

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
APRIL 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer P. Bauman, Secretary S. Hall, 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 3/1/22 were brought up for discussion. J. Eckman noted on Page 4, Letter C, The sentence regarding a fault line was just a comment he made and can be removed. No further discussion on 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 with the one correction to the minutes and the bills be paid." All in favor.

SECTION 2. Old Business:

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

Nothing on the well. George said they located a leak on a home next to Post Street (was Rodney Roupp) between the curb box and the house. We will try to locate the leak so the owner can get it fixed.

B.) DELINQUENTS

George gave the members the report from Cheryl. We received two payments from LIHWAP (assistance program) and anticipate getting another one that we were contacted for balances. Water bills will be sent this month. J. Eckman asked how many delinquents are over ten years old. We purged the list a few years ago on ones we would never collect. We do have liens on some should they ever get sold. Leesa said she can get the data from Cheryl for our next meeting.

C.) INFILTRATION

George plans to do work on the west side of N. Wmsn. Rd. using Wellsboro Boro. This runs from Eckman's lot down to the pump house.

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

They are working through the paperwork and getting easements signed.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

George texted Jim and George will check with S. Bray to see if he has heard from him.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

George said they are going through the process to do the zoning change from R-2 to S-1. They want to start as soon as possible and be opened in a year. It will be all volunteer and not court mandated people. J. Eckman attended the Council meeting to hear their presentation and they sounded sincere, and it reminded him of the Chit Chat program in Westfield. M. Stoudt said the preliminary plans are being done. S. Hall asked what will be done with the old boiler room and stack, as that does not look in decent shape and probably should be taken down. Mike said they have not said anything about a demo yet.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK

The man was here, and the sand bank has to be dug down within 12" of where the footers will go. Dutchland will be here tomorrow. The front of the tank will be 7 ft. deeper to take care of any pressure from the back wall. It was asked if the road is ok, and it is. The ground they have dug up so far is all sand and gravel. There was one spot that had to be dug so water would not run through it. They will pour the footers and come back in a few weeks after letting the cement set up to make sure they can set the tank. Compaction tests will have to be done. We are putting in the pipes going in and out, and fittings have to be installed for connection. The dirt that has been taken out for the work will be put back in within 7-10 feet. S. Bray has been here and is happy with the work we are doing and will continue to come as it progresses. J. Eckman said one winter the Bellman tank froze up 2-3 feet, and we talked about insulation around the outside bottom between the dirt and tank. The back half of the tank will be underground which should provide protection.

I.) NEW STP-LETTER OF INTENT TO MEET CONDITIONS. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR RUS

The members were sent a copy of these items that have to be done so we can go to bid. J. Bubacz had a question on #6 regarding the PNDI and #7

regarding migratory birds. M. Stoudt said there have been cases where projects had to be stopped if historic properties were discovered, or eagle nests. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we sign the Letter of Intent." All in favor. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we sign the Conflict of Interest Policy." All in favor.

J. Eckman said with little towns there is a limited number of professionals available to avoid conflict. J. Eckman asked where we got the stones for around the office as they look nice and are really clean. George got them from Dane Costy.

George said R. Weed has been keeping up with the project. M. Stoudt had Ted Kelchner, a retired engineer originally from Covington, review the plans to see if there was anything that could save us money by using our crew instead of a contractor. We think the project could be \$3-4 million more than when originally first started. We will find out the dollar numbers once we get the bids in and where we stand. Yves from HRG had a meeting today with RUS and will notify us of the results.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray had gotten a call from Mike that did the Pall test that he would be sending out the report. It has not been received yet and we will call again.

K.) BR DAM

L.) PAINT BR TANK

M.) CYBERSECURITY-J. Bubacz had nothing to report.

SECTION 3. New Business:

A.) HRG REQUEST #8 \$819.50 #9-Not yet

George reported #8 was sent and we are waiting for the release of funding. George has received #9 in the amount of \$1,646.00 which covers professional services from 1/31/22-2/27/22. S. Bray has reviewed this. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That this bill be approved for payment." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall signed the paper that will be returned via email.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#51 was received and passed out.

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C.) C&N CD INTEREST STATEMENTS-2/22 and 3/22 statements passed out.

C&N EZ CD INTEREST STATEMENTS-3/22 passed out. The 3 EZ CD's mature 4/16/22. (#39,47,55). P. Bauman reported a regular CD has to be invested for 5 years to earn 1% interest. A brokerage 18-month CD earns 1.9% and a 2 year can earn 2.35%. We could roll the three over, combine them into one, and/or add funds from the Royalty MMI to open a higher interest earning account. We will have a balance to pay on the Taylor Run tank which can be paid out of the FCCB Royalty MMI. We could also open a new brokerage CD with funds from the Royalty MMI. M. Stoudt asked George if there are any maintenance projects for this year, and he said only painting the old tank. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That Treasurer P. Bauman is authorized to close the 3 EZ Access Flex CD's, and combine them into one 2-year brokerage CD." All in favor.

A discussion was held on using funding from our Royalties account with FCCB to open a new 2-year brokerage CD. After we transfer funds between our accounts, a check will be written to C&N for this transaction. A motion was made by J. Bubacz. Jr, seconded by S. Hall, "That Treasurer P. Bauman is authorized to open a new 2-year brokerage CD using funds from the Blossburg Water Co. Royalties account." All in favor. The interest from these two new brokerage CD's can be deposited into our account at FCCB. This account is the BWC MMI #5618, which is where interest is deposited from our other brokerage CD's. Leesa provided the members with a list of all sewer and water investments.

D.) LETTER D. BOGACZYK

George reported Dave sold his Main St. building to the Erway's that own the Hardware next door. A check was received from the attorney to cover the current water, sewer, and garbage bills. There is an account balance for the past due water bill. Per the request of the seller, this sum is being held in escrow pending either a resolution or confirmation of the balance due. If no resolution is reached within sixty (60) days, the attorney will pay the amount to the Boro as there cannot be a lien against the premises. We have heard nothing from Dave regarding the outstanding bill for S. Wmsn.Rd.

E.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

We are looking at a fall harvest, but spraying has to be done first. The new tank is our priority. It was asked, but the Chairman has not spoken to

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Kerry because he had gone to Hawaii. J. Eckman noted soft maple is more expensive than cherry right now.

F.) WATER LINE TO PENNDOT YARD

George had given them the estimate and heard back they will try to redrill the well they have deeper and not do the line. They do not have enough flow right now. Their well is on State owned land.

SECTION 4: BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

A.) NEW WWTP

George reported an email was received from Yves of HRG dated 3/17 that it looks we have the green light to go out for bids for the new WWTP. She asked if we could have a pre bid meeting on 4/14 at 10 AM here. We told her yes. We got another email 3/21 with various pages that had to be updated. Therefore, the pre bid meeting will be at a later date, so when that is set, George will notify the members. All in agreement finally good news.

B.) TAYLOR RUN WATER TANK BIDS-CHLORINE BUILDING

S. Bray prepared the bids to furnish and deliver a prefabricated precast reinforced concrete chlorine building for the tank. Bids will be received at the office until 5/13/22 at 2:00 PM and then opened publicly. We will consider the bids at a reconvened meeting at 7:00 PM on 5/17/22. Copies of the bid documents will be furnished electronically by providing an e-mail address to the Boro email. A certified check or bank draft or a bid bond equal to 10% of the total bid must be submitted with the bid forms. Bid may not be withdrawn for 60 days from the date of opening. Successful bidder will be required to execute the Agreement and provide a Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we publish the advertisement for bids for the building at Taylor Run." All in favor.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM on motion by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

