

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

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

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 11/5/24 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

B.) TREASURERS REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. Leesa reported that a change has to be made in the reports for sewer. We are carrying a credit with L/B Water which was deducted from the totals. Any further bills received for sewer from L/B will be deducted from the credit amount that is being carried until it reaches zero. The sewer report for unpaid bills shows bills for the WWTP project that have to be still carried since they were received in December but not paid until January. This is due to the single audit that had to be done for RUS. There being no further discussion on the bills, a motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the minutes, treasurer's report, and bill payments be accepted as presented." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

Dan and George got called out on Saturday for the BR tank. The level in the tank was up and they had to shut down Bellman and the Taylor Run tanks fed town. They had to mix chemicals at Bellman. Mike said the SCADA monitor is working via phone and computer. Mike, Sean, Dan, George, Scott, Chad, and Matt are set up so all can view what is going in the system. The contractor who set the system up can also view what is happening. We run #1 for one week then switch to #3 to run since both do not run at the same time. We will be able to set it up on a 2-day cycle if we want.

B.) DELINQUENTS

One customer that owns a few rentals is behind on payments. He has been sent notices, was called, and did not pick up a registered letter that was sent. One tenant cannot have services shut off, so we will contact that tenant. If that tenant pays their bills owed to us, they can by law deduct that payment from their rent to the owner.

C.) INFILTRATION

RUS had approved the use of leftover WWTP project funds to do sewer main line work. Insight is working on N. Wmsn., and the river crossings to Ruah St. Leesa has been calling the residents, and the company hangs door tag notices to them.

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

George said the bid opening was held on 11/22, and the figures were around \$12 million, which is \$3 million less than George expected. Two of the three County Commissioners were in attendance. Tom Wellington from RUS was also in attendance. The Commissioners forgave the \$1 million loan they had made to UTRRA to get the project started. They hope they find enough money to continue. They have \$9.4 million from RUS but need another \$3 or \$4 million to do the entire project so they have to find additional funding somewhere.

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E.) CASSELBERRY

George has not talked to him. In Arnot they drilled down 300 feet, with a 200-foot casing and hit high chlorides. They are going to pull the casing up to 160 feet and retest.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

The fence is up around Well #1, building, generator, Well #3, and the LP gas station, and really looks good. Modern and Martz were here. The VFD is not working with SCADA, which has to do with the technology and ramping the pump motors up. We have to be able to chart the flows to monitor the system. Modern Pump sent a quote for the VFD for Well #1, Well #3, and a spare VFD, in the amount of \$14,110.00. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we accept the quote from Modern Pump." All in favor.

H.) NEW STP

Matt and George are working at the plant, along with Chad. George hopes to work in the other guys and have training in the winter. Scott Sample, who works for NTSWA, is a credited certified WWTP operator we can contact for assistance. Mike said we have to get a certified occupancy permit for the new plant. A few items they are working on are all the ADA requirements needed. They have signs to install, it has to be handicapped accessible, parking in place, and hopefully it will all be completed this month. The Federal codes are different from the State codes.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

George said we will start on this project next. Dan has been working on the turbidity since the reading had gone up, but by putting gravel in the creek may help following the work with the rip rap and clay following Tropical Storm Debby.

J.) BR DAM

We hope with the work that is being done upstream from the storm we will not have to do anything with this. In the spring we should know how the work done now has helped.

K.) PAINT BR TANK

They will be back in the spring. Mike is still working with Penelec about service.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz said they had their meeting with CSR and there will be new training for the employees for the new quarter.

M.) GENERATORS

The generator at the Gun Club is in. The gas meter was ordered, and work will be done in a few weeks. There will be paperwork for Cummins once the generator is hooked up.

N.) METERS

O.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

Josh, PD did not locate the driver. Leesa can call the DJ about this.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 16 USDA

This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) HRG from 9/30-10/27/24 in the amount of \$4,974.50. 2.) Performance Construction from 9/28-11/26/24 in the amount of \$218,744.94. 3.) AFT Mechanical from 6/30-11/26/24 in the amount of \$36,750.00-final application for payment. The total is \$260,469.44. Also was a "Notice of Acceptability of Work" for Performance Construction from the Engineer that has recommended final payment and that work is acceptable. There is also one for AFT Mechanical. P. Bauman asked if all work is

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completed since the Occupancy Permit has not been done and the Federal and State requirements have to be met. We have talked with Tom Wellington and reached out to Luke to discuss this matter further. Mike said Labor and Industry will audit the project before the permits are issued. P. Bauman asked if we should just pay HRC and not the others since the work is not all completed, and Frank wondered that also. J. Bubacz does not feel we should sign this request nor make any payment, since we are awaiting a reply from HRC and Tom. All in agreement. It was suggested that we leave this meeting open until we have our questions answered and the final items are completed.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#83 was received 11/19/24 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalties MMI. The report was in the packets. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000 to avoid a bank charge, to BWC MMI #6018. The report is from 5/21 to the present, in small amounts, so it is likely an adjustment.

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

The members were given the bank reports. A water CD with C&N LPL with JP Morgan was bought back from the issuing bank. We did not lose any money or interest. The funds are in our account until another investment is made and we check on terms and rates. If you invest for a longer time the rates are higher. The Feds meet in another two weeks. J. Bubacz asked if we have any projects coming up that would need these funds. George said we have to finish at Bellman, getting power to the tank, and the well on DCNR land. We should check with Repsol to make sure they are still planning to do that site. We have another CD that will be coming due in April. P. Bauman said we can do more investing with the balance we have in the BWC MMI #6018 account. He suggested investing \$500,000 for two years with C&N LPL, or FCCB to get the best interest rate. He will check with Heather at FCCB to see if they have any specials and what their rates would be. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we invest \$500,000 from the BWC MMI #6018, with whichever bank can offer the best rate and term." All in favor.

D.) AUDIT AGREEMENT

A letter was received from Guthrie & Co. for doing our audit for the year 2024. The cost will be \$18,000.00-split at \$5,000 for water, \$5,000 for sewer and \$8,000 for the Sewer Single Audit report required by RUS on the WWTP project. F. Wasowicz noted that they had gotten different prices for the Babbs Creek project and were all in the same price range. He noted that they have been doing our books for years with no concerns. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we accept the proposal from L. Guthrie to prepare our audit, and the agreement signed." All in favor. One copy will be returned to them, and one kept for our files.

Section 4: Borough's Managers Report

A.) SEWER HOOKUPS

George reported we received a letter from DEP that they reviewed the Consent Order & Agreement that was executed by them on 11/17/16, amended 5/21/21 and 12/20/22 and determined the requirements of the COA have been fulfilled. This letter acknowledges they have determined we satisfied the terms and conditions. It is official notice that the 11/17/16 COA has been terminated. George said Hamilton Twp. will be happy as there are some residents on Blake Road that are interested in hooking up for sewer.

B.) George reported he has been contacted by PennDOT about running the water line to the State yard by the Quick Fill exit. When they talked before the cost was too much. They now have funding that has to be used by 6/2025. George would like a 6" line up along the side of the road to their driveway. He feels eventually there will be development of the empty land on that side hill of new 15. He would also like to see a fire hydrant there. There is not much difference in cost to install a 4" or 6" line since the trench has to be dug anyway. It is possible they would open cut and not bore under old 15. You would also be able to put a

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sewer line in on the other side of the road for future development, and George can discuss this with them. They would need between 2-3,000 feet of pipe. George said we have new pipe stockpiled at the garage we had purchased for a project back when Dave Jones was still on our Board, which we never did. Possibly we can sell it to them. They will have to pay a tap in fee, and George will talk with S. Bray about that. They would need a meter, backflow preventer and valves. Mike said the line has to be inspected prior to back filling it. PennDOT has a contractor in mind to do the work, and George will tell Neil Deitrick to have their engineer contact us. They would start in early spring.

There being no further business, the meeting will be left open and everyone left at 8:09 PM.

CHAIRMAN _____

SECRETARY _____