

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
MAY 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, May 7, 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 call the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 4/2/24 regular meeting and the Special Emergency meeting held 4/15/24 were brought up for discussion. 1.) F. Wasowicz noted that on Page 2, under Letter H-NEW STP, the sentence regarding the Hamilton Twp. resolution for no chemicals on Taylor Run Road, should be moved up under Letter G-TAYLOR RUN. There were no further corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. A bill needs to be added to the water that was received from Martz in the amount of \$5,200.00 for the Taylor Run VTS Services Scada partial subscription from 5/1-12/31/24. The yearly fee of \$7,800.00 will then be billed in January of each year. Motion S. Hall, second J. Bubacz, "add to list." All in favor.

TANK PAINTING BID-Amstar

The first invoice for the bid had been received in the amount of \$377,600.00, which is 80% of work performed to 5/1/24. A copy was in the packets. George, Mike, and Pat agreed since we approved the contract, the check was sent. The funds were taken out of the BWC MMI #6018. The balance owed will be \$94,400.00. 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

George reported they have been looking for leaks around town. They found one to check after locating the curb box. In Morris Run they repaired a leak which saved about 18,000 gpd. This was at One Stop, formerly the Tipple Bar, where the water had started to bubble up through the ground.

B.) DELINQUENTS-The list was in the packets.

C.) INFILTRATION-We have no time right now to do any checking.

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

RUS and Larson Design are working on the environmental review. George had hoped to go out to bid soon, but RUS has been asking for information. They will be getting a central system to match our SCADA.

E.) CASSELBERRY

Arnot hopes to drill next month for another well behind the plant building before their fish nursery. Jim is confident they will hit good water, which will be good for them to have a second source.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

An email was received from Martz that the SCADA deployment is now active. They came 4/24 to complete additional startup tasks. George said this week they will be super chlorinating the water lines for Well #1 and #3. Water samples will have to be taken and when approved, will submit to DEP for the permit.

H.) NEW STP

A notice was received from APPI Energy with electricity price rates, which is the supplier rate for new electric accounts to get them aligned with our other accounts for renewal purposes, with Constellation. This is for the new pump house and plant. Our other accounts with Dynegy rate is .1163. We need to okay for them to proceed to reup for renewal with the other ones in two years. The 24-month fixed rate is \$0.07724, which is the lowest amount in the notice. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by F. Wasowicz," That we approve the 24-month agreement with Constellation." All in favor.

An email was received from Yves, HRG, regarding Change Order No. 2 for the contract for HVAC construction, with AFT. This includes all materials, labor, and equipment costs for installing a ¾" natural gas line from the gas meter through the Facilities building which will feed the Headworks building unit heaters. The contract price will be increased in the amount of \$4,097.10 and the contract time will be extended 0 days.

There was also an email to RUS regarding the 2/8/24 Tra issued Change Order #6 for electrical work for raising wired panels, control panel and

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transformer due to HRG having them below the flood plain. The amount was \$5,281.69. 3/11/24 Requisition USDA Funding #7, TRA included the above work, and this was paid on BMA Check #198 in the amount of \$271,582.74. The raising of the panels, etc. was to be paid by HRG, not BMA. Therefore, \$5,281.69 has been expended that should not have been. BMA/RUS funding needs a refund from HRG of \$5,281.69.

M. Stoudt questioned Change Order No. 2 from AFT and why the work to run the gas line to the heaters was not included in the bid. If heat was needed, then the line to service the heater should have been in bid already. All in agreement this can be approved following clarification from the engineer.

George said Matt is doing exceptionally good learning the operation. George, Dan, and Chad are also learning, and we will train the others. The contractor had put together information for running it. The proposed date is next Tuesday to put water through it and then wait and see when it settles out and what the results are. When inflow comes in from the pump house it will start to be treated. DEP has to approve the project. The bugs are put in the system, which is part of the disinfecting process, and they regenerate. J. Bubacz was surprised how really deep the tanks are. S. Hall asked if DEP would lift the Consent Order and if we can have more hookups, and George hopes so. George said the call out system is working, and Matt keeps track of everything. George said PRWA is coming up Thursday and has helped Canton.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

At the Rod & Gun Club we will change the media when Taylor Run is approved, and Bellman Run tank will be back up.

J.) BR DAM

K.) PAINT BR TANK

The subcontractor is to be here tomorrow to do the cathodic protection, which should take two days. They spray paint down and will do the floor. It will have to be super chlorinated then testing done.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe reported they will have the quarterly meeting with CSR this month and discuss our new connections.

In the packets was a copy of an email Dan had received from the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water with an advisory for water systems using Unitronics Vision Series Programable Logic Controls, which came from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency. Mike checked and we do not have this.

M.) GENERATORS

Mike said Taylor is at 100% completion and are only waiting for one bottom panel. We will have to do mouse proofing before the panel is done, and he is looking for something to use, since spray foam will not work since they eat that. Taylor Run is good. The one for the Sportsman's Well is to be here in June. Mike will have to do the transfer switch, and we should do some painting while shut down.

N.) BLOSS TWP. BILLINGS

O.) METERS

L/B will work us into the program, and we will not get them all at one time. We will do the installation in-house.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 9 USDA

This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) HRG, for engineering from 2/26-3/31/24 in the amount of \$12,666.50. 2.) Larson Design thru 4/13/24 in the amount of \$14,03.53. 3.) Performance from 3/1-3/31/24 in the amount of \$121,733.95. 4.) Tra Electric from 4/1-4/30/24 in the amount of \$275,214.33. 5.) AFT from 3/13-4/9/24 in the amount of \$14,770.71. The total is \$438,798.02. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we sign Requisition #9 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed the paperwork. A discussion was already held on the Change Order regarding the gas line.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#76 was received 4/19/24 and direct deposited into the BWC Royalties MMI. The report was 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. With the CDs at C&N, LPL, which matured, the Treasurer did the following transactions: 1.) CD #XJV3 and #OUT59 were combined and opened a money market account #VHPXX, with

a \$5.00 bank fee, LPL. 2.) #M4R1 plus earned interest on investments, was deposited into BWC MMI #6018. 3.) CD#TFR3 deposited to BWC MMI #6018. The Treasurer noted that we will not do any more investing since we have to know how much of a buffer we will have after paying for the new media and painting the tank. We did have to prepay for the generator. In the sewer we have to pay for the fence at the stp and in August we will have to make our second RUS loan payment. The sewer has a CD that will mature next month. We should then make a list of any more projects planned for this year to see if more investing can be done. The Chairman said if you look back, we are a truly fortunate community that has made many improvements to benefit the Boro now and for the future by using good management and having a wonderful team.

#### Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George had received a paper to sign for authorization to share GIS information as part of the Source Water Protection Plan with DEP. This will aide with the County Comprehensive Plan, MS4 planning, zoning, public education, project review, and emergency response issues. An overlay will be made. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we sign the paper." All in favor.

B.) George said the crew has started working four 10-hour days from 4/29 to 11/1 and start at 6 AM. This way they get a 3-day weekend. Scott and Matt will be off Friday with Ray and Troy off Monday, with everyone working Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Chad and Dan are not doing it right now with the kids still in school and playing ball. It is working so far. Mike asked when Scott is out, who instructs the boys and George does.

C.) We have to purchase a laptop for Matt for the new WWTP. We are looking at prices following it being discussed with CSR.

S. Hall noted it is National Drinking Water Week from 5/5 thru 5/11.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM. motion by S. Hall, second F. Wasowicz. All in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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