

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, July 5, 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.

We need to close the regular meeting held 6/7/22. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That the meeting be closed." All in favor.

The Chairman 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 6/7/22 were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

P. Bauman read the Treasurer's Report. The members looked over the bill list. Leesa noted a bill was received from the NTSWA for sewer sludge today in the amount of \$991.41. For the water, two bills were received from USA Blue Book for tubing-one in the amount of \$39.73 and the other \$291.66. P. Bauman asked about on the water list the bill from Casselberry. George said this was for the SRBC application for the Taylor Run wells that he has been working on for a while.

NEW #2 WWTP CD

P. Bauman reported that he opened the new sewer CD earmarked #2 WWTP investment account with C&N Bank. This is a 2-year brokerage CD. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the reports be accepted, and the bills be paid." All in favor.

SECTION 2: Old Business

- A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

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Nothing on the well. Water usage is up, and Dan talked with Hydro, and they are drawing about 70 gpm for gas well work around the area. They should be done in about a week. We are running Bellman Run and the well to keep up with the demand. George said water is still going over the spillway. George did talk with the man from Repsol that if the water level gets low, we would have to shut them off from drawing, and he said to just let him know and they will quit running trucks.

B.) DELINQUENTS

George gave the members the report. The Chairman said thank you for the continued effort for collecting as it has been challenging due to Covid.

C.) INFILTRATION

We had the camera, but it did not run right so George talked with Rob from Wellsboro. It was taken back, and they had to send it in for repairs which should take another two weeks. The service bill will be split since we split the cost to buy it. It was asked if it was under warranty, but George will check with them.

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

They are down to 4 or 5 people that C. Lantz will contact. A letter will be sent first and if no response they will start Eminent Domain.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

His report was given to the members. S. Bray is finishing his part. It will then have to be reviewed by SRBC and that could take up to six months. Jim had done a lot of work with installing monitors, checking the water table, and testing. There was a bill for work on the Taylor Run wells and work done to test the water at the Dorn property and Taylor wells. The Dorn well should be tested yearly to see if there is any changes from the gas well there. We had previously talked with Repsol about the new well by House's and making the connection so we will have that backup.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

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M. Stoudt has still not received any plans. The last George talked with them was about the type of fire hydrants they needed.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

Last week we had rain that washed out fill on the back side and we repaired that. They are setting the panels in place. George said it was a good thing we had the geotextile to hold back the gravel. They will be back Thursday and do a stress test with the cables. They hope to put the roof on 7/20 and 7/21. They will then come back to put the ladder up to get on the roof. The schedule is on target. It will be by September to be completely done. The estimate for the chlorine building is around \$31,000 and we hope to get that done in September. There will then be electric work and connecting the water line going up to the wells.

I.) NEW STP

George gave the members information on the first offer from RUS for a loan and grant and what we would need to operate yearly. (50%-loan, 50%-grant). There is also for the second offer. He had estimates for a monthly/quarterly cost, (includes Hamilton Townships cost), estimated user rate, average quarterly billing, additional quarterly revenue need, and user rate quarterly increase. The term of the loan is forty years. George said with the new plant running our biggest cost will be electric. George said when we first started the project, we planned to put in four increases in the user rates total. We have done three but did not do one last year since nothing was happening with the project. J. Eckman is concerned about having to repay in the future. J. Bubacz asked if there is a time frame on how long the second offer is available. If we were to reject and rebid, it would take time and more money. He also asked if the term of the loan could be longer. When we had our Penn Vest loan for water, it started at 20 years, but Hap Kuster requested and got it extended to 30 years. S. Hall said we already have so much into the project, and it hasn't started yet. A letter of conditions was received from USDA. It does not constitute loan and grant approval, nor ensure that funds are and will be available. It establishes conditions which must be understood and agreed upon before further consideration is given to our application. This amends the Letter of Conditions issued on 7/18/18 for our initial loan and also amended LOC dated 3/28/22. We are not committing to the loan but have to keep the ball rolling.

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J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

George can ask S. Bray to our next meeting to discuss the results from the Pall Study. We will compare the proposed new system versus refurbishing the traveling bridge system we have now. We also need a cost to run a sewer line up there. The plant has been in 30 years now and need a cost and time extension if refurbished. If we do a repair to replace with like equipment, we will not need a new permit from DEP. We would not do anything until the Taylor Run wells are on, so we have enough supply.

K.) BR DAM

L.) PAINT BR TANK-Next spring.

M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported they have a meeting tomorrow and will discuss training to be completed.

N.) LETTER D. BOGACZYK

They are meeting with him tomorrow to discuss the matter to see if there is any way this can be resolved before going to Court. Attorney Stokes said this a good gesture on our part.

O.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

M. Hale was in last week to spray the ferns. We will not put in the water line to the new well until next spring or summer. The timber company knows the new tank is our first priority.

P.) NEW EMPLOYEE

There were some inquiries for getting an application. J. Eckman wondered if the ad would attract a person from another Boro.

SECTION 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST #12

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George had #12 in the amount due of \$12,769.84, which covers from 5/2-5/29/22. S. Bray has reviewed this. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "This bill be approved for payment." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall signed the paper, and it will be returned via email. #8, #9, #10, #11 have not been paid yet.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY #54

#53 statement was put in the packets. #54 received the check but not the statement.

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

The 6/22 statements were passed out. P. Bauman talked with Matt from C&N regarding interest rates. We have money in the Royalties MMI that can be invested. A longer period of time will yield a higher interest rate with brokerage CD's. C&N money markets are paying better rates. If we invested in something longer, we would first have to decide what money is needed for projects coming up. We have to pay the balance of the new tank contract with Dutchland, and that will still leave money to invest. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That we invest \$500,000 from the Water Co. Royalties MMI with C&N." All in favor.

D.) S. Bray is going to submit the paperwork to DEP for the Taylor Run wells and has to include a check made out to the Commonwealth of PA. for \$1,000.00. There is a signature page to be signed. A motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by S. Hall, "That the check be issued, and we approve submitting paperwork." All in favor.

SECTION 4. BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT

A.) G. Lloyd advised the member that our former employee, Raymond Lamonski passed away.

B.) George has more paperwork to be signed for RUS, which is required. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That the paperwork be signed." All in favor.

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SECTION 5: OTHER

A.) J. Eckman advised the members that he is retiring from the Board and next month's meeting will be his last. He has been on for fifty-two years. He has enjoyed it and is proud to have served . The Chairman said it is wonderful for his years of service, dedication, and guidance to our community. He could make a recommendation for a person to be considered to replace him.

There being no further business, the Chairman announced this meeting will be left open should we have further information on the new WWTP. Everyone left the meeting at 8:11 PM.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY