

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, September 5, 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 Recording Secretary L. Lazouras.

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 8/1/23 meeting were brought up for discussion. There was one correction.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

P. Bauman read the treasurer's report. Leesa noted for the water bill list, Cheryl got a bill today from Seal's for \$154.35 for stock and \$8,920.82 for Taylor Run #1 and #3, which totals \$9,075.17. This will be added to the list to pay back the Boro from water. 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

George said there is nothing on the well. There was another leak on Blake Rd. by Jim Smith's, which is the old 2" line, which was repaired.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The report was put in the packets. The water and sewer over 120 days balance is down.

C.) INFILTRATION

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

There are two easements they are pursuing through Eminent Domain. They still hope to bid in the winter with a spring start.

E.) CASSELBERRY

Jim is working with DCNR and for Arnot looking for an alternate water source. They hope to start this year on the DCNR well. S. Bray has been

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working with DCNR and we need to talk to the House's about an agreement for road access.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

They are doing demo work. The new owner is still trying to find funding.

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

M. Stoudt said they are working on the electric for well #1 and being able to send power from Penelec and getting poles in. They also need to get proper communication lines for the computer systems. The boys have painted the inside of the building and the doors for #3 need to be done. Mike said we are blessed to have our employees that do such good work. Frank has been to the site to visit a few times, and Mike encourages the other members to stop at any time to see our progress. The work is coming along really well. M. Stoudt discussed the road going into Taylor Run, and the off spur into the fish nursery. The power pedestal for #1 will be in that area. He is concerned about snow removal in the area, since we do one part, and the Gun Club has a contractor to do by the nursery. We do have an agreement with the Club regarding the property, and road maintenance. The distance is about 200 feet. Rob Bowens is the Club president, so Mike would like permission to discuss the road, and all agree this be done.

H.) NEW STP

The work is really going well. They will be putting in conduit and pipes and then do the floors. M. Stoudt has been inspecting as the work proceeds. They will do pressure tests on the system and check the electricity. George hopes they will progress toward springtime next year. They need to build the walls and hope to get the roof on before the snow flies. When done with the plant, they will tear down the old pump house and put in a new one. You cannot change the footprint per RUS, if in the flood plain. Pictures are being taken of all the work for our records. Mike told the members they can also go to this job site.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray said the project at Shinglehouse should be completed in a few weeks and we can schedule a visit.

J.) BR DAM

K.) PAINT BR TANK

S. Bray sent out requests to 5 or 6 different companies for a proposal, to paint inside and out. He received one reply in the amount of \$281,000.

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Scott wasn't sure if this is a good price or not. It is getting too late with the weather changing. We can bid out the beginning of next year for the work to be done in the summer. S. Hall said the Foundry had a company do their tank and did not know the name, but George could check with them and see if they got many price quotes.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported he did training last Thursday on KB4. Training can continue quarterly or every six months and is 10-20 minutes long. Dan had said Chad and Matt should attend as they work with his computer. Joe said there were 34 hits from Poland and 2 from China, so it is happening all over.

M.) GENERATORS

M. Stouidt said the TR generator should be here in November. Within the next month the backfill will be complete and they will form up for the pad and equipment. They will use ward flex for the gas pipe for the generator.

N.) MURPHY TRAILER COURT

O.) BLOSS TWP. BILLING

P.) UPDATE NEW STP/RATES

The members were given a copy of the notice which will be included with this month's sewer bills. As part of the DEP mandated construction of a new stp, our funding sources require that our user rate be sufficient to satisfy our loan payment obligation. The following summarizes the fourth rate increase necessary to reach our required level. Effective 12/23 user rates will increase from \$120.00 per quarter to \$160.00 per quarter. The price per 1,000 gallons over the minimum gallons will increase to \$5.96 from the previous rate of \$4.47 per 1,000 gallons, during this period.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 1 USDA

George received #10, but now that we have closed with FCCB and are now drawing from USDA, this will be No. 1 withdrawal USDA funding grant money. This includes: 1.) Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, from 6/26-7/30/23 in the amount of \$10,721.63. 2.) Kleinfelder from 8/1-8/30/23 in the amount of \$1,963.15. 3.) Performance Construction from 7/1-7/31/23 in the amount of \$1,435,818.88. These total \$1,448,503.66. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we sign Requisition #1 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. J. Bubacz and S. Hall will sign the requisition. The Chairman had to sign request No. 1 from USDA.

A letter had been received from USDA dated 8/11/23 regarding the change order for Contract 1 with Performance Construction, regarding the aggregate for the SBR tanks. The change order original contract amount was \$14,853,683.00 and has been revised to \$14,813,869.66. RUS concurred with this. There have been previous change orders #1 to 6.

B.) ROYALTY PAYMENT-#68 was received 8/23/23 and direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. The monthly report was received and put in the packets. Treasurer Bauman requested 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 J. Bubacz, "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 members were given the statement from C&N and FCCB

DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND RUS

The Treasurer reported he opened a 60-month CD at FCCB titled WWSTP Debt Service Reserve Fund CD #3025, on 8/25, in the amount of \$100,000.00. This was taken from the sewer share of money deposited in BWCMMI #6018 which is earning the higher interest rate. The interest rate is 5% yearly for the first two years, then 4% yearly for the last three years. The interest will compound quarterly and be put back into the CD. At the end of term it will be about \$120,000.00, and we are required to have \$130,000.00 in 10 years per RUS. This amount equals one annual loan payment. This reserve fund has to be kept for 40 years, which is the length of the loan from RUS. This CD will mature on 8/25/28 and at that time we will decide how to reinvest the funds. The Feds are meeting this month, so the Treasurer suggests we not do any more investing.

Leesa had received a statement from FCCB for the WWTP loan #67 which was paid off on 8/24/23, when we did the funding paperwork to draw from USDA. This was put in the packets.

D.) AUDIT REPORT

This has been received and passed out. S. Hall noted there were no recommendations this year. P. Bauman noted that in the annual report sent to DCED, questioned if it should have Joe's name listed since he is the Vice, on the Authority's Officials List. Leesa will advise the auditor.

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Section 4: Borough Managers Report

George had announced the sewer rate increase at the Council meeting, and it was in the Wellsboro paper. Joe asked if we had a fact sheet on this project, and George will do one.

Section 5: Other

S. Hall had a person ask him about painting fire hydrants around town. There is one on the end of Post St. that needs to be done. George will check it. George said they haven't been done in a few years.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM, on motion of P. Bauman, seconded S. Hall, all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY