

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
NOVEMBER 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, November 2, 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.

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

SECTION 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion  
A.) Minutes of previous meetings  
B.) Treasurer's report and bill payment

The Chairman said we had left the 10/5 meeting open should we hear anything from HRG regarding the new STP, but we did not. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by J. Eckman, "That the meeting be closed." All in favor.

The minutes from the regular meeting held 10/5/21 were brought up for discussion.

P. Bauman read the Treasurer's Report. Leesa noted the Water CDs were closed with C&N Bank and the funds transferred but does not have all the paperwork recorded yet.

The bill list was discussed. 1.) P. Bauman asked if the bill for the audit was split equally between sewer and water, and it was. 2.) M. Stoudt asked about the SRBC bill on the water list. This is a new annual compliance and monitoring fee for 2022 for the R&G Club well. We did get a municipal discount off the price. This is to monitor so we don't take out more water than we are supposed to. Our withdrawal data is recorded with DEP. We also have to send an annual payment to the Forestry Dept. for water taken from State Forest land. 3.) George will report on the sewer credits for the stp we have to purchase this year so those bills will have to be added.

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

SECTION 2: OLD BUSINESS:

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15.

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George said we had a few leaks fixed so the consumption went down from 160 gpm to 140 gpm, so we are doing good. There was a break on a line to a hydrant and one on St. Mary's St., which were both fixed.

A person from Clean Energy Exploration & Production sent an email about the use of local municipal water. They plan to operate in 2022 and have a local water consultant to coordinate the trucking and logistics. George said Dan had talked with a man about us having the salt well and Hydro having gotten water and had to go through SRBC for permission and a permit. George will talk with Jim Casselberry about this. Hydro put in a monitor that operated off a satellite and sent the information to their computer.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The members were given the report and we are making progress.

C.) INFILTRATION

Letters were sent to DEP because between 10/3-10/26 5.7" of rain fell. Then on 10/29-11/1 2" of rain fell.

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

RUS is reviewing the information submitted. UTRA is now getting easements signed by residents. They did get a funding offer of a \$5 million dollar loan and \$4 million grant. They are looking for grant money to get their customers bills down to around \$60-65 a month, instead of \$71.00 a month. When this first started, they hoped for a rate of between \$50-60 a month. The RUS engineer is going over their paperwork.

E.) TAYLOR RUN -SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

George was not given a definite time when Jim would be finished, so he calls him for updates.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

They are still looking for funding. They are going to do a new roof but that will not be done until next year due to the slow down in getting materials. The new owner is using an engineer from Elmira, who has been in contact with M. Stoudt regarding the building.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK

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Dutchland will start work next spring. The plans have been sent to S. Bray for review. Mike checked the grassy area since we have been having rain but there has been no wash out, and it is slopes away.

I.) NEW STP

We are still waiting to hear back from RUS.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

We are waiting for the results from the pall study. George will ask S. Bray to contact the man again.

K.) BR DAM

L.) PAINT BR TANK

M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz said they will meet with CSR again before the end of the year.

SECTION 3. NEW BUSINESS:

A.) HRG-Bill #5 was received from HRG, but was not put in from our funding, so George will call Ericka to see what needs to be done.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY-#46 Not received yet.

C.) C&N INTEREST STATEMENTS, CD'S, FCCB

The interest statements for the C&N CD's and EZ CDs for 10/21 were put in the packets. The Treasurer reported that three of the CD's with C&N matured and the money deposited into the Water Co. MMI. We will be earning more interest in the money market right now. You would have to invest for a longer term, such as 5 years to get a much better rate. If we see the rates increasing, we can look at investing in CDs again.

D.) AGREEMENT MANSFIELD BOROUGH

E.) LETTER D. BOGACZYK-He has not been in to make payment but the date the payment is due is not up yet.

F.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

M. Stoudt is looking over the contract and there are some items he will discuss with K. Geykis. The bid opening is scheduled for 11/19 at 5:00 PM. M.

Stoudt noted that the land is in Hamilton Twp., and they have zoning. The stream in the area is a Class A trout stream so protections are in place.

G.) CONSTELLATION-ELECTRIC BILLS

Leesa said the credits we had are used up, and Mike said to continue to watch the bills regarding the taxes.

SECTION 4: BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

George reported that Hydro sold to Highland Field Services out of Brookville, PA., and is doing the same business.

The man from Repsol told George they are going to drill another well on the Johnson pad in November and the Signor pad in December. There is drilling on the Ogdensburg Rd. toward Stash's former property.

SEWER CREDITS-We are getting 3,712 Nitrogen credits from Wellsboro Boro at \$3.00 per credit for a total of \$11,136.00. We could not get Phosphorous credits from Shamokin this year, but we are getting them from Curwensville Municipal Authority. We need 82 and the cost is \$5.00 per credit which totals \$410.00. The two totaled together is \$11,546.00. J. Eckman saw where you can buy credits from CA., but George said we have to purchase our credits from someone in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we purchase the credits." All in favor.

AUDIT

The audit is being finished. A memo was received from Guthrie's office regarding a few additional steps for security purposes due to a change in auditing procedures. There had been a problem in the Tioga Borough, so suggestions were made for everyone they audit. George had C. Lantz look the information over and he advised we can do the items, or we do not have to do any. Item #1 through #8 were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting will be left open for the timber bids. Everyone left at 7:45 PM.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

