

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
MAY 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room, 241 Main St.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Secretary S. Hall and member P. Bauman. Absent: Treasurer J. Eckman who had called the office to say he would not be in attendance. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

GUESTS

Council person P. Hosszu

Chairman Stoudt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 4/2/19 regular meeting were brought up for discussion. 1.) J. Bubacz said New Business, Letter E, can be removed because it was just a statement J. Eckman made and required no action. There being no further discussion on the minutes, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the minutes be approved as read with the one correction." All in favor.

BILLS BE PAID

Unpaid bills for sewer \$30,564.63

Unpaid bills for water \$19,739.30+\$9,264.76 Penn Vest monthly payment

The following discussion was held on the bills: 1.) M. Stoudt asked about the bill from Grand Canyon Ecological Services-This is Jim Weaver and S. Bray had him do the wetlands study for the property purchased from R. Wilson for the new sewer plant. On the corner by the bridge, south of the driveway on East Creek Road, is within 15 feet of wetlands. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the bills be paid." All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the Treasurer is absent, G. Lloyd reported the balance in sewer of \$82,635.93 and in water \$28,684.95. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That the Treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit." All in favor.

Chairman Stoudt wondered if on the agenda that is put in the packets that it says "not official" or something to keep it separate from the one passed out the night of the meetings, and this can be done.

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GUESTS

Chairman Stoudt thanked P. Hosszu for attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) WATER UPDATE

They have been looking for leaks in town. There was another leak in Hamilton Twp. on Blake Road. This is the line by George Manikowski's that has leaked a lot which is a 2" line. They will be doing a new line and have 4" PVC pipe with rubber bell joints left over from another project they will use. This will be moved to the left side of the road so they can bore under the road and not have to do an open cut. Mike asked if this would be large enough if more development was done toward East Creek Rd. and George said they can check the water pressure to see.

B.) DELINQUENTS

Cheryl is working on notification letters to send out.

C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

George reported the last rain we had we did not have to by-pass the pump house.

The members were given a copy of the progress report from HRG on the new plant. They worked with DEP regarding the permitted hydraulic capacity. They want the capacity to stay at 0.6 MGD although the new plant will be designed to meet permitted effluent limits during sustained high flows (0.8 MGD). Mike hopes this does not limit future expansion, but if we continue to take care of the I&I we should be good. George plans for more work to be done on the I&I this year. We will also discuss including restroom facilities.

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

They talked with RUS and it will be late summer before they get all their paperwork to them. Mike asked if they will also include potential users since there is a lot of activity on the strip toward Mansfield.

E.) CHEMICAL REDUCTIONS AT STP

We are still adding ferric chloride for the phosphorus. It was suggested this be taken off the agenda as it will continue until the new plant is in. All in agreement to remove.

F.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

George talked with Ericka while she was in town and when she gets back to the office will contact them.

G.) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOOKLET-IN PACKETS

Copies were sent to the members. All in agreement to remove.

H.) CASSELBERRY

George called Jim today for an update and left a message to call him. Jim has been working on the information to SRBC for the new wells, but George doesn't know if he submitted it.

I.) OLD HOSPITAL

George said S. Nickerson talked with another person possibly interested.

J.) HYDRO APPLICATION WATER WITHDRAWAL-WATER ALLOCATION

This is the salt well near the Arnot Rd. but we have heard nothing. They are to pay again in July per our agreement.

K.) PIPELINE BY TAYLOR RUN

We will run a line up the road for the new water tank by the sand bank. George will go to Hamilton Township's meeting Monday night and Mike said we should look into doing a written agreement. He also has to discuss weed control along the road and a sign posted for our water supply source.

L.) INTERNET AND SOFTWARE PAY BILLS ON LINE

George talked with Cheryl about using the new Diversified program which will require getting a module. An application has to be submitted to them but there is no cost. Later this summer it should be ready.

M.) POWER PAY

This was regarding a rate charge for electric at Bellman and the Gun Club. When the Boro worked with PSAB and went with APPI, we also did. All in agreement this be taken off the agenda.

N.) NEW STP

The monthly HRG report was discussed. All agree we have restroom facilities and Mike said they have to be ADA compliant. They are to submit applications on 6/21. George said they plan to be at our next meeting so we can go over the paperwork before it is submitted. Geotechnical work had to be rescheduled due to recent wet weather. S. Bray is happy with their work so far.

O.) BRAY WATP EVALUATION

Nothing will be done until the new Taylor Run well is on line.

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P.) BR GENERATOR

The parts have been ordered and are to be in this month for the exhaust.

Q.) AGREEMENT HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TAYLOR RUN ROAD

Discussed

R.) BELLMAN RUN DAM

S. Bray had DEP look at the site and will work on the paperwork for the sediment pond. The Army Corp. has to also be notified so it could take 3-4 months to have approvals in place.

S.) REPSOL WELL PAD DORN-HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

George will call Chris again.

T.) PAINT BR TANK

The other tank at Taylor has to be ready before we can do this one. The mold can be wiped off and we will use our bucket truck to clean it this summer.

U.) RAILROAD PROPERTY-R. WILSON

The sale is completed. The boys have the new driveway in. S. Bray will work on the permit for the bridge to cross to the plant which will be later this year or next. All in agreement this is taken off the agenda.

V.) FCCB INVESTMENTS-SEWER

We combined 3 CD's and opened #34 which is a 30 month breakable CD. All in agreement this is taken off the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) PMAA 2019-2020 BOOKLET MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ACT

One is received free which is kept in the office. Additional copies are \$25.00 each if you get 5 or more. S. Hall feels all members should have a copy so he made the motion, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we purchase 5 copies and this be added to the sewer bills to pay list." All in favor.

B.) FINAL BILLS FOR HAMILTON TWP. PENN VEST COLLECTIONS

Leesa reported that the Supervisors paid off early their 20 year loan from Penn Vest for Cummings Mills, from bridge to bridge for sewer service. We made an agreement with them, dated 7/6/99, to collect from their customers for collection and an additional

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amount for debt service payments. The loan was paid off 4/12/19. We will send a final bill out this month. The separate account we had to maintain will be kept open for a few months. It will then be closed, and any further payments that come in will be sent to Hamilton Twp. The Supervisors will notify anyone owing on the bill to send it to them and not us.

C.) The members were given a copy of letter from HRG to S. Bray regarding the NPDES permit and hydraulic capacity for the new plant.

D.) The members were given a copy of a draft letter written by S. Bray regarding the new pipeline and storage tank at Taylor Run to DEP.

E.) NEW STP

Requisition #7 from the line of credit in the amount of \$15,609.13 from HRG for the new sewer plant has to be signed and submitted to RUS for payment. This covers 3/4-3/31/19 for engineering. After going over the bill, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That this bill be approved for payment." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall are to sign the request.

F.) WATER SAMPLES FOR LEAD AND COPPER AROUND TOWN

George said we treat the water coming into town and it cannot be corrosive. We have to keep the PH and alkalinity correct. We also add a corrosion control to the system. If there were problems around town they would contact us and not the homeowners.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM, motion by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, all in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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