

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

GUEST: Quintin Wood

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

The Chairman noted that the agenda format is different due to changes to the Sunshine Law which took affect 8/29/21. J. Eckman questioned these changes and taking action if there are any changes or corrections. S. Hall noted that it is just a report. Corrections, and additions call still be done before final approval.

SECTION 1. All reports to be accepted in one motion

- A.) Minutes of the previous meeting
- B.) Treasurer's Report and bill payment

The minutes from the regular meeting held 8/3/21 and reconvened meeting held 8/16/21 were discussed.

P. Bauman read the Treasurer's Report. He reported we have CD# 29, #28, and #25 maturing on the 14th with FCCB. He had checked on interest rates, and they are not very high. C&N Bank rates are one-half % less than FCCB. The rate is not much better between having money in a CD or money market.

The bill list was discussed. Leesa noted that on both the lists is a bill from Gannon's Insurance. This is to take J. Eckman's name off the Treasurer's Bond and put P. Bauman on. There is a bill from Jim Casselberry for the Sportsman's Well renewal. We should receive a reply from DEP by 9/17. S. Bray had talked with them, and it looks favorable to be approved.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz," That all reports be accepted." All in favor.

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GUEST

Q. Wood lives in Hamilton Twp. and wondered about the boil water order and when it will be lifted. He knows we were doing the water line work but didn't know when their meeting was to attend. George said their meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Township building. George said water samples have to be done twice and hopes the boil water order can be lifted Friday. Mr. Wood asked about them having GIS maps of their lines. He works for an engineering firm in Montoursville and could work on them. George said he would have to talk with Hamilton as they would have to pay for any work done. A tie in was done for the 6" from the pump house to the 4" line. The Chairman thanked him and was welcome to stay for the meeting, which he did.

SECTION 2. OLD BUSINESS:

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

George has heard nothing from any gas companies about needing water.

We have been looking for leaks. They are checking the area on Granger by St. Mary's and up to Davis. We have contacted PA. Rural Water and the man will be here in two weeks with the correlator to pinpoint the leak. The Chairman said the University had a system and you could talk to them if it were something they would share with us.

B.) DELINQUENTS

Cheryl prepared a report, and we will keep pursuing customers for payments. P. Bauman asked if the County has the program to apply for funding relief from the Covid. J. Eckman had talked with Roger Bunn, Commissioner and he said they have many programs, and you would need the name of the program. The Authority would not do this, but an individual would have to put in a request to the County. J. Bubacz said the electric utility has customers getting help through programs.

C.) INFILTRATION

We will continue to do work here and Morris Run needs to be checked. We have the sewer camera we bought with Wellsboro.

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

UTRA is going through the paperwork before they could let the bids out. State Rep. Clint Owlett is working on a bill to get Route 15 designed as Interstate 99.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

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F.) CASSELBERRY

He is done with the Sportsman's well and will get back to working on the Taylor Run wells application to SRBC.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL-Still looking for funding.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK

Dutchland's engineer is working on the design of the tank to fit in with the landscape and will visit this month. The tank will have to be in production and made in November. The weather will have a lot to do with the job.

S. Bray, M. Stoudt, G. Lloyd, and S. Lisowski looked at the site for the sandbank, and erosion work has to be done. All agree it should be done now before digging to put the footers in. The footers have to cure for 28 days. If we wait until spring, they could pour in April and set the tank in May or June. It was suggested setting up a meeting with them.

G. Lloyd said K. Geykis asked about timbering. We do not want to interfere with the tank. Kerry had said you should spray the weeds in the summer and wait to harvest the timber. We do not want to bid out until we know about the tank. There will also be bidders that would want to cruise the land to see the timber.

I.) NEW STP-Waiting for RUS.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray does not have the information from the Pall study yet. George said we could try and call Mike that did the study. It was asked if in the contract is a deadline for completion, and George will look.

K.) BR DAM

We have heard nothing further from DEP since they said we need a separate permit, even though we have proof it was in the original permit with the main dam. The Chairman wondered about getting a routine maintenance permit, which is good for five years.

L.) PAINT BR TANK

M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported the office equipment replacement is done. The email has

to be set up and classes taken. We can work into the budget for next year what updates we will need. The firewall monitor is up to date.

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SECTION 3. New Business:

A.) HRG REQUEST-Nothing

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY-#44 report in packet and check received.

C.) C&N INTEREST STATEMENTS, CD'S-Statement for 8/21-in packets.
C&N EZ CD'S-Statement for 8/21-in packets.

FCCB CD'S MATURE 9/14/21

P. Bauman, Treasurer asked the members what we want to do with the three FCCB CD's that are maturing, #25, #28, #29. They are each 30 Month Breakable CD's. We will need funding for the Taylor Run tank project, per the agreement, so we should close them and deposit the funds into our money market account where it will still earn interest. There are breakdowns with per centages for the tank materials and the installation which will be due this year. If we wait on the project start, it will still be due in nine months. We had signed the agreement and sent it to Dutchland, but they have not signed and returned a copy to us yet. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That our Treasurer, P. Bauman, is authorized to close CD#9329, #9325 and #9328. The balance from these CD's is to be deposited into the Blossburg Water Company Money Market account #5618." All in favor.

D.) AGREEMENT MANSFIELD BORO

C. Lantz is happy without an agreement. Mike said the Borough has equipment that they may sell, or possibly do a share agreement, so we should reach out to them.

E.) LETTER D. BOGACZYK-Nothing. Our last letter was sent registered mail to him, and he received it.

F.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN-Discussed

G.) CONSTELLATION-ELECTRIC BILLS

They have been deducting our credits from the current bills. This was a company that the Boro went through PSAB to get better rates. M. Stoudt said you have to monitor their bills, so the rates don't escalate. J. Eckman said the Library had a similar problem with a company they used.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George received a call from PennDOT to estimate a price for them to run a water line to their maintenance building on the other side of the new Route 15 highway past the south bound entry ramp. If there were future expansion in that area, where there is a lot of privately owned land, it would be best to run a 6" line. Our line is behind the Quickfill, and it would be about 1600 feet to get to their driveway. You would have to bore under old 15. Back in 2015 George had talked with them about doing a line for future expansion before the new Route 15 was build, but they were not interested. The line could be on the southside of the road and on the north side you could put a sewer line if the land was developed. There is a camp across from their building and if they were interested in service, you would have to bore under the road to connect. If the work was done, a fire hydrant would be installed at the end of the line. He would hope there would be 50-60 lbs. of pressure. Elevation shots would have to be done first. They need salt for the road brine and their system cannot take care of it.

SECTION 5: Other

1.) S. Hall asked about the wells at Taylor Run. J. Casselberry will continue working on that. A permit would be required to go through the State on DCNR property. Something would also have to be done with H. House to get access. George has talked with Repsol about our plans in that area.

2.) S. Hall had looked up on the Commissioner's page and saw there are two programs to help low-income people administered by Housing for paying utility bills.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45PM on motion by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

