

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
JUNE 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, June 4, 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 5/7/24 regular meeting had no 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 in the amount of \$50.00 to S. Bray. He submitted the Operation Permit Request for a Public Water Supply final certificate to DEP for the Bellman Run tank. Since he filed online, he had to pay using his credit card. A bill for the sewer has to be added from L/B Water, which was for parts sold to M. Stoudt in the amount of \$383.05. Another bill for the sewer is for a turbidity tester from HACH for the new WWTP in the amount of \$4,392.16. J. Bubacz asked if the bill from Cochran Fence for the WWTP was the total amount of the bid, which it was, and work is completed. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "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. They have been looking for leaks. A bad leak was fixed in Morris Run and consumption was back down.

B.) DELINQUENTS

Cheryl sent out 65 letters with payments due on 6/7. Two shut offs were put out and one paid in full and the other a partial payment.

C.) INFILTRATION

They have not done any work on this. George had sent an email to RUS and HRG. At the last WWTP meeting, they reviewed the punch list and any further costs that may be paid with USDA funding. Originally the contract had included relining various sewer lines in the system to stop I&I. In an

attempt to prevent cost overruns, this item plus a few others were removed from the bidding process. There is the potential of having extra money available from the project, so we asked if some of the funds can now be used from relining. They wanted us to use up the loan funding first then use grant money. We previously worked with a company who does this work through Costars. If it is eligible we would pay for it and fill out the paperwork for reimbursement later. A list of all expenses paid out of pocket by the Authority, not through the project, was submitted for review. We purchased paint, did the new fence, and will do blacktopping. There may be \$1.7 million not spent from the original projected total project cost. We were fortunate there were not a lot of change orders. Any money we would get is helpful.

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

They did the environmental assessment, and the ad is to go this Friday and then 60-90 days for review.

E.) CASSELBERRY

George has not heard from him, but they plan to drill in Arnot this month for a secondary water source to help with the mine drift.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

Still looking for funding. They will have to have a code review since there have been new changes and their original request is obsolete and will be withdrawn.

G.) TAYOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

S. Bray sent in the the paperwork to DEP. M. Stoudt is working with Martz and hopes to set up a meeting in the next few weeks.

H.) NEW STP

S Hall had visited the plant to see how it operates. George said next week he will contact the members to visit to see what happens when they have to drop the decanting water and to transfer the sludge. It is really interesting how the new works compared to the old and the processing. J. Bubacz was there to look at the wireless to see about getting a better signal. (not part of the construction contract). He also looked at the router and possibly can be moved higher or closer to the office or window. We will see what Martz would recommend as they did for the water tank. We will need a switch with more ports. There is also a security camera and Sean Stoudt can do something. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded

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by S. Hall, "That we purchase a switch in the amount of \$850.00." All in favor. An email was received from HRG for Change Order #7, #8 and #9 Electrical Construction, from Tra Electric for a correct rated panel disconnect stainless steel enclosure in the Grit Room, equipment for the dewatering pump which services both SBR tanks, and the cost to provide local alarms for the gas detection. The contract price will be revised. Motion S. Hall, second P. Bauman, "They be approved." All in favor. They signed the paperwork.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

Change media when Taylor Run approved and Bellman tank back.

J.) BR DAM

K.) PAINT BR TANK

Work is completed. There is water in it and was super chlorinated. A sample was sent in. S. Bray will check in a week or two with DEP if we can put it online. There is a warranty for the painting. We should consider having them come back in a year with a portable robot to look at the walls and ceiling for corrosion and keep this as a yearly maintenance. We can check if they do contracts. There is a balance to pay per the contract.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported they met last week. We need to renew the training and the license is up the end of this year. We will need to check on disaster and instant responses, and what the insurance company requires. We also need to look into security cameras for all facilities and if the data can all come back into this building. It will be costly, but our projects have been huge and need to be protected.

M.) GENERATORS

The one for the Rod & Gun Club is to be here this month. Mike will have to install the transfer switch and George get some painting done while down.

N.) BLOSS TWP. BILLING

O.) METERS

Will start later in the fall.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 10 USDA

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This is from funding grant money. It includes: 1.) HRG for engineering from 4/1-4/28/24 in the amount of \$12,036.75. 2.) Larson Design thru 5/18/24 in the amount of \$4,995.47. 3.) Performance from 4/1-5/9/24 in the amount of \$86,111.23. 4.) Tra Electric from 5/1-5/31/24 in the amount of \$39,208.59. The total is \$142,352.04. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we sign Requisition #10 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed the paperwork. The engineer clarified Change Order No. 2 work on the gas line. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That this be approved." All in favor.

The check from Tra Electric for Change Order #7, in the amount of \$5,281.69 was received and will be in the Sewer Project account until RUS advises us how this will be processed.

A new laptop was purchased for Matt and will be set up. Mike said he is going to order a wood or composite platform for when anyone is working on the outside electric at the pump house.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#77 was received 5/21/24 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. Mike noted that the check amounts have been considerably lower this year.

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

The statements were in the packets. The sewer has a 6-month LPL CD that matures this month. He checked on rates at C&N and you can get a higher rate for a longer term. The Feds do not meet again until next month. He noted we have money at both banks. He suggests we roll over the sewer money in the amount of \$200,000.00, plus interest into another LPL for a longer term, like 2-3 years, at the best rate we can earn. Motion made by S. Hall, seconded J. Bubacz, "That we authorize the Treasurer to open another C&N LPL CD, getting the best terms and interest." All in favor.

D.) George said SRBC has to put in a new water monitor into the river before the stp discharge, for the acid mine drainage program. They need access, but do not need a key for the plant gate as they can go in on the lower road.

E.) The fire hydrant by the Methodist Church has to be replaced. A driver hit it who had no insurance and faces other charges. It will be over

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\$6,000.00. He also hit a Penelec pole and tree. We will have to file in court to collect and George will contact C. Lantz about the filing.

F.) S. Hall said when he toured the plant, he was impressed with Matt's knowledge of how it operates. George said it really is something compared to the old, even though the old lasted way past its expected life. Matt has been at the plant through the entire building process with the contractors. The water coming out is so clear it looks like drinking water. All the parts are stainless steel, even the faucets where they can test for coliform.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

