

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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 was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager, and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Chairman noted the previous meeting had been left open, but we did not meet again. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the previous meeting be closed." All in favor.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 8/6/24 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. The RUS loan repayment #2 was paid with enough funds in the Revenue Fund MMI that we did not have to transfer from our savings. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "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

George said there is a new company working with Repsol, and his contact will tell them about the artesian well across from the Arnot Rd., if interested. If used, we have to file for a new permit from SRBC.

B.) DELINQUENTS

Report in packets.

C.) INFILTRATION

From the 8/9 flooding from tropical storm Debby, we had to by-pass at the sewer pump house about 1.7 million gallons out on the ground. Between that and having the valves to run the new plant, it worked out well. George sent the letter to DEP. We were incredibly lucky to not get as much rain as communities in the County like Westfield with heavy damage. The grit

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building is working. George and Cheryl had a teleconference call with RUS regarding paving at the new plant. They also discussed the relining of some areas around town, using funds left over. A letter was received today from RUS. Their engineer reviewed the work based upon the COSTARS quote in the amount of \$624,718.000. They provided a list of conditions for us and Insight Pipe Contracting having to meet. They are agreeing to the work for the 8,12- & 15-inch rehab. The alternate 8" section for Main St. will only be considered after the primary section is completed. George will contact Insight next month after we get our requirements completed.

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

RUS and Larson Design are working together and may be able to bid out this month.

E.) CASSELBERRY

He is working with Arnot, who started to drill today, and is confident they will find water. George met with Harold, Janice, and Kevin House to discuss having a lease agreement for access across their land to the proposed new well on DCNR land. He advised Jim about this.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL-Nothing

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

They are working with Martz on the communications with SCADA for the flow meter.

H.) NEW STP

The final walk-through is scheduled for 9/26 at 10 AM. Matt is reviewing everything and is close to having the painting done.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

They are working on the tanks and ordered new pipes. Keystone Welding is making a new unit for the middle tank. Once repair work is completed, they will replace the media.

J.) BR DAM

The sediment pond washed out after tropical storm Debby, and we may not have to replace it. The water in the bottom of Bellman Run Creek is down to clay. Dan has to do extra work to get rid of the dirt to keep the turbidity level right by adding more chemicals. The reading is normally 3 and raised to 50-100. They have talked with Ericka and Pete from DEP. Dave is working on the design. We will have to buy riprap using limestone. We will need a

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permit from DEP to get in the creek to do work, which we hope can be done in October. S. Bray thinks we will need possibly 600 tons of limestone, and from Heidelberg costs about \$42.50 a ton. George would like to order now so it is here when we get the ok. If we purchase extra, it can always be used somewhere else. Discussed was placing the stones down like steps to the creek so the pond would not be needed. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we spend up to \$43,000.00 for repairs." All in favor. George said we may need to clean the reservoir next year.

K.) PAINT BR TANK

Work is completed and they will be back next spring. Mike is working with Penelec to get a pole installed. They were determining if the location is on State Forest land, or in the PennDOT right-of-way, which would mean obtaining an agreement.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz said their quarterly meeting will be on 9/12. They will review potential items for next year.

M.) GENERATORS

M. Stoudt left a message at Cummins. Mike has the transfer switch. The generator is to be here this month.

N.) METERS-Nothing yet.

O.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

We have the bill for parts but will have to get the labor figures from Cheryl and driver's information from Chief McCurdy.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG request-No.13 USDA

This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) Larson Design thru 8/17/24 in the amount of \$1,742.04. 2.) Performance Construction from 7/13-8/12/24 in the amount of \$30,891.23. The total is \$32,633.27. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we sign Requisition #13 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. There is change order #14 for General Construction that includes the cost of asphalt paving and a no cost time extension extending the final completion date to 10/4/24 from 8/31/24. This will revise the cost, and the time extended 34 days. Hawbaker got the low bid. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we approve change order #14." All in favor. There is change order #4 for HVAC

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Construction for a no cost time extension request of 34 days. Final completion was extended from 8/31 to 10/4/24. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded F. Wasowicz, "That we approve change order #4." All in favor. There is change order #10, electrical construction, no cost time extension request 34 days. Final completion extended from 8/31 to 10/4. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we approve change order #10." All in favor. Final walk through is scheduled on 9/26 to make sure everything is completed then the final date is set for 10/4. There is amendment #5 to the Owner-Engineer Agreement which was effective 10/31/18, for additional services to be performed, modification to services and modification of payment. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded P. Bauman, "That we approve Amendment #5 with HRG." All in favor.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#80 was received 8/20/24 and direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. The report was in the packets. The Treasurer transferred 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 Feds will meet in a few weeks and there may be a rate cut.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

George announced that Dan Grinnell got a 20-year award from AWWA for Phase 3 for Bellman Run water. The Chairman extends our congratulations and thanks to him for keeping everything working well and being committed to his job.

George will not be at our next meeting as he will be taking a class and test to run the new sewer plant. Pat will also not be here since he is going away for vacation. Leesa will contact Joe when the checks are ready to be signed.

There being no further business the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM on motion of S. Hall, second J. Bubacz, with all in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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