

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MAY 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, May 2, 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, Secretary S. Hall, and member F. Wasowicz. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager, and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of our past member and officer Dave Jones.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 4/4/23 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

P. Bauman read the treasurer's report. For the bill list, Leesa noted a bill was received from HACH for chemicals for the water in the amount of \$543.65. The Chairman suggested we do a memorial gift to the Blossburg Library for Dave Jones. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That a \$50.00 donation be made to the Library in memory of Dave." All in favor. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That the minutes, treasurer, and bill payment reports be accepted as presented." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

Nothing on the well. Dan is looking for leaks. He has the PRWA man come with his equipment to try to locate any that are found. The man is going to retire in a few months, so someone else will take over. He bring a correlator, and Mike suggested we look into the cost of purchasing our own.

B.) DELINQUENTS

George passed out the report from Cheryl. The water bills are out now and due on the 15th of this month.

C.) INFILTRATION

It did not flood the pump house after the last rain we had. The reading was up about 800,000, and it was over 1" of rain.

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

They did not get two easements signed so they are looking to see if it can be realigned with RUS and Larson Design. An Environmental Study would have to be done should the plans change, which is costly. Any Indian tribes would have to be contacted. They are still going through the Eminent Domain process with some. They had hoped to bid out in the summer but with a change it could take until next year.

E.) CASSELBERRY

S. Bray and Jim are working on the Taylor Run wells and the Dorn watershed. They are also working with DCNR regarding by H. House's.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

The water lines have been installed to Well #1 and #3 and need to be tied in. They are also working on getting electricity put in to the two.

H.) NEW STP

We have Amendment #1 to the Engineering agreement with Larson Design Group inspections regarding steel, concrete, masonry, wood construction and soil conditions. This is the first concrete pour for the SBR tanks. The increase amount is \$27,520.00. M. Stoudt said this is not under our local codes, but a special inspection under other codes. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we approve Amendment #1." All in favor. A SBR Concrete Base Slab Pre-placement meeting was held and notes from this meeting were sent to the members.

George received Requisition No. 4 in the amount of \$1,268,407.98 from 3/1-3/31/23 for Performance Construction. S. Bray has reviewed the bills. George and Mike are happy with this company. They do a nice job and stay connected with us as the project proceeds. Their work is reviewed by Yves at HRG and RUS is advised of everything. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we sign Requisition No. 4 to draw down funds from the Interim Construction Loan #67, with FCCB in the amount of \$1,268,407.98, per RUS approval. J. Bubacz and S. Hall signed the requisition request." All in favor. We also have a bill from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$14,410.94 for inspecting through 4/15/23. George noted that Dwane, who is knowledgeable, is going to retire, so they will send another person. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J.

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Bubacz, "That we approve the bill from Larson and draw down from the Interim Construction Loan #67 with FCCB in the amount of \$14,410.94, per RUS approval. J. Bubacz and S. Hall signed the requisition request." All in favor.

George said they are pouring concrete, about 900 yards, and should be done on Friday. They came in at 1:00 AM and worked late into the night due to the temperature being better and dry and they did not have to cover it. They had lights during this time, and their trucks were busy. The inspector is satisfied with their work.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

He has been busy with the DCNR well by House's and the R&G well. He also is talking with a company about using the media or if there is something new. Our crew has been working extremely hard on all our projects.

J.) BR DAM

Nothing has been done to replace the sediment pond which had washed out. We would have to go through all the permits with DEP to replace the dam and pond since they would not accept our original one.

K.) PAINT BR TANK

Last month S. Bray had sent to DEP a PWS application for modification to the Bellman Tank for maintenance and cathodic protection. A reply could take a while. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That S. Bray prepare to get proposals for the work that needs to be done." All in favor.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported they met on 4/13 and discussed a quote for replacing a few PC's that are not under warranty. There will be a bill for the annual renewal for the TV and PC set-ups. Training courses will need to be set up sometime for everyone, which Joe will do. A TV was purchased for holding zoom meetings and will be installed in the Council Room, with Joe and Mike looking for power sources.

M.) TIMBER TAYLOR RUN

George thinks they are done, as they have seeded and levelled the areas. They have mulched the landing area and access trails and it looks nice. M. Stoudt checked the area and there are some materials left, but George can use them somewhere. There are some 16-18" lengths of wood which would

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be good wood to burn. We have to do something with them to make it look better along the road.

N.) NEW BACKHOE

We have not heard from them lately, but it should be here in a few weeks.

O.) GENERATORS

We received price quotes, through Costars, for at the R&G Well. 1.) Hunter & Lomison-\$36,545.00; delivery time 16-22 weeks generator, 10-12 weeks ATS. 2.) Cummins Sales & Service-\$35,550.00, 50 weeks out. M. Stoudt said he and Ted Kelchner will review the bid. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we proceed with accepting the low bid from Cummins pending the review." All in favor. This is the same type that we purchased for Taylor Run, from the same place, which will be good when maintenance is needed.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST

George received Loan Requisition #6 to draw down funds from the Interim Construction Loan #67, with FCCB in the amount of \$1,282,818.92 for the bills from Performance Construction and Larson Design which were discussed earlier. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we sign Requisition #6, per RUS approval." All in favor.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY-#64 was received on 4/27/23 and direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. Treasurer Bauman asked permission to transfer all but \$2,000.00 from the Royalties MMI to the Blossburg Water Co. MMI #6018 to earn the higher interest rate. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That the Treasurer is authorized to do this transaction." All in favor. He will do this transfer online.

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

The C&N statement for 4/23 was passed out, from LPL Financial. Treasurer Bauman had talked with Matt at C&N and Heather at FCCB regarding interest rates. With the amount we have in the BWC MMI we are earning a higher interest rate and he does not think we need to tie up any money with a new CD from either bank. Treasurer Bauman asked permission to move money from the C&N LPL account in the amount of \$174,000.00 to the Blossburg Water Co. MMI #6018 with FCCB, to earn a higher interest rate. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That the Treasurer is authorized to do this transaction." All in favor. This will be done online.

D.) PMMA ACT AND RELATED LAWS BOOK

Leesa received the 2023-2024 book. The cost is \$29.00 each if we want more. It was decided that we not purchase any for the members because they can borrow the office copy.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George reported the Boro received funding from the American Rescue Plan, from Covid federal money. It has to be used for infrastructure and used up by the end of this year. They discussed different projects that need to be done around town. The Budget Committee approved using funds for anything that deals with water and wastewater projects. Due to our RUS project funding, it cannot be used for the new WWTP, but we do have other projects. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "To accept funds offered from the Boro for infrastructure work." All in favor.

Section 5: Other

Treasurer Bauman discussed our crew needing new high visibility work shirts. In the past we purchased five each per worker, and suggests we get new ones. All in agreement this done. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we purchase shirts for the employees." All in favor.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM on motion of J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

