

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
JANUARY 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 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 was S. Hall, Secretary, who advised us he would not be here. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

Borough Manager, G. Lloyd, called the meeting to order. Chairman M. Stoudt said the previous meeting held 12/3/24 that was left open, has to be closed. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the previous meeting be closed." All in favor.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the officers remain the same if no one objects." All in favor. George turned the meeting over to Chairman Stoudt.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 12/3/24 meeting were brought up for discussion. P. Bauman noted on Page 2, Letter M.) GENERATORS-the last sentence should be "once the generator is hooked up, not the fuel." No further corrections.

Leesa used a different font for typing the minutes, and all agreed it was easier to read.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. On the sewer bill list, he asked about the repay to the Boro in the amount of \$2,999.99 for the WWTP. This was for a power pallet truck to move chemicals that we now have to purchase for the new plant. There being no further discussion on the bills, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That the minutes, treasure's report, and bill payments be accepted as presented." All in favor

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

Nothing on the well. The boys fixed about a 40-gpm leak on Granger St. Dan is still looking for other leaks.

B.) DELINQUENTS-Report was in packets. Cheryl has sent out letters.

C.) INFILTRATION

Insight did work lining the main by Jim's Station on Main St. down to Reese Lane. They are working on Ruah St. and doing the lines out back of Leesa's crossing the river. There are unused laterals from homes that have been torn down and some that went out in the 1972 flood. There were a couple places they had to reline because the lining material did not adhere to the pipe. The Chairman asked if they could put another liner into one already done. George said they can because by Parker's on N. Wmsn. back in 1970 there was a broken sewer line, which we repaired, and was relined again.

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

Larson Design and RUS are working on the final figures. The original cost was \$14 million, they got \$9.6 million from RUS so they are now looking for additional funds. With the figures now, the user rate would be around \$70.00 a month, and their goal was \$60-65 a month. If the rate is too high, the people will not be able to pay.

E.) CASSELBERRY

George has talked with him, but knows he is working in Arnot.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL-Nothing

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G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

The Chairman said Modern will be here next week to work on the VFD. There will only be one down at a time and will do #1 then #3. One well has to be working properly before doing the other one.

H.) NEW STP

To run the sludge press, Xylem will be here next week to calibrate the motions out on the deck. This registers oxygen, potassium, and some other things. We have been in contact with three different people showing us different parts of the system, and we are videotaping it all.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

We had talked about repairing or replacement of the traveling bridge. We had looked at the pall system, but you have a lot of wastewater to truck to the stp. When we do have work done and it is down, we need to upgrade the heat system and do work for the backup power source. What we had is working fine that we got from Wellsboro, but new parts are not available anymore.

J.) BR DAM

We hope the work done after the storm will mean we do not need to redo the dam and will save us around \$10,000 which would be the cost to get a new permit from DEP.

K.) PAINT BR TANK-Will be back in the spring. Mike is still waiting for Penelec.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

The first quarter training is over 60% completed.

M.) GENERATORS

The Gas Co. is to put in the new regulator and place the meter next Tuesday. They will tie into the gas supply and do a pressure test. Mike will contact Cummins to do the start up.

N.) METERS-Nothing

O.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

Leesa is going to contact the District Justice about locating the driver.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 16, No. 17, USDA: FROM FUNDING GRANT MONEY

We had No. 16 last month that we did not sign nor pay since we are awaiting a reply from HRG and Tom Wellington, RUS. The meeting had been left open if we had gotten a reply, but we did not. The handicap requirements were completed, and we did get the occupancy permit, and got our answers. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we sign Requisition #16 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S.Hall and J. Bubacz will sign the papers.

No. 17 includes: 1.) HRG from 10/28 to 12/1/24 in the amount of \$4,911.00. 2.) Tra Electric from 9/30-12/16/24 in the amount of \$68,929.24. These total \$73,840.24. George said overall there were a few minor adjustments but on the whole the project went well. We have a year before the warranty is up, so we have time to make sure it is all working properly. We should document everything if there is a problem. Matt had a problem with mixer #1 kicking off and discussed with the company man. George said we have recorded everything for the new plant. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we sign Requisition #17 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz will sign the papers.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#84 was received 12/19/24 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 for 10/24. The amount was a little higher than last time.

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

The members were given the bank reports. The Treasurer said we earned a lot of interest in the BWC MMI account (which includes some sewer money we had transferred into it to earn more). It is paying 3.8% , but that can change in 2/25 when FCCB will no longer offer a special municipal rate. Pat said a sewer CD with LPL was redeemed early and the money is in the cash account until reinvested. We could invest these funds into a 2-year CD paying around 4%. In May, the Feds may cut the rates. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, 'That we invest this CD in the amount of \$210,000,00, plus interested earned in the treasury MM & LPL getting the best rate." All in favor.

D.) PROPOSED BUDGETS

The members received copies of the proposed sewer budget. They had gotten the water one last month. The Treasurer asked if the wages includes costs of insurance and benefits, and they do. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we accept the proposed budgets for 2025." All in favor.

E.) TAPPING FEES

S. Bray worked on the water and was around \$1,800. That includes all systems improvements that have been made. It has been quite some time since we have raised the fees. J. Bubacz asked about what Covington will have to pay to tap into our system, as their rate should be close to ours. They have less than 200 customers and UTRA will want to pay their total tapping fee in increments, instead of just one big check to us. We are gathering information for Scott for the sewer taps. We will wait to get the sewer numbers from Scott to finalize both.

F.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

George hasn't talked with the guy lately. Their pressure is around 20 psi., so they may need a tank and pump. There is a lot of land if it ever were to be developed on that side hill and we should think about the line going up there.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) TROPICAL STORM DEBBY RESOLUTION

George and Cheryl met with FEMA and PEMA regarding our request for funding reimbursement for damage from Tropical Storm Debby for the Boro. We have to pass a resolution designating our agent for paperwork. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman,"

DESIGNATION OF AGENT RESOLUTION FOR DR4815, BE IT RESOLVED BY BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY THAT MICHAEL R. STOUT, CHAIRMAN, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, TIOGA COUNTY, a Public entity established under the laws of the Comm. of PA., all required forms, and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, passed, and approved this day of 1/7/25." All in favor.

It was asked if the footbridge on Taber St. by the foundry will be replaced. They are looking at something different because the old one is not worth repairing.

Section 5: Other

A.) Leesa received a newsletter from PMAA which Mike read to the members. The PA. Dept. L&I published the authority and municipal bidding threshold for 2025: Purchases and contracts below \$12,900 require no formal bidding or written/telephonic quotations; between \$12,900 and \$23,800 require 3 written/telephonic quotations, and over \$23,800 require formal bidding.

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B.) The Chairman congratulated J. Bubacz who is retiring from his job at the end of this month.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM, motion by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY