

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MARCH 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 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.

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

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

The minutes from the regular meeting held 2/1/22 were brought up for discussion. J. Eckman had a comment on Page 5, Section 5 OTHER, Letter A- He appreciated Leesa contacting PMAA to see if there was anything in the PA. Municipal Authorities Act regarding how long a guest could speak. PMAA said there was nothing but sent her a copy of the PA Sunshine Act (Open Meetings Law) which Authorities must follow. There is no correction to the minutes.

P. Bauman read the Treasurer's Report. The members looked over the bill list. There being no discussion, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the reports be accepted." All in favor.

SECTION 2. Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

We are looking for leaks here and in Morris Run. We are losing about 30,000 gpd.

Nothing on the salt well. J. Eckman wondered if Costy's Water Service would be interested in it since he heard they are going to Horseheads to get water. He can ask them. It has been a while since they have gotten water from the B&D hydrant. If the salt well were to be used again, it would have to be permitted through SRBC. There would be a cost to do that and would not be worth it unless a lot of water would be drawn. George said he had asked Repsol, but they were not interested. They are going to frac a well on the Ben Jones property and one on the Johnson property.

B.) DELINQUENTS

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Cheryl did a list which was given to the members. There were 10-, 30- and 60-day notices sent out. George said he will not do any shut offs until the weather gets better.

C.) INFILTRATION

George had contacted Wellsboro about using their sewer line cleaner. We had tved N. Wmsn. Rd. and work needs to be done there. They would charge \$200 an hour to bring the machine and two employees. The price from the other company we have used is \$365 an hour, plus \$600.00 mobilization from down state. George thinks the work would take a week or two. We will have to wait for the weather to get better and the manholes are not frozen. J. Eckman asked how deep the frost is in the ground. George said in places with snow cover, which acts like an insulator it is 3-4" and without 6-8".

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

They are down to about ten easements to be signed and may be down to five if they decide to go through Eminent Domain. There are some where there is room in the right-of-way, so they will not have to do easements. There are some that do not want to hook on as they have good wells. UTRA is looking at waiving the tapping fee and using grant money for that. The customer will still have to pay for the line from the curb box into their house unless UTRA can get more funding. J. Eckman said when we did our sewer plant back in the 1960's there were four or five customers that would not hook on but still had to pay the quarterly bill, after going to court. When getting funding you base the figures on the number of customers you have to be able to repay the loan.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

Jim has the plans done for the Taylor Run well and will have to set up an appointment online, with SRBC, to apply and submit. There are questions that Jim and Scott Bray are working on before submitting all the paperwork.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

George has talked with the company working with the architect. They discussed a flow test on the hydrants and what has to be done to correct the I&I problem. They are going through the Planning Commission for the zoning change and there will be a public hearing at 6:00 PM before the regular Council meeting on 3/9. J. Eckman asked if a survey was done of the

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property, and it was. He asked about the railroad property, but the Boro owns it.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK

There will be a site visit next Thursday at 9 AM. The first bill from Dutchland was received for the tank in the amount of \$581,948.00. After this is paid, the balance due will be \$481,062.00. We have 3 CD's with FCCB that were closed and earmarked for the tank. We also have 3 Flex CDs with C&N that were closed and earmarked for the tank. All six CDs were deposited into the BWC Money Market account. We will use money from the six CDs to pay the first bill and will have funds left to put toward the balance. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, " That we pay the first bill from Dutchland." All in favor. M. Stoudt asked George to get pictures from Brad showing what we are paying for. P. Bauman said we have money in the Royalty account that can be added to the balance left from the six CDs to pay the balance.

I.) NEW STP

We are working with RUS going through their check list to be able to bid out next month. J. Eckman wondered if we could get a financial projection, possibly from the auditor, as to where we will be after completing the project. George will ask S. Bray if he could do one on debt service and project cost. We have to wait to see what the bids comes in at and if we would have to scale back on something, rebid, or get more funding.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

The man was contacted and the report from the Pilot Study is to be sent this week. George will ask S. Bray to attend our next meeting to discuss it.

K.) BR DAM

L.) PAINT BR TANK

M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz said in a month or so CSR will be upgrading the PCs per our contract.

SECTION 5: Other

A.) BY-LAWS QUEST SPEAK-FOLLOW SUNSHINE ACT-In packets

M. Stoudt had gone through the Act and went over each item for us to be aware of. J. Eckman had suggested a time limit of 3-5 minutes for a guest to speak, and the Chairman could waive the time if it was complex. A

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motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by J. Eckman, "That a guest be allowed to speak for up to 3 minutes. The Chairman can extend the time limit." All in favor. George noted if a tape recording is done, we cannot get rid of it and has to be kept forever. Leesa noted we had gotten the information and have been following the recent changes.

Section 3. New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST

Requests # 6 and #7 were paid after receiving the money last week. George received #8 in the amount of \$819.50 from 1/1/22 to 1/30/22 for professional services. S. Bray has reviewed this. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That this bill be approved for payment." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall will sign the papers and it will be returned via email.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#49 was received and in the packets. #50 was received and passed out.

C.) C&N CD INTEREST STATEMENTS 1/22-In the packets. 2/22 not received yet. C&N EZ CD interest statements 2/22-passed out.

C.) Treasurer P. Bauman reported that we have a 36-month CD with FCCB that matures 3/14. Since rates are so bad, he recommends that we close this and the balance be used toward the Taylor Run Tank Project. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That our Treasurer, P. Bauman, is authorized to close CD #9326. The balance from this CD is to be deposited into the Blossburg Water Company Money Market #5618." All in favor.

D.) LETTER DAVE BOGACZYK

George and Mike had met with him once and went over his billings up to 12/15/20. George will continue from that date forward to current, and when completed they will meet again. George received a letter saying we owe him money. The Chairman said we are working through this and when we have the rest of the information gathered will call to meet again.

E.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

Our priority is the new tank before we move on the timber.

SECTION 4: Borough Manager's Report

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A.) George had done the estimate for running a water line to the PennDOT garage on the other side of new 15. This is for a 6" DIP, showing the breakdown per category and all the work totals \$167,350.00. A couple of road plate rentals was included, but they may have some that could be used instead. The price for the plumbing materials is from L/B and good until 3/2. If ordering the materials it could take until fall to get. He is waiting to hear back from PennDOT.

SECTION 5: Other

B.) Leesa reported we got the annual check from Repsol for the oil and gas lease of the Parkhurst St. tank lots. This was deposited into the Water Co. MMI account.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM on motion by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

