

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
OCTOBER 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room. The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer P. Bauman, and member J. Eckman. Absent: S. Hall, Secretary. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and Recording Secretary L. Lazouras.

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

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 9/7/21 were discussed. The following corrections were made: 1.) J. Bubacz noted on Page 2, Letter D, "they" should be changed to "the electric company". 2.) M. Stoudt noted on Page 4, Letter D, "University" "should be changed to "Borough".

P. Bauman read the Treasurer's Report. A sewer CD#34 matures on 10/10/21.

The bill list was discussed. Leesa noted in the sewer a bill was received for the STP pump house for grease build up. This is a new product we are going to try. In the water, bills were received for water testing and two gas bills. These need to be added. M. Stoudt noted Lisowski did the work at the water sand bank, and the cost was less than what we had approved to spend.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, Jr., seconded by J. Eckman, "That the minutes be approved as amended, and all reports be accepted." All in favor.

SECTION 2. OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15  
Nothing to report on the salt well.

The PRWA consultant was in town to look for leaks. They found one leak on a hydrant line at the intersection of Taylor and Granger Streets. A One Call was put in so it can be repaired with a handiband. There was a leak by Gordy Covey's and Morris St. between the curb box and the house and Stuart Lisowski fixed it. We figure it was losing about 15 gpm.

They went to Morris Run to look for leaks and found one on Matreski Street at a home that Shirley Hebe owned. She got this fixed and we estimated that had been losing 10,000 gpd.

B.) DELINQUENTS

George passed out the report. The numbers are down so we are going in the right direction. There were 6 10-day shut off notices done, but Leesa does not know the status.

C.) INFILTRATION

Between 9/22 and 9/23, about 3.4" of rain fell. We sent a bypass letter to DEP but have received no reply.

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

RUS is looking at their project and when it can be bid out.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

George knows he has been busy but will call him tonight.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

S. Nickerson got approval from the new owner to fix the roof and got a down payment to start next year to fix it. It was asked if this will be just patching, but George said the whole thing.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK

Lisowski did the work and levelled it off. The swale will direct the water runoff. It has been seeded and worked good after heavy rains we have been having. There was a dribble on the front face before, but that has stopped.

George, Mike, and S. Bray met with Dutchland last month on site to discuss proceeding. We received the fully executed contract. Brad Tekely will follow up with their surety on the status of their payment and performance bonds. When completed he will mail them. The current schedule was updated. The start of the foundation slab construction was moved to next spring, so it does not sit over winter, as requested at the meeting. A plan was made regarding access for deliveries and equipment used to construct the tank. We can continue with any additional work to prepare the access and site. He will come for a visit before they mobilize to the site to confirm it will work. They will start to build 3/22/22 (depending upon the weather)

and be done 5/13/22. We are to pay 10% down after the signed contract and they will bill us. He is going to bring an equipment driver up to look at the site for any preparation work we can do to have access. There are some tree limbs to cut out, so the trucks do not hit them. We will do work now so there is time for the area to settle. J. Eckman said years ago there was an old stagecoach station in that area and part of a concrete wall.

I.) NEW STP

UTRRA is working on getting ready to bid their project out. We have been back and forth with RUS on answering questions about our project. We had plans for our crew doing some work to cut costs, and their engineer is questioning it all. J. Eckman said there is no way to limit changes they want which adds on to our costs. At this slow rate we can expect project costs which could affect our funding. If costs run over, we do not know if RUS will have any more funding available, or where else we can go to get money. M. Stoudt said there should be spare parts included in the project since we will need them eventually.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

We do not have the pall study results back because the man had COVID. He called and is getting back on schedule.

K.) BR DAM

We have heard nothing further from DEP since saying we had to get a new permit. If we do not do the dam, we will just have to clean the reservoir out more often. We try to do this every 5-7 years now, so we might have to go to every 3 years, depending upon the weather.

L.) PAINT BR TANK

M.) CYBERSECURITY

They had a meeting last month and have another in November or December. A lot of big companies have been getting hacked.

SECTION 3. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) HRG REQUEST

Request #4 was received, in the amount of \$81,447.00 which cleans up the majority of HRG invoicing that has been outstanding since the beginning of the year now that USDA has fully approved their amendment. 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 papers and will be returned via email.

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B.) REPSOL ROYALTY-#45 Report in packet and check received.

C.) C&N INTEREST STATEMENT, CD'S-Statement for 9/21-in packet.  
C&N EZ CD's-Statement for 9/21-in packet.

1.) FCCB SEWER CD#5734 matures on 10/10. Following a discussion, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, Jr., "That our Treasurer, P. Bauman, is authorized to close CD#5734. The balance is to be deposited into the BMA Revenue Fund MMI #7218." All in favor. We let this accumulate and if interest rates go up, we can look at investing again.

H.) C&N CORPORATE RESOLUTION PAPERS

Because our Treasurer changed, a new paper has to be signed. M. Landis will send the papers to be completed. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, Jr., "That we sign the papers." All in favor.

2.) C&N WATER INVESTMENTS MATURE

We will need funds toward our Taylor Run Tank project. Three CD'S mature this month. A meeting with P. Bauman, J. Eckman and M. Landis was held to discuss investments and interest rates. To get better rates you have to invest in a longer period such as 5 to 7 years. An electronic transfer can be made between C&N and FCCB. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, Jr., "That Treasurer P. Bauman is authorized to close the two Flex Insured Accounts and deposit all the funds into the Water Co. MMI #5618, at this time. He is also authorized to close the CD when it matures on 10/26 and deposit those funds into the same account with First Citizen's." All in favor.

D.) AGREEMENT WITH MANSFIELD BORO

E.) LETTER D. BOGACZYK-We have heard nothing further, and he has not paid yet. A new bill went out and if we do not receive payment, a letter will be sent.

F.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

We now have the new time schedule for the tank and can talk with K. Geykis again. Mike has reviewed timber prices. It would be safe to put it out for bid next fall for a winter harvest. In spring and summer spraying could be done. You have a three-year window for the markings done on the trees to grow out. J. Eckman noted a tree trunk can grow 2" in a year. You can make money on timber sales over a long period of time. Good timber

management is the key. The cherry we have is valuable, and it grows fast in an open area. There is no oak or hickory, but the red maple is good. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we proceed with bidding out our timber, with the stipulation included that we can accept or reject any and all bids." All in favor. George and Mike will meet with Kerry when he returns from vacation.

G.) CONSTELLATION-ELECTRIC BILLS

We have received the bills with the credits being taken off. George said the Boro just renewed with them through the PSAB program.

SECTION 4. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

A.) George and S. Bray are figuring out a cost for running the water to PennDOT's yard on the other side of the new Route 15. He also got a price from Lisowski for digging. A fire hydrant would also be placed there.

B.) George reported one of the boys is off work as his wife had surgery. Another had Covid even though vaccinated and will be back on the 13th, so we are shorthanded right now.

C.) George requested we leave this meeting open should we hear anything from HRG regarding the new STP. All in agreement. Everyone left the meeting at 8:10 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

