

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
JUNE 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

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

#### MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held 5/7/19 were brought up for discussion. 1.) J. Eckman had a question on Page 5. New Business, Letter B-Final bills for Hamilton Twp. Penn Vest collections. He asked what the dollar amount in the account was and Leesa reported about \$300.00. Quarterly checks are sent to them leaving a zero balance. Also at the end of each year a check is sent so there is always a zero balance. There being no further discussion on the minutes, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the minutes be approved as read." All in favor.

#### BILLS BE PAID

Unpaid bills for sewer \$20,144.51

Unpaid bills for water \$23,033.26+\$9,264.76 Penn Vest monthly payment

The following discussion was held on the bills: 1.) M. Stoudt asked about the bill in sewer from Wild Rose Concrete-this is for cement for the driveway to the sewer plant. A rock trench was put in and S. Bray suggested a 24" pipe be installed and backfilled. 2.) M. Stoudt asked about working with Pace Analytical who bought Seewald Labs. , for testing. George said it has been slow working with them right now. We are not getting our result reports back on time which makes us behind with forwarding the results to DEP. If it does not get better we will have to look for someone else. Mike said he is having the same thing at the college. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That the bills be paid." All in favor.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Eckman reported the balance in sewer of \$58,450.51 and in water \$59,471.78. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That the Treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit." All in favor.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### A.) WATER UPDATE

George reported they did work in Morris Run and it saved about 15,000 gpd. There is more work to be done as the consumption is now 30,000 gpd but typically is 20,000 gpd. George is working up the price for a new line on Blake Road starting by Patty Makley, for the Twp. The new line will be on the other side of the road. They plan to use the old line until the new is installed and flushed and then do the tie in the next day. The old line will be shut off.

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B.) DELINQUENTS

The members were given a print out from the new program. Everything is under the over 30 day category and does not go out to 60, 90, or 120 because this is the first billing under the new program so there is no storage data. People have been setting up payment schedules. Shut offs will be done in a few weeks. P. Bauman asked if it was the same people on both lists, and yes it is our usual ones we have to keep after.

C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

When we have heavy rains and overflows a letter is sent to DEP. We have to do more I&I work and on Main St. we are trying from Hannibal St. to the S. Wmsn. Rd. Bridge. We had previously received funding from the Boro toward repair work and plan to do more relining in the fall.

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

George said they talked with RUS and Mary Beth said if they get enough information submitted, they could possibly get a funding offer by September. If approved and the Board accepts the offer, they could bid out next spring. They have to get the user rate down to \$65.00 a month to be able to repay the funding.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

George has not heard from Ericka and will contact her again as we need this closed out.

F.) CASSELBERRY

He is doing work on the Taylor Run wells. All the rain we have had affected our flow readings. He has to put the reports in a format to submit to DEP and SRBC.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

H.) HYDRO APPLICATION WATER WITHDRAWAL-WATER ALLOCATION. BILL IN JUNE

Nothing has been going on. Leesa will be sending out the bill this month, payment is due in July.

I.) PIPELINE BY TR

George hopes to get Boro jobs done so we can start on the line up by the sandbank by the end of July or first of August. He would like to get it done this year. S. Bray has the applications ready to send to DEP for the new 1 MG tank at Taylor Run. One application has to go to NPDES and one for GIF information. Signatures are needed on these. Two checks have to be written to the Comm. of PA. Clean Water Fund: one in the amount of \$1,500.00 and the other \$200.00. S. Bray would like to get the checks on Friday to put in with the paperwork. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we sign and submit the applications along with the checks." All in favor. The checks will be added to the water bill list. P. Bauman asked about the time line for the application. George said DEP will look at and then review and make comments so it will be awhile.

J.) INTERNET AND SOFTWARE PAY BILLS ON LINE

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J. Bubacz checked with Cheryl and it should be ready by the end of August.

K.) NEW STP

HRG is working on the Water Quality Management Part II Application, Upgrade Project. This is in accordance with the Corrective Action Schedule Timeline established in the 11/17/16 Consent Order Agreement, which was revised by DEP on 2/14/18. A check for \$500.00 payable to the Comm. of PA. has to be enclosed. S. Bray and George are meeting with them this Friday at 10:00 AM to review the plans. George would like us to not adjourn but meet with them on Monday, 6/10 at 7:00PM as the application has to be submitted to DEP by June 21<sup>st</sup>. All members can be available then and George is to text everyone to remind them.

L.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

This will not be done until the new well is on line.

M.) BR GENERATOR

George has a company working on the exhaust.

N.) AGREEMENT HAMILTON TWP. TAYLOR RUN ROAD

George attended their last meeting and they voted to approve a right-of-way. M. Stoudt asked if we needed to do a signed agreement, but the members thought a verbal agreement was enough. Since it will be documented in their minutes, it was suggested we ask for a copy from their secretary P. Davies. They will check with DEP about pesticide spraying along the road.

O.) BR DAM

S. Bray will work on this after getting done with the 1 MG tank. They have talked about putting in stone instead of gabions on the two sides so water will flow through it. That is what Wellsboro Boro did in their creeks. Scott will have to submit to DEP. We can buy through Costars.

P.) REPSOL WELL PAD DORN-HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT-RECEIVED BACK SIGNED

J. Eckman asked if they are working there and M. Stoudt said there is a lot of traffic all the time, and it is noisy at his house. We hope there are no issues with our water supply. All in agreement this be taken off the agenda.

Q.) PAINT BR TANK

We should drain the water while we do maintenance work on it, but this cannot be done until the new tank at Taylor is on.

NEW BUSINESS:

BLOSSBURG MEMORIAL LIBRARY DONATION -BEN JONES

J. Eckman asked if we had done anything due to the passing of Ben Jones, Treasurer. Leesa said we did not. He feels we should do a memorial donation. Leesa thinks the last time we did one for \$25.00 for Jeff Harman. It was also suggested checking with his family on a book selection. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we donate in memory of B. Jones to the Library. "All in favor.

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A.) NOT ADJOURN MEETING-MEET WITH HRG-Set up to meet Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

B.) HRG REQUEST #8

Request #8 from the line of credit in the amount of \$22,977.02 for the new sewer plant has to be signed and submitted to RUS for payment. This covers 4/1-4/28/19 for engineering. S. Bray has reviewed it already. After going over the bill, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That this bill be approved for payment." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall will sign the five copies of the request.

C.) REPSOL ROYALTY #18 statement was received and payment will be coming. The amount has been falling off through the year, which probably means there is not as much demand. Many of the leases start out high then decrease. When the Dorn well comes on line we will get income from that.

D.) PRWA AWARD

A notice was received from PRWA regarding our continued participation in the Partnership Treatment program. This is for optimizing filter plant turbidity performance. Bellman Run water treatment plant will receive an award certificate for 15 years of continuous years in the program as a Directors Award facility, and for Blossburg to continue to be in "good standing" in the program by prompt payment of our annual dues and continued submittal of annual reports. The State AWWA conference in Hershey was held in April when the award was to be presented, but Dan Grinnell could not attend. Paul Zielinski was available last month to bring the certificate here. There is no charge for this plaque, but if you want to get additional ones they are \$75.00 each. M. Stoudt said we should keep all the plaques in one location. The Authority would like George to extend our appreciation to Dan for the great job and hard work he does for us.

E.) J. Eckman had read in the Council minutes of a resident, H. Bartlett, questioning our replacement procedure for the vacancy on our Board due to the passing of B. Jones. S. Hall noted that it is in the PA. Municipalities Act book and a copy could be sent to him. Leesa noted that Cheryl had asked her about it, so a copy of the page out of the PMAA Act was given to her, for him.

F.) In the packets were the C&N Investment statements.

There being no further business, the meeting was not adjourned and will reconvene on 6/10. Everyone left at 7:25 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY