

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
JANUARY 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Due to the Covid Virus 19, the meeting was done by teleconference with the members from their homes. George and Leesa were in the office. Those available were: M. Stoudt, Chairman, J. Bubacz, Jr., Vice Chairman, Treasurer J. Eckman, Secretary S. Hall and member P. Bauman. Cheryl emailed the agenda and bill lists today.

Chairman Stoudt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He told the members he would be doing a roll call vote on the meeting discussions. He also told the members they could mute their mics to get rid of background noise. The members had been sent the telephone call in number. This teleconference meeting was based on an order issued by the Governor.

A.) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M. Stoudt said the election of Officers has to be done for 2021. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That the officers remain the same for 2021." Roll call vote, all in favor.

MINUTES

The minutes from the regular meeting held 12/1/20 were brought up for discussion. 1.) J. Eckman said on Page 4, Letter F.) Dorn property-was confusing about the two parcels. He suggested the three sentences regarding the small hunting camp be removed. All in agreement. There being no further corrections, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That the minutes be approved with the one correction." Roll call vote, all in favor.

BILLS BE PAID

Unpaid bills for sewer \$15,248.07+\$54,396.66 Loader for a total of \$69,644.73

Unpaid bills for water \$27,046.97+\$54,396.66 Loader for a total of \$81,443.63.

\*Sewer-Interest new STP loan-new loan documents interest only pay 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary date of 8/13/21 at 2.37%.The following discussion was held: 1.) J. Bubacz wondered if the sewer share for the loader should be shown with the monthly amount figure instead of the total. We agreed to borrow from the Water Royalties MMI account to pay the sewer share and make twelve equal payments back to the water. 2.) M. Stoudt asked George if we are satisfied with using Fairway for testing and George said Dan is happy and they are working out well. There being no further discussion on the bills, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the bills be paid." Roll call vote, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

J. Eckman reported the balance in sewer of \$92,336.58 and in water \$12,447.12. Leesa noted that sewer income is coming in now and the water bills will be sent out this month. J. Eckman suggests that we take funds from the water Royalties MMI to pay this month's water bills. We could transfer money back into the Royalties when water income starts coming in. All in agreement. Motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the Treasurer's report be accepted, subject to audit." Roll call vote, all in favor.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

G. Lloyd reported that we are losing about 30,000 gpd so there is a leak somewhere and they have been looking for it. It could be some small ones or one big one. We have been running Bellman and the well more often. We also have people leaving their water run due to the cold weather so their pipes don't freeze. There is nothing on the salt well.

B.) DELINQUENTS

There were 32 past due notices sent out and 15 have not responded yet. There is a decrease in the 60 days past due.

C.) INFILTRATION-LETTER TO DEP

George reported we had to bypass again from the 3" of rain and snow melt from the 33" we received. A letter was sent to DEP. They estimate about 3.8 MG was bypassed and this is about the same amount as previous bypasses.

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

RUS is still reviewing their paperwork and has not given any grant money or loan proposal.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

George talked with Jim. He was trying to get on line to update our permit for the Sportsman's Well and was closed off. He contacted SRBC about this and they had him get a waiver and reopened the files so he could work on it. This is to be submitted by 1/31. He will then start work on the Taylor Run wells.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

S. Nickerson said the people are still working on grant funding to open again. M. Stoudt drove by today and there are more broken windows, the main door is broken, and a lot of glass all over. He hopes the people know they are liable should someone get hurt. George will tell Shane so he can contact the owners. The windows should be boarded up.

H.) PIPELINE BY TR

Work will start in the spring.

I.) NEW STP

We are hoping to bid the job out soon and RUS and HRG have been having conversations. M. Stoudt, S. Bray and George talked with RUS. S. Bray had ideas to cut costs for work we could do ourselves, to reduce the overrun. This was also discussed with RUS. There is a new agreement paper which has to be signed. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we accept the new agreement with HRG." Roll call vote, all in favor. The Chairman thanked George for all the work he has been doing on this. When talking with HRG, they did a 100-year flood study which is normal. RUS said this year the requirement was

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changed so you now have to do a 500-year study. RUS had to do extra work with a sub-contractor so there is an extra charge for this. J. Eckman asked if they take into account global warming and 500 years is a long way out to forecast. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we approve the extra cost." Roll call vote, all in favor.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

George reported the Pilot Study had been continuing. Three weeks ago when there was power blip, it shut off to the equipment. When it was time to get it back up, a pipe had frozen. We are on hold for now and will do more work in the spring. George had talked to the man and he does not need the equipment for somewhere else, so it will stay here. We winterized it, and had added insurance to our policy so we are covered.

K.) BR DAM

L.) PAINT BR TANK

M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz said they met with CSR on 12/10 and did a review of 2020 work done, and went over projects to complete in 2021. We will have to replace 2 older computers. They discussed that we go to MS Office 365, online email, under Outlook, which we use. Everyone will have the same extension. The subscription fee is \$12.50 a month, per user. M. Stoudt thanked Joe for his report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) HRG REQUEST #3

This was received but not paid since it is a small amount, so we both agreed that it will be combined with #4 when sent.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY #35

Was received and put in packets. Check #36 was received but not the statement.

C.) C&N STATEMENT 11/20

Received and put in packets. 12/20 not received yet.

D.) INTEREST C&N EZ CD'S 11/20

Received and put in packets. 12/20 not received yet.

E.) AGREEMENT MANSFIELD BORO

F.) LOADER

It was delivered before the big snow of 33" from 12/16 to 12/17, and was used to clean up Main St. and widen roads and worked well.

G.) C&N CD#2 AND CD#6

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Both are in the C&N money market until reinvested. J. Eckman talked with Matt Landis and everyone is watching the interest rates to see what they will do following the presidential election. Deb Scott retired and we have lost a great knowledgeable contact person.

BOROUGH MANAGERS REPORT

A.) DAN'S OLD BLUDE DODGE VAN

George would like permission to take it to auction for disposal. It can be driven, but if a vehicle can't, they will come pick up. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by J. Eckman, "That the van be disposed of as George sees fit." Roll call vote, all in favor.

B.) WATER PROBLEM 102 DAVIS ST.

George reported on Saturday, after the big snow, he got a call from a resident that she had no water. She had contacted Nestor's to come check and they had heat on the line, thinking it was frozen, but still no water after two hours. They suggested calling George. At a spigot above the meter was no water so an electric heater was used and still nothing. The ground was not frozen so they checked the lateral. There is a 1" curb box stem sticking up out of the ground and the pipe was bent over. The neighbor had hit the pipe when snow plowing. Once the pipe was straightened, she had water. George placed an orange cone on the pipe. We should not have had the pipe so high, which was not her fault. She asked if we would consider reimbursing her for Nestor's bill or apply a credit to her water bill. J. Eckman said this is a unique situation and feels we should not make a direct payment, but apply a credit to her water bill. All in agreement. Roll call vote, all in favor.

OTHER:

A.) S. Hall said the County EMS had called him to see if we had any damage to our roads from the high water experienced in the County. We had snow melt from the big storm of 12/16 & 17, plus got 3" rain the day before Christmas and Christmas Day. George said the Tioga River was up 7½' but not at flood stage. Steve will put this on the assessment report.

The Chairman said by our 2/2 meeting he hopes Covid will be better and we will be able to meet face to face again.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM, motion by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, with all in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

