

REGULAR MEETING
BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting held 8/6/19 were brought up for discussion. There being none, 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 \$14,263.52

Unpaid bills for water \$21,325.72+\$9,264.76 Penn Vest monthly payment

*Sewer-Interest new STP loan-when received monthly.

The following discussion was held on the bills:

Leesa said there are 3 bills to add to the list: 1.) WATER-Comm. of PA.-Taylor Run Water Line \$500.00-S. Bray has the paperwork to be signed for the water line permit. The application fee has to also be sent with the papers. 2.) WATER-LRM \$36.00-charts for flow recorder. 3.) SEWER AND WATER-LRM \$557.00-flow meters calibrated-Bellman, R&G, STP and Morris Run-will rebill them. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That the bills be paid." All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Eckman reported a balance in sewer of \$81,927.85 and in water \$71,216.55. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit." All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) WATER UPDATE

George reported that when they repaired the Davis St. leak on a Sunday, it reminded him that we should take out the old 2" steel line between Parkhurst and Lynd Streets, before we start having problems with it. The line fed S. Bogaczyk and W. Wilson. He had Lisowski bore under the road, and we then ran a ¾" service line to each home.

The Chairman asked if we had any leaks. Dan has been looking for some, but nothing big has been found. He is looking in the area of a hydrant by Bastian's on the corner of Granger/Carpenter.

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B.) DELINQUENTS

Cheryl has five more places to file liens against before the properties get sold. The cost will be about \$500 per lien for legal fees, but we get that back when sold.

C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

We have heard nothing, but DEP has a very low staff level right now.

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

They hope to hear something by the end of next month from USDA with a funding offer.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

George called Erika and she has not heard from them and doesn't have a contact name. She had been working with Pat but he had been in a motorcycle accident and had a long recovery ahead of him. The Chairman asked if there was someone else who could sign off, and he will ask her. It looks really nice and he said we need to be released.

F.) CASSELBERRY

George left Jim a message but he has not called back.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

George said the people they met with were looking for funding.

H.) HYDRO-RETTEW

George said the letter we got last month he thought was to draw from the salt well, but it is not. He talked to their manager and they plan to sell from Boone Run at their plant. Between Hydro's well and the 50,000 allotted from us is the plan. He said we will make out better with income this way.

I.) PIPELINE BY TAYLOR RUN

S. Bray has the paperwork ready to submit to DEP for the water line and tank, and with the check we send for the review will speed up the project. We plan to install the water line prior to getting the tank permit. We hope to hear back from DEP this year but if not until spring, we will be ready. We had already paid them for the tank review, but this is an additional fee for the line review. The Chairman asked if we have the material and we already have the pipe and just have to get a few more parts. George hopes we can start putting the line in this fall. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we start the water line installation." All in favor.

J.) INTERNET AND SOFTWARE PAY BILLS ON LINE

Cheryl said they tried to use it and found a few bugs that had to be corrected. There is a charge of \$3.00 per transaction to do the payment, but it does not come to us but to the clearing house.

P. Bauman said we need to make sure people know it is not our charge fee.

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k.) NEW STP

We received an email from J. Fox from HRG that said DEP has determined that the permit application package is complete, has been accepted and undergoing technical review. DEP's current target date for completion of technical review is 11/1/19. George said if that happens, he hopes we can bid out in the winter and have a spring start up. We also got a progress report dated 9/2. They are into the final design for the influent pump station and working with the precast tank manufacture on the new tanks in regards to the coordination with the building. They are also working on a different layout for the UV system so they can effectively shrink the overall building footprint. M. Stoudt they have to keep working to meet our target date so we do not get fined. He thought it was originally in October. George said it was until they had to do all the additional I&I water testing. J. Eckman noted that the paperwork was submitted on time and it is out of our hands waiting for DEP's response.

L.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

George said Scott feels we should do the pilot study on a different unit like MU and Wellsboro Boro have. It will cost about \$25,000, but we will know for sure if the poly unit filter will work with our system. It was asked if we have the cost figures for repairing our existing unit and George said it would be a lot. J. Bubacz said we got the letter from DEP regarding an alarm system and shutdown. We sent a reply letter to them on our current shutdown procedure. We are faced with doing an update if not approved. George said we would not be able to update during the winter but in nice weather between spring and summer. It was asked if the existing floc area would be used with a new membrane, and they would try it without first. Mike said MU has a settling area first. They have two wells and use surface water. George said our turbidity is not bad, and we clean the sediment pond. S. Hall said we should do the study since we have plans for another well to be put on line, and J. Bubacz agrees. The traveling bridge system is outdated versus new technology. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we proceed with getting the pilot study done. "All in favor.

M.) BR GENERATOR

S. Lisowski's mechanic is fixing the leaks on it.

N.) BR DAM

S. Bray has been working on the permit but George does not know if it was sent in yet.

O.) PAINT BR TANK

It was cleaned and looks better and should not have to paint it for another couple years.

P.) CYBERSECURITY

George said B. Hughes will be coming to look at what will need to be done.

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Q.) DAN'S VAN

J. Eckman had talked with Dan who liked the van because it is easier to get into than a pickup truck because his knees are getting bad. It was suggested putting running boards on the new truck.

R.) DEP LETTER WTP ALARMS

S. Bray wrote our reply letter last month, but has not heard from DEP.

S.) DORN WELL PAPERS TO SIGN

George talked with our Solicitor about the Division Order and he said not to sign it. He did not like some of the wording in it. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we do not sign the Division Order per the solicitor's recommendation." All in favor. It was noted this should not affect our royalty payments. All in agreement this is removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) HRG REQUEST #11

Request #11 from the line of credit in the amount of \$25,665.20 for the new sewer plant has to be signed and submitted to RUS for payment. This covers 7/1-8/4/19 for engineering. S. Bray has reviewed it already. After going over this request, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That this bill be approved for payment." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall will sign the five copies of the request.

B.) REPSOL #20 STATEMENT DORN/JOHNSON

Both wells are listed on the report and this is the first time from the Dorn well. It covers 7/19. Leesa had called Repsol last month, because the last report and money received in July covered 5/19 for the Johnson property. Repsol told her there was a drop at the end of May as it was shut down for maintenance. There was no production in June. It went back on line in July. The lease on the Johnson well is 191 acres and for Dorn 126. We still have acreage that is not leased. Signor has one well on his property but it is too far away from us and we are not in that unit. The Lewis Brothers bought Ray Kaminski's land and that could impact us. The Boro has leases with Repsol for different properties around town.

WINDMILLS

S. Hall asked if we have heard anything further on the windmills, but there has been nothing. J. Bubacz heard the guy was looking for another place in the County. It was also asked about the proposed conversion plant in Covington but there has been nothing. NYSEG is going with solar panels now.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM, motion by J. Bubacz, second P. Bauman, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY