

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 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 F. Wasowicz. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager, and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

Chairman Stoudt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 10/3/23 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

P. Bauman read the treasurer's report. Leesa noted that two bills were received for sewer, from PACE, for testing that total \$285.80. A bill was received for water from Sterling for chemicals, in the amount of \$864.00. These are to be added to the bill lists. A bill was received from Carver's for TR #3 in the amount of \$4,296.00. The Boro will pay, and we will repay the Boro.

For the new WWTP, the second bill was received from Penelec for setting the electric poles. The amount of this bill is \$22,883.48. The total of both bills was \$26,828.86.

For the old STP, per the Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Requirements, we have to purchase nitrogen credits, but no phosphorus. Wellsboro Boro has credits we can buy. The amount needed is 2,059 credits at \$2.50 per credit, for a total of \$5,147.50. The agreement needs to be signed and the amount is listed on the sewer bill list. Motion made by P. Bauman, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we sign the agreement and purchase credits from Wellsboro." All in favor. Mike said with the new plant, we will be able to sell and not buy.

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. We had to fix a leak on Davis St. which was the old Nowak home, which had been torn down, next to Chet Lutomski. It had been shut off at the corporation. They have leaks in Hamilton Twp. George had Lisowski come in to fix one on Haskins St., which was a ¾" plastic. We had fixed two leaks. Their flows are up about 15,000 more than they should be.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The report was in the packets.

C.) INFILTRATION

George said Wellsboro got a new vacuum truck. They are willing to rent it to us but do not have a price yet. He would like to use it on the west side of 15, from Kriner's down to across from the pump house, next year. Mike said Mansfield has one that MU operated, and we should watch should they put it up for sale.

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

George said they are still waiting for one person's easement, on Canada Rd. He hopes this will be done soon and hopes the project can go out for bid in Jan. or Feb.

E.) CASSELBERRY

George has not talked to him lately, but knows he is working with Arnot to locate another site beside their existing treatment plant. We are working with DCNR about the well by the House property. It was asked if there was an end date with Repsol regarding the work. It won't be that long when UTRA will come on and we have our back up system ready.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

They are still looking for funding.

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

They are working on the concrete pour for the electric pad and generator pad. Mike said they are moving along. The grass has started growing. Frank has been up there and Joe, and it looks good. They are waiting for some materials. Mike is looking into getting spare high failure items to have on hand should something happen, and we would not have to wait to get them. The price could be around \$10,000.00.

H.) NEW STP

They have painted inside the one building and the contractor can start putting equipment in. The main office part is ready for the roof to be put on. At the electrical section where they put the panels in, once the roof is on, they can get the heat inside there. Insulation will be put in the attic.

At the pump house the walls are up, and the roof put on. They will re-hook all the utilities when ready. Mike said we should look into alternate energy with solar panels for all our locations, which would be a big savings.

Frank has been going to Taylor to check the work progress and it is going well and when all projects are completed, the future generations will benefit from all the work being done.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray is working on this.

J.) BR DAM

This is about the sediment pond, and we will check it in the spring.

K.) PAINT BR TANK

S. Bray is looking for vendors for a price for next spring.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe said they had the quarterly meeting with CSR. They did discuss the Scata system that will be going in. The quarterly training is 50% complete.

M.) GENERATORS

The one for Taylor Run should be here in January. Mike hopes to get spare parts ahead of time.

N.) MURPHY TRAILER COURT

O.) BLOSS TWP. BILLING

George will check with Mark Strange on our boys learning their process.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 3 USDA

This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, for engineering from 8/28-10/1/23 in the amount of \$8,278.13. 2.) Larson Design Group thru 10/14/23 in the amount of \$15,115.96. 3.) Performance Construction from 9/1-9/30/23 in the amount of \$621,769.35. 4.) Tra Electric 9/30-1/31/23 in the amount of \$51,228.99. 5.) AFT Mechanical from 9/13-

10/10/23 in the amount of \$47,880.00. The total amount for all of these is \$744,272.43. There were also two change orders: 1.)#8 from Performance increase of \$7,384.79 for the Headworks Facilities footing over excavation and the Kleinfelder Field Report. 2.) #9 from Performance decrease of \$23,962.18 for pipe credit, bid quantities, pipe and shipping and encasement. M. Stoudt asked if S. Bray has looked at these, and he has not but HRG has. George said #8 deals with the area of work which was spongy, and they had to put extra fill in to stabilize it. #9 deals with piping. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded F. Wasowicz, "That we approve change order #8." All in favor. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we approve change order #9." All in favor. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we sign Requisition #3 USDA, per their approval." All in favor.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY-#70 was received 10/23/23 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 J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That the treasurer is authorized to do this transaction." All in favor. He will do this transfer online. Mike said there has been a lot of truck traffic this week on his road but is not sure where they are doing gas wells.

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

The members were given the statement from C&N and FCCB. The Treasurer reported that the CD through LPL Financial that matured 10/24/23, was cashed in and balance was transferred to BWC MMI #6018 to earn higher interest. The transfer was made from the Sewer RF MMI #7218 in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the BWC MMI #6018 to earn higher interest, earmarked as sewer. Pat talked with Matt at C&N regarding CD's and interest rates. A longer-term CD will earn a higher rate. The Treasurer requested we transfer \$500,000.00 from BWC MMI #6018 to invest in two CDs with C&N, LPL. He suggests opening one CD in the amount of \$250,000.00 in a 3-year CD which will earn 5.25% interest that pays twice a year. The other CD be in the amount of \$250,000.00 in a 5-year CD which will earn 5.15% interest paid quarterly. The interest will be put into the cash account at LPL. We would then ask to have it transferred out of the cash account at LPL back to FCCB into our BWC MMI #6018, to earn the higher interest. He would do these online. The Treasurer requested we transfer another \$50,000.00 from the sewer RF MMI #7218 to the BWC MMI #6018 to earn higher interest, earmarked as sewer. A motion was made by

S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the treasurer is authorized to do these transactions." All in favor. Pat noted that we will have to start making our RUS payments on the new stp next year.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George said with the pump house, are two floors below ground, and suggested looking at them to see their condition. The concrete has been in there since 1969. He wondered about contacting Abel Recon to see about putting a coating on the concrete walls, which would extend its life, and what the price would be. This should be done now, before the new pump house can be used in the middle of next month. He suggested leaving this meeting open to contact them and bring the information back to the members, all in agreement.

Section 5: Other

A.) M. Stoudt asked for a moment of silence for our employee Scott Fessler's father, Gene, who passed away.

B.) There is a Certificate of Appreciation to be signed and presented to Dan Grinnell for 30 years of service as our plant operator, and congratulations from our members. He is very dedicated and pays attention to details. He takes care of Hamilton Twp. water also. We are very fortunate for all of our employees as it is hard to get such dedicated workers, and ones that stay in the same job.

There being no further business, the meeting was left open, and all left at 7:52 PM.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

