

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
MARCH 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer P. Bauman, and Secretary S. Hall. Member F. Wasowicz had advised the Board he would not be present. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager, and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Stoudt called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 2/7/23 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were two corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

P. Bauman read the treasurer's report. Leesa reported that since S. Bray retired, any work he would do would be paid through the payroll account. P. Bauman asked about the bill from Hunter & Lomison. George said this is for general maintenance on all generators and the cost is split. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That all reports be accepted as presented." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

Nothing to report.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The report was included in the packets.

C.) INFILTRATION

M. Stoudt has information on a new spin machine that coats the inside of manholes. We had work done a few years ago on Bleeker and Ruah Streets, and that equipment was lowered into a manhole. The Chairman said this is supposed to be much stronger and waterproof.

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

George reported they are going through eminent domain for a few, and they have until 3/16 to respond to the notice. If they don't, there is then another notice that goes out 20 days later.

E.) TAYLOR RUN-SOUTHWESTERN

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George will call Erica again and ask her for a notification that ok.

F.) CASSELBERRY

He has talked with DCNR about the proposed well by House's.

G.) OLD HOSPITAL

They are doing some demo work and did get the permit for that. It was asked if the entire roof was replaced, but it was not and just did parts to keep water out.

H.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

George has a meeting Thursday with DEP to discuss the new water tank. We had sent all the information to them so hopefully they will issue the permit. George said they used the tank to pressure test the line and checked the chlorine level as it has to be between 1.6-2.0. Since the tank is not metal and when there is no sunlight, the chlorine will not dissipate.

I.) NEW STP

George said they had quite a time boring the line to cross the river. They are digging footers for the new SBR tanks and will be putting in gravel.

HRG sent Performance Construction Change Order #02, dated 3/2/23, which is a decrease of \$170,270.00, for deleting the chemical storage tank, we are going to use chemical totes. A credit for using flood doors instead of specified National Flood Barrier doors, and credit for lab casework instead of specified PSA Lab. Furniture. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That Change Order #02 be accepted." All in favor.

They also sent Tra Electric Change Order #01, dated 3/2/23 which is a decrease of \$160,106.00, regarding generators. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That Change Order #01 be accepted." All in favor.

J.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray said in looking at the pall results it may be better at the Sportsman's well. At Bellman, the treated water from waste would have to be dumped into the sewer plant unless we were to run a sewer line up there. Scott is looking at the costs of still using the traveling bridge, or if there is something different. George can ask him to attend a meeting once he has all the information.

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K.) BR DAM

L.) PAINT BR TANK

Once the TR tank is approved, we can start work at Bellman this year. We can get prices from vendors for inside and out sand blast, cathodic protection, and paint.

M.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz said they will look at warranties. There are three laptops that we may just replace but will compare costs.

N.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

The loggers are working on the second back section and doing a good job. We have not had a problem with rain and making a mess but will have to wait for spring.

O.) NEW BACKHOE

George talked with the company, and they had said by the first quarter of this year but has been pushed back to the middle of May.

P.) WATER/SEWER RATES

Following our meeting with C. Lantz, this is being put on hold.

Q.) GENERATORS

M. Stouidt said for Taylor Run they got four bid quotes for a 60 Kw generator, there will also be a cost for a transfer switch, and we should ask about getting an extended warranty. They also had to give a delivery time. Quotes were received from: 1.) Cummins Onan \$35,300.00-50 weeks. 2.) Winter Kohler \$36,200.00-60-62 weeks. 3.) Hunter & Lomison Kohler \$36,9310.00-60-62 weeks, and 4.) Denny Electric-Generac-\$44,235.00-44 weeks. This will be a solid unit and if put in a cabinet you do not need any heating system for the unit. Mike recommends going with the low bid. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we accept the low bid from Cummins Sales & Service (which is located in MI) in the amount of \$35,300.00. According to their cash terms, payment is due when you order, so this bill is to be paid." All in favor.

Last month we discussed a generator for the R&G Club. We will need specs

drawn for that. Mike discussed a single phase 70 Kw., or 3 phase which would cost more than the Taylor Run one, between \$65-\$70,000. This would also have a transfer switch and be enclosed. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we approve up to \$65,000.00 to purchase a generator for the R&G Club. Should the cost be higher, we will call a special meeting to discuss." All in favor.

### Section 3: New Business

#### A.) HRG REQUEST

George received four bills and S. Bray has looked at them. 1.) HVAC Construction Payment #2-AFT Mechanical \$7,125.00. Motion made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That this bill be paid." All in favor. 2.) Performance General Construction Payment #3-\$361,710.28. Motion made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That this bill be paid." All in favor. 3.) HRG Engineering 1/1-1/29/23- \$29,790.45. Motion made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That this bill be paid." All in favor. 4.) Larson Design-inspector-through 2/18/23-\$18,386.79. Motion made by J. Bubacz, second P. Bauman, "That this bill be paid." All in favor. The total of these four bills is \$417,012.52. These bills will be paid out of the Sewer Project account. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we sign Requisition #4 to draw down funds from the Interim Construction Loan #67, with FCCB in the total amount of \$417,012.52 per RUS approval. J. Bubacz and S. Hall will sign the requisition request." All in favor.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY-We did not get a big check this month. We did get Royalty #62 in the amount of \$20.28 which was direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. We got a direct deposit into the Royalties MMI in the amount of \$1,552.50 which says free gas payment for the Dorn property, and we have gotten this before due to a change in acreage. It has been changed so that we will not get a paper check, but a direct deposit into the BWC Royalties MMI.

#### C.) C&N INTEREST STATEMENTS, CD's, FCCB

The C&N statement for 2/23 was passed out tonight. The Treasurer had talked with Heather at FCCB to go online to see all accounts. There is a new small business cash management system we have to sign up to do. P. Bauman is the administrator. The members who want to look at them will be sent a notice from Tania or Zix Secure, to get set up. Only Pat and Leesa will transfer funds. The Water Co. CD #9327 with FCCB matures on 3/14. This was a 48-month CD earning 2.6% interest which was opened 3/14/19 with funds from the Royalties MMI. He has checked on interest rates at

both FCCB and C&N for CD's. Matt at C&N said the feds are meeting in a few weeks and may raise another quarter percent. We do have other funds we can reinvest, or combine, to get a higher rate. Pat would suggest we cash in CD#9327 and deposit it into the new BWC MMI #6018 with FCCB, which is already earning a good rate. Should the rates go up, we can discuss reinvesting. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "This be done, and the Treasurer is authorized to do this." All in favor.

P. Bauman asked the members about paying the sewer bills back to the Boro monthly out of the water, or should it be only done when we are getting short of funds. The sewer bills go out this month, so the sewer MMI balance will go up. Following a discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "To make it consistent, we continue for the rest of the year. At the end of the year we will look at our finances." All in favor.

A notice was received from C&N that they selected LPL Financial as their new broker/dealer, beginning in 3/23. The previous name was Cetera, Advice Works. Matt sent Pat the information and he and Joe may need to sign new paperwork. Pat passed out what the new statements will look like.

The Treasurer reported that we got the second payment from Cummings Lumber for the timber. This is to be earmarked for future Taylor Run timber work. This check was deposited into the BWC MMI #6018.

#### Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

George had talked with one Arnot Supervisor and discussed us taking over their water system. Leesa said when we made the agreement with Hamilton Twp. for billing purposes, it was agreed that we send them one bill for their consumption, and it is up to them to collect from their own customers. Any work done up there is billed to them. S. Hall asked what do they want or expect before we agree to anything. They get their water from a spring underneath the Arnot Road that comes from a mine drift. They have a 60,000-gallon holding tank on Chestnut Street. George said there are more and more small companies combining. It was suggested a discussion be held to hear what they are looking for and set it up before next month's meeting at 6:00 PM.

George had checked the flows to town in our chlorinator building across from Arnot Rd., and it is in bad shape. It would be cheaper to replace than repair. There is a basement for the building, and in there is the 12" water line. There is also the old disconnected 8" line which could be

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removed. It would be better to replace the building in the same spot. He worked up an estimate for replacement with costs for labor and materials, trusses, sheeting, metal roof, electric, insulation and a 10% contingency for a total estimate of \$35,750.00. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we replace the chlorinator building on old Route 15, across from the Arnot Road." All in favor.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM on motion of J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, with all in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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