

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
APRIL 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 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.

The Chairman 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 3/5/24 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. A bill was received today from Martz for the new WWTP router in the amount of \$808.10, to be added to the sewer list. Leesa reported in the water, she had to void the check to DEP for \$50.00 for the Taylor Run well. S. Bray filed for the certificate online, and had to pay using his credit card, so a new check was written to reimburse him. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "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

When time is available, we will be looking for leaks. Morris Run used about 15,000 gallons more. George will have the boys check down N. Wmsn. Rd.

B.) DELINQUENTS

George forgot to ask Cheryl to do a printout.

C.) INFILTRATION

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

A permanent easement needs to be done between us and UTRRA, to construct a building, gravel access drive, and pipelines and other lines or appurtenances, as shown on the map. These are all being facilities to be used or useful in the Grantee's water distribution system and for carrying potable water to other properties serviced or to be serviced by the Grantee.

There is also a permanent right-of-way across the existing driveway for access to and from the Easement area. Along the road into the pump house on the side toward the VFW pines is where they will tie into our 8" water line. The pressure will be reduced from 110 psi down to 40 psi since going downhill and at the red light go back up to 80-90. M. Stoudt noted any building in that area will have to meet the 500-year flood plain requirements. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we approve the easement with UTRRA as prepared by Cox, Stokes & Lantz, and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to execute the document." All in favor.

E.) CASSELBERRY

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

George reported everything is going well. S. Bray sent the info to DEP, and they responded. Tasha and Mark will also be here when they do the inspection on 4/17 at 10:00 AM. Mike said everything is in good order and they cleaned the buildings. Testing will be done before and after online. If all is well, they will give us the go ahead. M. Stoudt said the cell service was increased as they installed an extender outside for the Marz switch, and it is much better. We received a copy of Hamilton Twp's resolution that there will be no chemicals sprayed or used any other way on the Taylor Run Road due to the quality water wells located there.

H.) NEW STP

This month it will be checked. They plan to put the bugs in on the 14th and start it all up in May or June. At the sediment pond they seeded and mulched before the rain that will be coming. There is a meeting on 4/10 with doing the new reports that have to be sent into DEP. We will run both plants for a while until everything is working at the new.

George had contacted Cochran, the low bidder for the fence, to discuss the groundwork to be done. This was to his satisfaction, so George advised him we accepted his bid of \$44,875.00. George said the gates are being made. A PA One Call was done and marking stakes placed. Penelec will be here on 4/4. Last Friday the power was off for about an hour but had nothing to do with the stp, and Joe said it was a planned outage in Liberty.

S. Bray submitted the 2023 Chapter 94 Municipal Waste Load Management

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Annual report to DER.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

They will do the filter media change for the Gun Club in the next few months once Taylor Run is up and running.

J.) BR DAM

K.) PAINT BR TANK

S. Bray has been in contact with Amstar, the low bidder, for a spring start up. M. Stoudt said the DEP Sanitarian was here doing an inspection with Dan and they discussed the work and water in the tank.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe reported the 1st quarter is 100% complete and the 2nd quarter will be sent. Information was in the packets regarding threat resources and tools for the water and wastewater sector from the USA EPA. Joe said an area to watch is when you get grant money, because you do not know what their security systems are in place. They discussed the new water and sewer projects and should meet with the companies.

M.) GENERATORS

The one for the R&G Club is to come in June. The one from Taylor Run is good. There has to be work done between the SCADA and generator. They are to come back on 4/24. We are to get a notice every Wednesday at 9 AM to exercise the system. Mike has to run back a cable, so it is hardwired.

N.) BLOSS TWP. BILLINGS

O.) METERS

In the packets was an updated quote from L/B Water for 800 new meters. The original quote was \$182,193.00, is now \$170,529.28, which is \$11,663.72 less. They are doing a two-year payback deal with Lock Haven and would do the same with us. They do not have all the meters now so it would be as they become available. It was noted the first quote was to expire on 4/5, so George will contact them. P. Bauman asked if we committed, do we have the manpower. George would not start until the fall and does not know how many they will give us. A letter should be in the billing to make people aware that we will go into their homes to replace the meter, a wire run to the outside, and a bigger outside box installed for remote reading. Some homes have extra wire already from when the original meter was put in, but this will be checked for wear and tear. At some homes, the remote

button could be put inside a window and still be read outside. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we approve the quote from L/B Water Service for the meter replacement program." All in favor. S. Hall suggested we develop a map by sections for installation and record keeping. We may have some meters recently installed that can be used with the new reading equipment.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 8 USDA

This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) HRG, for engineering from 1/29-2/25/24 in the amount of \$11,090.25. 2.) Larson Design thru 3/16/24 in the amount of \$14,816.68. 3.) Performance from 2/1-2/29/24 in the amount of \$703,496.18. 4.) Tra Electric from 3/1-3/31/24 in the amount of \$110,334.35. 5.) AFT Mechanical from 2/14-3/12/24 in the amount of \$7,457.22. The total amount is \$847,194.68. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we sign Requisition #8 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz will sign the paperwork. George had Cheryl prepare a list of the beginning contract/change orders, payments to date and the balance left. For the total project, the balance now left is \$1,635,380.86. S. Hall noted the paving and fencing are not part of the project and will be paid out of our regular income. We are lucky there were no major change orders, and the project is on time. George had Leesa prepare a list of items we paid for out of our own money, to see if it can be applied toward the grant money that will be left. It has to be presented to RUS for their decision. If there are funds left once the entire job is completed, we will see if there will be an adjustment to the loan payoff.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#75 was received 3/21/24 and direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. The monthly report was put in the packets. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000.00 to avoid a bank charge, to BWC MMI #6018.

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

The statements were in the packets. Four Water Co. CDs at C&N LPL mature this month: #XJV3, #M4R1, #OUT59 on 4/15/24. #TFR3 matures on 4/29. All the original monies came from Royalties. The Treasurer talked with Matt yesterday and today at C&N regarding new rates and terms. Pat thinks we should leave some over there and the rest transfer back to FCCB to put into our BWC MMI #6018 since it is earning us the highest interest. At C&N you can open an LPL money market, with a balance of \$500,000, which can earn 4.9% interest. There would be a \$5.00 bank fee. Two CD's can be combined to do this. One CD, plus earned interest, can be deposited into the BWC

MMI #6018, doing a bank-to-bank transfer. The Treasurer also checked with FCCB regarding the special class MMI interest rate we are earning now. They will look at financial situations in Dec. or Jan., depending upon the Feds, and determine what special accounts they will be able to offer next year. The CD that matures on 4/29 will be deposited to FCCB. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That the Treasurer be authorized to reinvest the four CD's." All in favor.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) Matt has been driving the 2006 F350 XLT that we purchased last month and said it runs well. Our bid of \$14,000.00 was accepted and we picked it up. A cashier's check had to be used and there was a \$5.00 bank fee. Matt fixed some rust spots and painted the inside of the box. If we were to buy a snow plow it could cost about \$12,000. There is a plow frame on the truck but would also have to buy wiring and controls for it. It should be interchangeable with the other trucks we have. Dan's truck has a plow. If Matt had a plow, he would not have to wait for someone else to do the plant. They have been checking for other vehicles for sale through Municibid. There is a 550 with plow for \$110,000. All over the prices for all types of vehicles, and ages, are extremely high. It was asked if there any good used plows for sale, and they will check online.

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

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY