agreement with the additional costs and are negotiating via Kappe and request work to continue without delays. We got a copy of an email from RUS to HRG regarding this change.

We set up the second required account with FCCB per RUS, which has to be kept in reserve if we need emergency money to pay for something at the new plant. We deposited \$2,500.00 to open the short-lived asset reserve MMI #8918, from the RF MMI #7218. The interest will compound monthly, at the rate of .25%. We have to keep the minimum \$2,000.00 so there are no bank charges. We have to deposit \$880.00 a month for 40 years. We can set it up to do the automatic transfer each month, either by phone or online.

The RUS loan repayment #2 in the amount of \$150,771.00 will be automatically withdrawn from the Sewer Project Account #5812 on 8/24/24. We may have enough in the BMA RF MMI #7218 to cover this without taking money from our savings in the BWC MMI. The Treasurer will do the funds transfers online.

We received a list of items to complete per our Letter of Conditions for RUS and Cheryl is working on this.

We have a price quote from Martz in the amount of \$93,716.34 for the SCADA upgrade for the new WWTP and lift station. We also checked if this can be used from money left over from RUS for the project. Mike thought about letting the system run as designed for a year, then go in and tie SCADA Into it, to make sure this does not affect any warranty we have on the already installed equipment.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

They took the media out of the third tank today. There are rusty pipes that may need to be replaced. If not operating properly it can take longer to backwash. S. Bray will be here tomorrow. It is a hard location to work in because there is a side porthole which takes a little person to go in. We may have to cut a bigger hole in the top. The contractor started today and planned to leave Friday, so that plan may change. There is painting to be done and Mike has to do the transfer switch for the generator. J. Bubacz asked about this being worked on but with the TR wells we can keep up with demand.

J.) BR DAM

K.) PAINT BR TANK

They will come back next May to check it while still under warranty. Mike is waiting to hear back from Penelec on the electric.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz said the quarterly training had been completed. They talked with Martz about the switch at the plant. They discussed moving the cables closer to Matt's office for the wireless and router access point. M. Stoudt said he would look at it.

M.) GENERATORS

The generator for the Sportsman's Well is to be here this month, and Mike will call them.

N.) BLOSS TWP. BILLINGS

We have heard nothing further from them, so it was suggested taking this off the agenda, with all in favor.

O.) METERS

P.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

George said it has been replaced and the grass is starting to grow. Penelec set their pole, which has a streetlight on it. The Gas Co. had to locate their line which was on the other side of the walk. George will get the total prices together so we can file with the District Justice.

Section 3: NEW BUSINESS

A.) HRQ REQUEST-No. 12 USDA

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This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) HRG Engineering from 5/27-6/30/24 in the amount of \$14,588.00. 2.) Larson Design thru 7/6/24 in the amount of \$1,540.00. 3.) Performance Construction from 6/14-7/12/24 in the amount of \$648,807.76. 4.) Tra Electric from 7/1-7/31/24 in the amount of \$19,233.22. The total is \$684,168.98. We are getting close to being completed, except for a few change orders. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we sign Requisition #12 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed the paperwork. There is change order #13 for Performance to increase \$14,393.14 and change order #9 for Tra Electric to increase \$10,040.21 for the grit removal system to properly function. A separate panel and signal wiring for integration into the Veolia control panel needs to be done. There is requested no cost extension to the Electrical Contract, and General Construction but extend the substantial completion date to 4/30/24 from 3/20/24 and extend the final completion date to 8/3/24 from 5/19/24. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we approve change order #13." A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we approve change order #9." All in favor.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#79 was received 7/24/24 and direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. The report was in the packets. The Treasurer will transfer all but \$2,000.00 to avoid a bank charge, to BWC MMI #6018.

C.) C&N INTEREST STATEMENTS, CD'S, FCCB

The statements were in the packets. The FCCB water 24-month special big CD #76 will mature on 11/2. This money came from the Royalties MMI #3018 account.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

George and Chad were at Morris Run with SRBC for the river project. They were by the pallet mill as a sewer and water hookup will be needed to run their plant. The camp across from our old landfill is talking with them about getting water from their line. Discharge from Coal Creek will be captured and gravity feed to a pump station along White St. and then conveyed towards Morris Run and the Active Treatment Plant. Funding will come from the Abandoned Mine Act. Two crews will be laying pipes from the AMD discharges to the treatment plant. The project is between SRBC, DEP, PA DCNR and TCCCC.

There being no further business, and being left open, all left at 7:49 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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