

**REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz, Jr., Treasurer P. Bauman, Secretary S. Hall, and member F. Wasowicz. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager. Absent: L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary, who was sick.

Guest-Heather Deitrick from FCCB to observe our meeting.

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 1/7/25 meeting were brought up for discussion. P. Bauman said on Page 3, Letter C, after FCCB will, add "no longer". Last sentences take out cash account and add treasury MM & LPL and take out "in a 2-year CD." No further corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. He reported that in the sewer we had not received the Gas Co. bills for last month. Leesa called them and they resent the bills, so the payment has been made. There being no further discussion on the bills, a motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That the minutes, treasurer's report and bill payments be accepted." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

Dan may have located a water leak on Tioga St. in Morris Run. We will try to pinpoint the leak ourselves or call in Chris Shutt to locate. He is retired from PRWA and very good at leak location.

B.) DELINQUENTS

Cheryl sent out the report. S. Hall noted that 120-day delinquents for sewer is increasing.

C.) INFILTRATION

The members reviewed a letter drafted for RUS on paying Insight for the slip line work done on sewer mains along N. Wmsn. Rd. and a short section on Main St.(copy enclosed). Mike wanted a couple of changes to the original letter. A motion to approve the letter with changes was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, with all in favor. George believes that RUS is really close to approving the \$644,647.60 payment to Insight, for the work already done. In order not to wait until our March meeting, George suggest that the Authority approves Insight's invoices totaling \$644,647.60, contingent on approval from RUS. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, with all in favor. When RUS approves Insight's payment, Cheryl will make up any paperwork required by RUS and get the Authority's signatures.

George discussed leaking sewer laterals when reviewing the completed slip line project. They identified 10 laterals on the west side of N. Wmsn. Rd., 3 laterals on the short section of Main St./Reese Lane, and 16 laterals along the Tioga River.

He has talked with Insight, and they have a camera that will extend up laterals about 90' to 100', depending on elbows. The approximate cost for this work would be \$35,000 and estimates that the laterals are leaking 70,000 to 100,000 GPD. George asked if the Authority would pay for this work, then go to RUS to pay for repairs on the Authority side of the laterals. Insight is capable of slip lining laterals from inside the line, so no digging is needed. Out of the 28 laterals along the Tioga River, 16 are leaking. It may be wise to reline all of them and can be decided after the video is reviewed.

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

RUS is looking for additional funding, plus UTRRA is applying for an EDA grant.

E.) CASSELBERRY

S. Bray and George checked the site today to determine a waterline route from the well site to the Morris Run Road. Scott will plot on an aerial map and George can discuss with the House family.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

The new VFD's are installed, and Martz completed their work.

H.) NEW STP

We have had trouble with the SBR mixer motors tripping breakers, and Matt was being called out to reset them. Tra Electric increased the trip limit adjustment, which was set on minimum, for both mixers. So far there have been no further call outs. After discussing with Mike, George will call Tra Electric and make sure the trip limits aren't set too high, and mixers won't have enough protection.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

Scott will be evaluating the Belman travelling bridge soon.

J.) BR DAM

K.) PAINT BR TANK

The one-year anniversary on painting the tank is coming up. Geo will call for an inspection of the inside and out. Mike is still trying to get Penelec to set the pole by the tank, for power to supply cathodic protection to the tank. Penelec is having a problem with getting a response from DCNR to do the work. George will contact the same DCNR person that he is talking to on the DCNR/House well site.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe updated the members on security measures.

M.) GENERATORS

Mike reported that the startup of the Sportsman's well generator will be done next Tuesday, 2/11. He also discussed that he has completed the specs for the new generator at the Bellman filter. He said 50 Kw, or 70 Kw will work at the plant. The 70 Kw costs around \$6,000 more and is the same size as the units at the Sportsman's Well and Taylor. Mike would like to bid

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out for one of the generators now, because it will take almost a year to be delivered. The Board voted to put out for bids a 70 Kw generator on motion of F. Wasowicz, second P. Bauman, with all in favor.

N.) METERS

O.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT-Have to check with Leesa.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 18 USDA FROM FUNDING GRANT MONEY AND No. 19

This is for HRG for engineering from 12/2 to 12/31/24 in the amount of \$2,675.00. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we sign Requisition #18 USDA, per their approval, and #19 from Insight Pipe in the amount of \$644,647.60 for the sewer slip line work ." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed the papers.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#85 was received 1/22/25, in the amount of \$41, 278.80, which was deposited directly into the BWC Royalties MMI. The report was in the packets. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000 to avoid a bank charge to BWC MMI #6018. The report is for 11/24.

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

The Treasurer reviewed the statements.

D.) PROPOSED BUDGETS

These were completed and can be removed from the agenda.

E.) TAPPING FEES

The water is done. S. Bray asked for more information to complete the sewer fee. He needs the amount paid for the Kelly property we purchased which is east of the old stp. This was needed when PennDOT purchased land, north of the old stp from the Authority for the new Route 15 bypass. Leesa is checking the amounts paid on previous sewer line work, to include in the tapping fees.

F.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

George will call them to see if they are still interested.

G.) RUS CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

This was done and good until 2027.

H.) REQUEST DORN PROPERTY LEASE

A letter had been received from David and Maryjane Yoder, Telford, PA., who were friends of the Dorn family and stayed at the cabin. They would like to lease the property. The Board discussed leasing the property and decided to reject their offer. The property was purchased by the Authority to protect the water resources. Leasing could open liability issues for the Authority. The buildings on the property were also discussed. A roof is needed on the principal structure, as well as work needed on the foundation. The Board agrees that we are in the water business and do not want to spend money repairing the old Dorn buildings. Equipment and manpower is available to remove all the buildings by the Authority and not

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have to involve outside contractors. George will schedule demo work, contingent on the weather, as soon as possible. George will send them a letter.

I.) The Water Company received a request from the Southern Tioga Youth Soccer program based in Covington, for a monetary donation. The Authority discussed this request, and it is denied as we do not want to set a precedent on donations to any organizations. All in favor.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:51 PM on motion of S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY