

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
AUGUST 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, August 4, 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, Secretary S. Hall and Member P. Bauman. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

Guests: Heather Deitrick, FCCB-to observe. She was thanked for attending.

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

#### MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting held 7/7/20 were brought up for discussion. 1.) J. Bubacz noted that the money from the sale of the old excavator was deposited to just sewer and not water. Leesa advised him that she researched when it was first purchased, and all the funds came out of sewer. There being no further discussion on the minutes, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That the minutes be approved as read." All in favor. The Chairman noted that we had left the meeting open until we heard back from Jim Casselberry and the Attorneys on the Dorn property. We did not, so it has to be closed. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the meeting held 7/7/20 be closed." All in favor.

#### BILLS BE PAID

Unpaid bills for sewer \$48,048.75

Unpaid bills for water \$28,786.19

Sewer-Interest new STP loan-when received monthly

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

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer J. Eckman reported the balance in sewer of \$101,323.13 and in water \$50,560.36. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That the Treasurer's Report be accepted subject to audit." All in favor.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### A.) WATER UPDATE

George reported that Dan flushed hydrants on N. Wmsn. Rd. and Granger St. and should be done the end of the month. The Chairman asked how it has been going and George said well so far. He exercises the shut offs and main line services to get the rust out. Mike asked if he uses the new tool and he does on the big 10" and 12" valves. The smaller size can be done by hand as it takes less turns.

#### SALT WELL 15

The paperwork can be sent in by the first of next year when Jim Casselberry is available. We talked with SRBC and they will open it up for review when we submit a new application.

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B.) DELINQUENTS

Cheryl prepared a report. There were 44 10-day notices sent out. We have not sent out that type of notice since Covid started. One rental location on Morris St. is really in arrears and the landlord is not responding. George said we have talked with the Solicitor in the past and tenants can pay their utility bills if the property owner is not and deduct it from their rent.

C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

George said we are not able to make any new connections since we are under the Order. George is going to send a letter updating them on our I&I repair work we did on Main and Gulick and cut down about 50-100,000 gpd, which reduced our numbers. He will ask if we could get a few new taps. There have been no requests in town and there is one possibly in Hamilton Twp.

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

UTRA paperwork is into RUS for review. It has been slow hearing from RUS since Covid happened. George told them we are still waiting to get our new STP project going.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

George has talked with Jim about getting our information on the Taylor Run wells. Jim had taken a week off for vacation and lost some workers. He is making good progress and George will keep texting him.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

H.) PIPELINE BY TR

George plans to start next week and our permit is in place. The excavator is back from the company putting a thumb on it.

I.) NEW STP-FCCB BANK LOAN RESOLUTION

The members had been given a copy of the Resolution to accept a bank loan proposal from FCCB in the amount of \$4,628,000.00 to complete the new STP project Series 2020, refunding the Revenue Note Series 2018 which was issued to pay preconstruction costs of the Capital Project; authorize the loan agreement; and approving related documents, agreement and actions. They also received a copy of the Closing Agenda. The Summary of Settlement shows use of funds for Bond counsel fee and expenses, Authority counsel fee, FCCB bank fee, FCCB bank counsel fee, for a total of \$40,069.31. This amount plus the amount to Refund and Retire 2018 Note of \$520,320.73 is a total draw of \$560,390.04. The total amount remaining/available to be drawn is \$4,067,609.96. Due to Covid, the paperwork can be signed here and sent back and forth so we do not need to go to RUS.

In 2018 we opened the Revenue Note Series of 2018, with the maximum principal amount of \$600,000.00. No further bills had been received from HRG, so RUS recommended we proceed to do the bank loan at this time.

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NEW STP-BANK LOAN RESOLUTION

When we receive permission from RUS we can bid out the project. Once work is started and we get bills, we will draw down from the loan as we need it like we did with the Note Series of 2018.

George noted that DEP had given us until Sept. on our Consent Order, but they have given us leeway with the Covid pandemic and know we are waiting for RUS.

A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we approve the RESOLUTION to accept the FCCB bank loan proposal to complete the new STP project. The Chairman and Secretary will sign all the documents, once received." All in favor.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray, Dan and George met and they plan to start the Pilot Study on 8/31 and should take 3 months. George will contact Sean Stoudt about the electric needed so we can get ready this month. DEP has approved this study. George said they bring the unit in on a trailer and he will have Mansfield Crane set it in place. It was asked if this was heated but the company man is not worried as by the end of November they will be out of here.

K.) BR DAM

George and Scott Bray had met with 2 men from DEP last year (2/19), to discuss our plans to replace the structure to restore function and reduce sediment deposition in the reservoir. He now got an email from someone else in DEP who said it is a separate structure/dam than the Reservoir #D59-016 and will need a new dam permit, with a separate number. George and Leesa have been going through the files that Scott looked over today. There is an old map drawn by Sonny Taggart that shows 2 old wooden dams which were included in the original plan design when we applied to DEP for our original permit. The basin has been part of D59-016 since the beginning, and there is 1982 letter from Dam Safety referencing it. This is a repair of an existing facility.

L.) PAINT BR TANK-Reminder

M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz met with CSR on the 16<sup>th</sup> for the quarterly meeting. The new switch was installed which caused a problem with the phone system and that had to be fixed. There are other things to be done in the future. We will also have to purchase a new PC. They looked for a location for the access to wireless in the basement and if they run a cable in the ceiling there would be more coverage.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) HRG REQUEST #18-Not received yet. We are waiting for RUS.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY #31

Statement received but not the check.

C.) C & N statement for 7/20-Not up on computer yet.

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D.) INTEREST C&N EZ CD'S 7/20-Given to members.

E.) AGREEMENT MANSFIELD AND WELLSBORO BORO-Still under review with attorneys.

F.) EXCAVATOR

The members were given a copy of the equipment rental agreement. It was suggested a copy be looked at by the Solicitor. The monthly rate will be \$4,500.00 per month for rental. This sum will be pro-rated on a daily basis of its usage. It will be for one year and can be renewed for additional one year periods. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we approve this agreement. George will take it to Council for their approval." All in favor.

G.) DORN PROPERTY-FUNDING PURCHASE-FCCB

The members had been sent the Title Report of the property of Unity 400 LP, from our attorney. The attorneys got the surface rights question settled and have the information so we can proceed. They have to get the signatures from all involved. The proposed date for closing could be next week if all paperwork is received back. The settlement statement showed the amount of \$782,933.33 due. Treasurer J. Eckman met with Heather from FCCB and went over all our Water Company accounts. He decided it would be much easier to use our money with FCCB and not have to get money from our C&N Bank accounts. The Royalties MMI is where we deposit the monthly royalty checks, so that account will build back up. He decided to withdraw from the following accounts: 1.) BWC Regular Savings-this account will be closed out and deposited to the Royalties MMI. It will earn interest until we close it. 2.) BWC Breakable CD#29-withdraw \$172,000.00 and deposit to the Royalties MMI. There will still be a balance left in the account. 3.) The balance we need will be withdrawn from the Royalties MMI. After we withdraw, there will still be a balance left in the account. The payment check will be made to Cox, Stokes & Lantz, PC. Leesa will type a letter to FCCB with the various account transactions to be done and Jack can go to the bank to sign the paperwork. M. Stoudt told the members how the value of property has risen. In 1965 Dorn bought the land for \$35.00 an acre, and now we are paying around \$2,000.00 an acre. Since the payment is to go to the Attorney's office, Leesa asked what they do with the funds until the closing is done. Heather said it depends upon the type of account they have. Leesa questioned since we don't know how long it will take until the closing date, should we wait to keep earning higher interest on the accounts they are in right now. If it were to take 2 or 3 weeks we should earn on the higher balance still in the account, than withdraw and earn less on what is left. J. Eckman said this was a good idea and we will wait. Heather said they would like a day or two to transfer the funds and clear through the system. Heather was thanked for her input.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM on motion by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, with all in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY