

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Treasurer J. Eckman, Secretary S. Hall and member P. Bauman. Absent: J. Bubacz, Jr. who was still at work. 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 regular meeting held 8/4/20 were brought up for discussion. There being none, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the minutes be approved as read." All in favor.

#### BILLS BE PAID

Unpaid bills for sewer \$18,477.88

Unpaid bills for water \$39,946.18

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

L. Lazouras reported a bill was received from Mtek for bacteria to help the digester at the stp in the amount of \$2,082.40. M. Stoudt asked how often it is purchased and George said every few months. Mike assumes we will not need it when the new STP is in operation. There being no further question on the bills, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That the bills be paid." All in favor.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer J. Eckman reported the balance in sewer of \$69,102.19 and in water \$68,481.88. 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. SALT WELL

G. Lloyd reported they have been looking for leaks but have not found anything bad. The Fire Co. asked about going through ISO to get re-rated and flow tests on some hydrants would need to be done. The last time this was done was probably 25-30 years ago. A gauge is used and will not test them all but 4-5 around town. It was asked if the hydrants are color coded to know the flow coming out, but they are not. Wellsboro Boro has their hydrants colored. Dan checks the hydrants when flushing and notices if the flow is down and if they need to be checked. P. Bauman asked if all hoses are rated the same and S. Hall said yes. When hooking up fire hoses there is a storz fitting and coupling which makes hook on time faster. George said when they get new hydrants now they have the storz. For the UTRA new water line project they are looking at storz parts for the hydrants. S. Hall said we could ask Cheryl to look if there would be any grant money available for Public Safety since they are expensive. Dan knows how many hydrants we have and flow charts.

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There was a leak in Morris Run they found by Sandy Olson's curb box which will be fixed tomorrow.

Nothing further will be done on the salt well until Jim Casselberry can help us with the paperwork.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The members were given the report. No one has been shut off. Another letter will be sent to those that made partial payments. The one rental home owner has still not paid. One of his tenants came in and made a payment, another one will be in when he gets his monthly check and nothing heard from the third tenant. These tenants were told that under the Tennant's Rights, they can pay us and deduct it from their rent they pay to the landlord. P. Bauman noted that on the list there are some people with credits, and we do have people that pay ahead.

C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

George wrote to DEP to see if we can get a few hookups since the I&I work had been done on Main and Gulick Streets. There are a couple of people interested in connecting. It was noted that a lot of former DEP workers have retired and younger people have taken those jobs, so they do not know all the background history. S. Bray has encountered this with other projects he is working on.

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

RUS is working on our project which has been in to them longer than UTRA's, so it will be a while for UTRA to get a reply.

George talked with Mary Beth and she is going to retire at the end of this month. We do not know who our new contact person will be. Judy Tutino, State Engineer, is reviewing the paperwork. She has the whole State to take care of. We cannot bid out until we receive the okay. George will contact DEP since we are under the Consent Order and it could take into next year before we are ready to go so he will ask for an extension to September. There are contractors interested in bidding on the project.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN-Nothing

F.) CASSELBERRY

George had texted him early Sunday morning and Jim was working on our Taylor Run papers. We also need information in place on the Dorn property we just bought, as a potential water source, before any plans are made to put another well near that area.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

The building is really deteriorating. At least the grass is being mowed.

H.) PIPELINE BY TR

George said work was going well until they hit rock, like when they did the Ogdensburg Road water line. This area took more time. Today they started again in just dirt and put in 180 feet of pipe. The excavator is working really well and they have about 850 feet left to install. They should be

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done in a week or two and will be up to where the water tank will be. All the line is along the road so they do not have to deal with the creek.

I.) NEW STP-Discussed

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

The Pilot Study unit was set Monday and today they had to do plumbing and did electric work. They plan a trial run at the end of this week. It will be a 3 month process. To get water to drain into the basement they had to add dirt and blocks to raise it up.

K.) BR DAM

S. Bray is going to contact DEP about needing a new dam permit. He looked over all our information we have on file when the reservoir was first put in, and will submit our data to them. These are also new people in the Division of Dam Safety.

L.) PAINT BR TANK-Reminder after TR tank is done.

M.) CYBERSECURITY-J. Bubacz is absent

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) HRG REQUEST #18-not received yet.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY #31-Check received, #32-not received yet.

C.) C&N STATEMENT for 8/20-not received yet.

D.) INTEREST C&N EZ CD'S 8/20-not received yet.

E.) AGREEMENT MANSFIELD BORO EQUIPMENT RENTAL-Attorney's working on it.

F.) EXCAVATOR-It is working very well. All in agreement this be taken off the agenda.

G.) DORN PROPERTY

J. Eckman thanked Leesa and the Bank for gathering together all our account information and preparing all the necessary funding paperwork. The Chairman and George went to the closing on 8/12 at Cox's office. Added to the Settlement Sheet were settlement fees and taxes on the property in the amount of \$1,951.21.

S. Hall was told there was a person interested in purchasing this property to subdivide and make into lots, so it is a good thing we got it to protect our watershed.

George had Kerry Geykis go over the property and he provided a GPS location of roads, trails, property lines, and concentrations of trees for timber management. His bill was included on the water repay back to the Boro list.

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Kerry went on vacation and will be back in October. At that time we can discuss our forest plans and the fall of leaves will make his work much easier and more accurate. M. Stoudt wondered about doing horse logging instead of equipment logging to disturb property less. It was noted it is hard to get treated lumber around this area. J. Eckman said people are looking for larch now. Ash trees are bad in the woods.

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

George reported that we have changed our testing company to Fairway Labs. in Altoona. They also have a place in Towanda. Seewald in Williamsport that we used for years always did a good job. When they sold to PACE, the quality of work was poor. S. Hall said PACE does Foundry testing. He said they put the test on ice and asked if we have to do that, and we do.

S. Hall reported he has to have back surgery next week.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:31PM, motion by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, with all in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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