

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
AUGUST 2, 2022
7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer P. Bauman, Secretary S. Hall, and Member J. Eckman. Absent was Chairman M. Stoudt. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

Vice Chairman J. Bubacz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The regular meeting of the Authority held on 7/5/22 and the reconvened 7/19/22 meeting need to be closed. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Eckman, "That the meetings be closed." All in favor.

SECTION 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

- A.) Minutes of the previous meetings
- B.) Treasurer's Report and Bill Payment

The minutes from the regular 7/5/22 meeting were brought up for discussion. 1.) J. Eckman suggested a memorial book be put in the Library in the amount of \$50.00 for our former employee Ray Lamonski that passed away. George will bring this up to Council at their next meeting. There were no corrections. Leesa reported she does not have the minutes from the reconvened 7/19 meeting finished yet.

P. Bauman read the Treasurer's Report. The members looked over the bill list. There had been a question on the higher balance still in the Royalties MMI. Leesa had not recorded the auto withdrawal to open the FCCB new 30-month CD from the balance in the checkbook until she had the date it was done. This is one reason the balance was higher than it should have been. Leesa also noted that we had received the #2 Dutchland bill for the Taylor Run tank for \$397,357.50 in July. We had an email at the meeting but had not received the original bill. We did not bring it up at the 7/5 meeting nor the 7/19 meeting. We then received #3 for \$69,753.75 which is on this month's bill list. So the total owed for both is \$467,111.25. This will leave a final balance due on the tank of \$13,950.75. The total amount due to Dutchland can all be taken out of the Royalties MMI. This will still leave a balance which is a lower interest rate. (This is the original Royalties account that monthly royalty payments are deposited into so the balance will increase monthly.) We did not take any money out of the new FCCB 30-month CD we just opened. Since we had decided to wait to invest in a new account with C&N depending upon amounts, terms, and rates, we could always withdraw from the new FCCB 30-month CD to earn a higher interest rate with C&N. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we pay the #2 and #3 bills owed to Dutchland out of the Royalties MMI." All in favor. This bill will be added. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Eckman, seconded by P. Bauman, "That the reports be accepted, and the bills be paid." All in favor.

SECTION 2: Old Business

- A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

There was water in a backyard at a home on Davis St., and Dan had the man from PRWA to try and find any leaks, but they found nothing.

B.) DELINQUENTS

George gave the members the list.

C.) INFILTRATION

Our crew is doing storm drain work at the intersection of Carpenter and Granger Streets but found no leaks. The water is down at the stp to about 200,000 gpd.

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

They are still working on 5 or 6 easements and Lantz will send a letter about Eminent Domain.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

F.) CASSELBERRY

The information has been sent in for the Taylor Run wells. George next asked him to work on the well by Repsol, House and the DCNR border. It was asked if Repsol will pay him, but we will pay him, and they will reimburse us.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

M. Stoudt had gotten the applications for permits and were sent to Harrisburg for review. George talked with S. Nickerson, and he hopes to start on the roof in September, but all material orders are slow to arrive. There are some items Mike can inspect but Harrisburg does the big things.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

George said they should be back in September. There has to be water in the tank, and they will test it. George hopes to have the chlorine building in before Thanksgiving. George talked to Ed Graver for the materials we are getting. Seals is working on the tresses for the roof. It will definitely be cheaper for us to do than the cost of the bid we had received but rejected.

I.) NEW STP

We have been getting a list of things from RUS that have to be completed since we issued the Notice of Award. An email was received from Anne Hughes, DEP and we can request to amend the COA. For the DEP Consent Order a Schedule Revision Request will be figured out and sent to them to adjust the first timeline we submitted. We will ask to extend the terms for construction to be started and completed. J. Eckman said we are getting \$12 million in grants and the loan will be \$8 million. It should take two years to build. He wondered about a bond issue. We have to use the grant money first then get into the loan. All funding is with FCCB.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

We will ask S. Bray about the Pall study at Bellman. There would have to be a sewer line installed to take care of the wastewater. We should also get a price for just refurbishing the traveling bridge.

K.) BR DAM

L.) PAINT BR TANK-Next spring

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M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported they met with CSR and will have to set up training. An item for next year will be new equipment for the Police Dept. because theirs is older.

N.) LETTER D. BOGACZYK

We had the meeting with him 7/6 but nothing was resolved. There was the Hearing at District Justice Reppard's office on 7/27. C. Bubacz, J. Eckman and G. Lloyd had to testify. The DJ has five days to decide. Before the hearing, he had paid the outstanding bill for his mother so that was resolved. He also paid the past due balance on his apartment that was sold to Erway. He wanted to be reimbursed for a credit balance through part of 2020.

O.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

M. Hale did spraying. The timbering will not be done until the new tank is completed and might not be until Sept. or October.

P.) NEW EMPLOYEE

George received four applications. Two of them wanted to be paid more than what he is making now. We will readvertise.

Q.) J. Eckman has submitted his retirement letter from the Board. An ad was placed in the PennySaver, but we have received no replies. He does have a suggestion for his replacement but will discuss it with the Chairman. This will be to fill the existing term.

SECTION 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST #13

This was received in the amount of \$1,280.00 which covers from 5/30 to 6/26. We paid #8, #9 and #10. #11 and #12 have not been paid yet. 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.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY #55

The check was received but not the statement. It is included in the balance of the Royalties MMI.

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

The 7/22 statement was not available yet. P. Bauman had talked with Matt from C&N regarding interest rates. The longer the term of a CD the better the rate. J. Eckman asked what the criteria was for jumbo CD's, and he can check with Matt. We will have funds to invest. The next Treasury meeting is in September, and they think the rates will increase, so we can wait for sixty days.

SECTION 4: Borough Managers Report

A.) George received John Eckman's letter that he is retiring from the Board. A copy was also given to J. Hall, Council President.

George requested this meeting be left open should we have more information for the new WWTP.

SECTION 5: Other

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A.) S. Hall said he saw people watering the football field. He wondered about the water table with all this dry weather. George said we are ok so far and water is still going over the spillway at Bellman. The water comes from 2-8" pipes on the visitor's side of the field. There was a swampy area in there before the flood. After the flood water stayed, and it is in a ditch. S. Hall also wondered about the ditch behind the Boro garages where there is the outflow from the Foundry cupola. There is water there that runs all the time but has been fluctuating. No one has called George about this. They have a well underneath their tank. They have a pit with valves they can open from a 12" line. If there is an emergency, they can go on town water.

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman said the meeting will be left open. Everyone left at 7:40 PM.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY