

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
JANUARY 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Mayor's Office.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J Bubacz, Jr., Secretary S. Hall, and member F. Wasowicz. Treasurer P. Bauman sent an email with his report for this meeting as he is sick and will not be attending but can be available by phone. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager, and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

Guest: Kristie Bowles from the Wellsboro Paper.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

M. Stoudt asked the Boro Manager George Lloyd to call the meeting to order, which he did. The election of officers has to be done. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That Mike Stoudt remain as Chairman." All in favor. Mike thanked the members for the appointment and stated that we all do our best. George turned the meeting over to the Chairman. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we stay with the status quo and the officers remain the same." All in favor.

SECTION 1: All Reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 12/5/23 regular meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

The members looked over the treasurer's report and bill lists. The treasurer sent the following report: 1.) Vote for no change to officers for 2024 unless others want to change positions. 2.) No corrections to the minutes. 3.) He got a quote from Heather at FCCB for the Water Co. 12-month special CD #57-77 which was opened with funds from the Royalties MMI #3018 and BWC MMI #5618 that matures 1/4/24, earning quarterly 4.4%. A new 9-month special CD could be opened at 4.75% interest. He recommends to just cash the old CD #57-77 and deposit the balance to the BWC MMI #6018. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the Treasurer deposit the Water CD #57-77 into the BWC MMI #6018." All in favor. He can do this online. 4.) He recommends we move the Royalties money to BWC MMI #6018. 5.) C&N LPL nothing until April. 6.) No objection to UTTRA Resolution or HRG payment requests 7.) Unavailable to sign checks until Monday if we need to make other arrangements. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz,

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"That the minutes, treasurer, and bill payment reports be accepted as presented." All in favor. Our guest left at 7:16 PM.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

B.) DELINQUENTS

The report was in the packets. There was also a report on receipts showing the breakdown of how income was received. F. Wasowicz said before when it was brought up people were willing to pay by credit card but did not think about it being a debt. Leesa also noted when we first looked into it, we had agreed to not allow credit cards since we would have had to pay a fee for each transaction made by a person. Now the customers have to pay the bank fee. George said we do not do shut offs in the winter as it could be a liability to us.

C.) INFILTRATION

George reported we had gotten 1½" of rain but did not have to by-pass and pump over to the stp, so we didn't have to notify DEP.

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

George said LDG is doing the environmental assessment. He hopes they can bid out the end of January or first of February.

E.) CASSELBERRY

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

They did clean up the debris that was outside. No one has heard anything more.

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BLDG.

They are hoping to start it up on the 22nd, and Mike said they are scheduled to talk with Martz tomorrow morning. There are a few open items. The generator ship date is 1/10 so we hope it will be the week after and nothing major occurs. Once all ok, we notify DEP and hope we get their blessings to use it.

H.) NEW STP

Work is going well. They are waiting for the VFD unit. They moved the electric gear up above flood level. They are working on getting power with Penelec.

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I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

S. Bray is getting quotes for our next meeting for the media. We will get Taylor Run online before we do anything at the Sportsman's Well.

J.) BR DAM

K.) PAINT BR TANK

S. Bray is getting quotes to put out for bid so work can start in the spring.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe said they had their quarterly meeting. They discussed the SCADA and generators. They provided the Boro with a report regarding fire walls and monitoring. There are a couple of PCs to replace this year.

M.) GENERATORS

The one for Taylor Run is to be shipped 1/10, and we will look at the Sportsman's well in June.

N.) MURPHY TRAILER COURT

Nothing further from Murphy, but there is another person interested in buying it. It was suggested this be removed from the agenda until something new comes up.

O.) BLOSS TWP. BILLING

Cheryl had sent them a price quote for doing their bills but has not heard back from them.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 5 USDA

This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) HRG, for engineering from 10/30-11/26/23 in the amount of \$9,331.63. 2.) Larson Design thru 12/16/23 in the amount of \$13,102.82. 3.) Performance Construction from 11/1-11/30/23 in the amount of \$445,511.91. 4.) Tra Electric from 11/15-12/31/23 in the amount of \$143,384.93. 5.) AFT Mechanical from 11/15-12/12/23 in the amount of \$157,446.88. The total amount of these is \$768,778.17. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we sign Requisition #5 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed this.

For the VFD and generator, we might have to rent one until the order gets here. The project is on track for April or May, with a July startup. It will be another 2 weeks for the VFD. We do have the portable generator that can be used at the pump house.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY-#72 was received 12/21/23 and direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. The monthly report was received and put in packets. Treasurer Bauman had 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 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 statements were given to the members. The sewer will have to start making their payment to RUS in February.

Section 4: Borough Managers Report

A.) G. Lloyd had sent in the packets an Amendment requested by RUS on the Intermunicipal Agreement with UTTRA. The original agreement was also in the packets, with the changes highlighted in yellow on the other page. Section Two discusses disruption of services; water shall be available proportionately to them. Section Six is in regard to any upgrade, changes or other repairs to the UTTRA system which are paid for by UTTRA shall become property of UTTRA. Section Fourteen, which is new, This Agreement will be pledged to USDA-RUS as security for the Loan issued by USDA-RUS to UTTRA. The Chairman noted they will pay us monthly through the interconnection as metered at the meter building, like we already do with Hamilton Twp. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we accept the Amendment requested by RUS." All in favor.

B.) G. Lloyd is going to get quotes for fencing at the new stp. The one done at Taylor Run was a good job. They need to let the area settle and he is looking at starting in the spring. He can get specs from HRG and is thinking 6 feet high with barb wire on top. George is looking into 2 drive in gates and being remote. M. Stoud will look because of needing power.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM, motion by J. Bubacz, seconded F. Wasowicz, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY