

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Secretary S. Hall, Treasurer P. Bauman, and member F. Wasowicz. Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., had sent everyone an email that he would not be here. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and Recording Secretary L. Lazouras.

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 8/5/25 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. He noted we will have to take about \$35,000 from our sewer money invested in the BWC MMI #6018 which is earning the higher interest rate. S. Hall asked if this was for the loan repayment to RUS, and it is with the total due of \$150,771.00. Pat said on the water bill list, there is a bill from Cummins in the amount of \$41,430.00 for the Bellman Run generator dated 8/8. It was asked if we have already paid for this, as the two previously purchased had to be paid before the order would be placed. Leesa checked the invoice, and it states that payment term is 30 days from invoice date. Mike said we have established credit with them. Pat said we had accepted the bid March 4th and would need a 22-week lead time. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by F Wasowicz, seconded by S. Hall, "That the minutes, treasurer's report, and bill payments be accepted." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

George said they had heard a leak by Carpenter and Granger. A new valve box was installed and after it was shut off the leak stopped. The service line supplies the former Gurnsey house on the corner Carpenter and Davis which is now owned by Sheckler. We marked in his yard where we think the leak is located. From the curb box in is the owner's responsibility to repair. A letter was written to him 8/13, giving 30 days to get it repaired. We are still looking for leaks around town.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The list was in the packets.

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C.) INFILTRATION

On 8/13 was a rainstorm where we got 2.7" at the WWTP, Covington got 1/2" and Bellman only got 1/4". The flow at the plant was up 138,000 gallons. At the well there was not much to soak into the ground. It was asked if there are more roof drains going in and we should consider smoke testing again. It has been some time since we had it done. Mansfield Boro advertised where they are doing smoke testing.

D.) WATER FUTURE I-99/BUSINESS 15

A pre-conference meeting was held with the company that is going to install the water line. They will do work in stages, starting 9/15. The contractor wished that PennDOT had waited before paving the lower end of N. Wmsn. toward Covington.

E.) CASSELBERRY

George met Harold, Jan, and Kevin House to discuss an agreement for road access on their property for the other well, which will be on DCNR's property. Repsol said they would pay for the well and should get it done since with a gas company you never know how long they will stay. George and S. Bray walked the lot. A water line has to be installed from that well. There is an old riverbed in the area. C. Roupp staked out the area. There will need to be a survey and agreement. George would like to do boring instead of a cut and use poly or plastic. Ductile was used for the gas line which has cathodic protection.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) NEW STP

Matt had a problem with the sludge press and called the company to come check it. They were not happy and did a modification last week with the chemicals by putting polymer in a different spot. He is getting nice results in the sludge going out and the company said the results should be better now.

H.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION-HRG PROPOSAL

S. Bray is working on the BR filter plant as a consultant. Since he is retired, he did not want to fill out all the paperwork and suggested asking HRG to help with this project. In July Scott and George did a site visit with them, talking with David Madl and emails were exchanged. HRG prepared a proposal to rehabilitate the plant, which was emailed to all the members. They propose to complete the work in Exhibit 1, for a lump sum of \$36,100.00 plus reimbursables(expense) for the surface water facility. Our intent is to implement a series of targeted upgrades and rehab focus on clarification and filtration.

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They discussed relocating the PPM chemical feed location 50 feet upstream for additional contact time for enhanced coagulation. They should talk with Dan about things needed up there since he runs the plant. The carbon steel TBF has reached the end of its life after 30 years and needs to be replaced with a new stainless-steel unit. Preliminary discussions with DEP indicated they had no objection. There are ten items listed for rehab. They endeavor to complete the outline services within 90 days from receipt of execution of the agreement. They would assist finding additional funding sources, as an additional service following completion of the study and upon our request. We plan to address building insulation and related work under a separate effort not in their proposal. A feasibility report should be done, and has to satisfy DEP. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we accept the proposal from HRG." All in favor.

I.) BR DAM

J.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe emailed his update: 1.) Quarterly training completed at 80%, next training starts on 10/1. Leesa said she got it done the day before due. Mike said he did not and could not get in since it was past the date. 2.) Dan's computer is scheduled to be replaced, pricing is \$1,400 and process has been started with the vendor.(CSR). A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we replace Dan's computer." All in favor.

K.) GENERATORS

Mike reported the old Bellman Run generator will be disconnected and removed, and the site will be ready for installation of the new one. He thinks in about 3 weeks all work should be completed.

L.) METERS

M.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

N.) TAPPING FEES

O.) WATERLINE STATE YARD

George has not heard back from them yet and figures it will be spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) REPSOL ROYALTY

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#92 was received 8/20/25 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalty account. The report was in the packets. It is for the month of 6/25 and was a little lower. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000 to avoid a bank charge to the BWC MMI #6018.

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

The reports were in the packets. It will be in November before reinvesting will be done. The Feds will be meeting this month so there may be a change.

C.) FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

George talked with Kerry Geykis, and he is willing to work on this. He will walk all the old area and the new Dorn property we had added, (for which he did preliminary work), in the fall when the leaves are off. It should take 3-4 days, and he will do a report. George talked with Isaac about attending a meeting after that. Kerry said it would be about \$300 a day. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we hire Kerry to do the study." All in favor.

D.) FEMA TROPICAL STORM DEBBY

The Boro received notice from FEMA, which is federal, that there is also funding that will be sent from the storm. (last month's funds were from PEMA which is state).

E.) S. NEVIN REQUEST FORAGING PLANTS AND MUSHROOMS

Mrs. Nevin sent a letter dated 8/12/25, asking permission to access the Authority's properties for personal use. If liability is a problem, she will gladly sign a waiver. She practices responsible foraging and that includes proper permission to use private properties. This had been in the packets, and the members had questions. The Chairman wonders if certain things are protected by the State. He also questioned if any were going to be sold, because if someone got sick it could come back on us. F. Wasowicz wondered about a person going on state land, and what is required. He knows lots of people get leeks and you have to get a permit. Mike said all our land is posted. We would not want everything removed to be wiped out and not grow back. It is one thing for personal use but another if it is going to be sold and a profit being made off our property. Frank said a lot of people that collect an item such as ginseng are secretive and do not tell anyone else where they find it. At this time, we will not approve her request, but George write a letter and ask her to attend our October meeting to discuss our concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM on motion from S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY