

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
JANUARY 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer J. Eckman and member P. Bauman. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager. Absent S. Hall who was refereeing a basketball game and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary, whose sister was sick.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Officers was done. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, Jr., "That the officers remain the same being Chairman Michael Stoudt, Vice Chairman Joseph Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer John Eckman, Secretary Stephen Hall and member Pat Bauman." All in favor.

MINUTES

The minutes from the regular 12/3/19 meeting were brought up for discussion. The following corrections were suggested. 1.) Page 2, Letter G, remove the last sentence. 2.) Page 4, Letter C, remove "some" and it should be "and the interest goes back into some of the CD's." A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the minutes be approved with the corrections." All in favor.

BILLS BE PAID

Unpaid bills for sewer \$19,038.19

Unpaid bills for water \$29,331.63+\$9,264.76 Penn Vest monthly payment

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

After going over the bills, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the bills be paid." All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Eckman reported the balance in sewer of \$116,645.59 and in water \$44,889.90. 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 showed the members a 24" piece of copper that was replaced on Parkhurst St. The outside of the pipe shows deterioration from cathodic protection that UGI uses on their gas lines. The Authority also had this problem on White St. M. Stoudt will give a name and contact to George so a meeting could be set up to discuss the problem.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The report was reviewed. There has been a lot of progress getting payments with delinquent notices and customers being able to pay bills with credit cards.

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C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

No more letters have been received from DEP on the I&I. In reference to the sewer main relining, the cost quote proposed by Insight Pipe Contracting exceeded the \$40,000.00 limit that the Authority gave George to accept by \$1,842.50. The line that was leaking in front of the Acorn Market was televised again. No leak was visible so George would like to get the sewer main relined soon, before the groundwater rises. The relining can't be done with water infiltrating. If the relining can be completed before the groundwater rises, the Authority won't have to dig up Main St. to repair the problem. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the Authority accept the price quote from Insight Pipe Contracting of \$41,842.50 to reline some sewer mains." All in favor. George will fax the agreement to them after the meeting in hopes of speeding up the project.

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

UTRRA still is waiting for the funding offer from RUS. There is a change in the plans for a structure on BMA property by the sewer pump house. Instead of a vault on the property, where a meter and pressure reducer for the water going north will be installed, there will be a building. Because of new DEP regulations, the water will have to be chlorinated to raise the chlorine residual above a 0.2 NTU.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN-Nothing

F.) CASSELBERRY

George talked to Jim in November and he was going to work on BMA projects, for SRBC submittal, between Thanksgiving and Christmas. George will call him again about the status.

G.) OLD HOSIPTAL-Nothing

H.) HYDRO-SRBC BILL TO PAY-WAS PAID

We paid the bill and Dan Grinnell is working with the Hydro Recover Manager on the quarterly submittals required. The next submission is due to SRBC by 1/30/20.

I.) PIPELINE BY TR

BMA received one of the two permits from DEP, before work can start. Mike suggested that DEP be called about the status of the second permit.

J.) NEW STP

HRG submitted a progress report on the new stp dated 1/6/20. A final design is to be submitted to us for review by 1/15/20.

K.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray is trying to set up a meeting with DEP to discuss membrane technology at Bellman Filter. Mike wants to schedule a meeting for the Authority members to tour Mansfield University's water plant and their membrane filter system.

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L.) BR GENERATOR

The generator is operational. George is getting price quotes to replace the monitors on the unit.

M.) BR DAM-No update

N.) PAINT BR TANK

We plan to do maintenance on the tank after the Taylor Run tank is built and operational.

O.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe discussed that the Boro/Authority computers were checked and a couple have to be replaced. Work is still proceeding.

P.) DAN'S VAN, TRUCK-DOWN PAYMENT TRUCK BED WATSON DIESEL-OUT OF ROYALTIES
George will call for a status on the truck.

Q.) DEP LETTER WTP ALARMS-NOTICE OF VIOLATION-SENT LETTER 12/16/19

The letter that was sent to DEP stated that Bellman Filter will shut down automatically, when certain limits are met. DEP will schedule a meeting to check it out.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) HRG REQUEST #15 from the line of credit in the amount of \$53,539.31 for the new sewer plant has to be signed and submitted to RUS for payment. This covers 10/28-12/1/19 for engineering. After going over the request, 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.

B.) Repsol Royalty #23 was received 12/9/19 and #24 on 1/2/20.

C.) PA. GENERAL ENERGY-PROPOSED WELL PAD

We had sent in a letter describing our Taylor Run water well sites, but have heard nothing further.

D.) C&N STATEMENT 12/19

This was given to the members.

E.) RECORDS RETENTION

A memo from C. Bubacz to George regarding records retention and destruction was in the Authority's packets. The Boro adopted a resolution pursuant to the PA. Historical and Museum Commission. This is to promote care, administration and preservation of local and municipal government records per the County and Municipal Records Acts. There is a list of documents required to be kept permanently and what can be destroyed after specific time periods depending on the type of document. The Boro contracted with North Central Sight Services out of Williamsport for destruction of certain records. The group provides work to the blind and visually impaired. The 60 gallon bins are approximately \$35 per bin. There is a sample resolution for the Boro. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Eckman, "To pass a resolution." All in favor.

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F.) Treasurer J. Eckman discussed obtaining other investment instruments through C&N with variable rates, using funds from the Royalty MMI account. He also suggested investing into time deposits with FCCB and C&N.

A discussion was held on investing some of the water Royalty money with C&N Bank. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz, Jr., "That we withdraw \$300,000.00 from the FCCB Natural Energy Flex MMI, BMA Blossburg Water Company Royalties Account and invest into CD's with C&N Bank. This money will be invested into the best term and interest we can receive. Treasurer J. Eckman was authorized to do the transactions." All in favor.

The Board discussed opening CD's with FCCB. Jack is to find out the definition of breakable CD's because money will be needed for the new 1MG tank at Taylor Run.

There being no further business, Chairman Stoudt adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM on motion by J. Bubacz, Jr., seconded by P. Bauman, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY