

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
APRIL 1, 2025

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, April 1, 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 and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Jerome Ogden who passed away. Jerome had been a former Council member and President, and always supportive of our Board.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 3/4/25 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. He asked about the electric bills for the stp. Two of the accounts are requesting a security deposit and Leesa has been in contact with them about payments that had been made but were not posted to the right accounts by them. She is awaiting a reply to the information that was sent per each account. She has also sent information to Frontier on the water phone bills, since those bills payments have been posted to only one account instead of two. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That the minutes, treasurer's report and bill payments be accepted." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

George reported they found a few leaks in Morris Run. At the former Church on Front St., they found in the back of the building where kids had been in there and a window was left open, so the meter bottom in the basement broke and they had to shut the water off. At a lady's home on Summit St. was a leak. She is gone for two weeks then back for one, so she had a problem with the meter really going. She told Chad to leave it turned off for now since away again and will get fixed when back in town.

B.) DELINQUENTS-List passed out.

C.) INFILTRATION

Insight has been doing the sewer main on Main St. up to Davies Lane by Buddy Ogden's. If there is still grant money left George wants to do from Carpenter to the footbridge on the back streets. RUS wants an engineer involved so S. Bray will help.

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They have located a few leaky joints and laterals that need to be fixed. There are a few places by the Tioga River that we hope to fix this summer. Mike asked if they had noticed any change in the town flows so far, but George said not a lot.

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

RUS is working on funding, reviewing the bids that were received but have not been awarded until possibly their meeting this month. That would mean a start up in late spring or summer. They are trying to keep the costs down and took the hookup funding figures out until they get on their feet.

E.) CASSELBERRY

George will set up another meeting with House's, for access since the well is on DCNR property. Jim has contacted DEP to do a well site aquifer test for DEP and SRBC, and paperwork submitted. We will contact Repsol again. Once they are both approved, we will get a permit which should be some time this year, and we could start construction next year.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

Nothing is going on as they are still looking for funding. They have two million dollars of their own money into the project already so they will not walk away.

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

Dan has been checking the chlorine level, but the SCADA is not calling out. George will contact Martz since we have a chlorine tester up there. We have the contract for the generator there, and the man came and everything is fine.

H.) NEW STP

The final inspection is to be 5/1, and George and Mike will work up a list of things to be checked. We had a problem with the sludge press shutting off due to low dilution water, but it is fixed now. Matt and George have been making a list of everything to be checked before signing off.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

He has been working on the Bellman filter plant and has been helping George with sewer items.

J.) BR DAM

The water was dirty from the rain we have had. Dan Walked up the river where the rip rap was put in. The far side of the bank had dirt in the water. George took a video and sent it to S. Bray to look at. Mike said today it looked cloudy going from Bellman.

K.) PAINT BR TANK

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The man that was here last year has passed so the boss will have the tank crew come inspect since the warranty runs out in May. They will do the cathodic work and underwater camera work. Mike said we are ready on our side with electric service for the tank. We are waiting for the invoice from Penelec and the PennDOT fee. The conduit is in place. They backfilled today and left an open hole to set the pole, with a highway plate on top. Mike would like to have the power before they do the tank inspection. They made a line to tie in with the SCADA and ran another conduit to link that into the tank and put in two receptacles.

L.) CYBERSECURITY

We are into the second quarter with training now until 6/30. The next meeting with CSR is 5/13, so he will report at the June meeting.

M.) GENERATORS

The members had been sent an email from March after George talked with Kohler about the annual maintenance for the sewer plant generator and sent an estimate. The generator only has a 1-year warranty. They have a 5-year period available but has to be purchased before 4/7 when the current one expires. Via information in the text, a motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we accept the bid for the 5-year warranty." All in favor.

Matt is watching the arms and blowers and talked with the man from the company to make sure the transfer from normal to emergency is working properly.

The new one for Bellman was ordered and will get it delivered to the site, so we do not have to transport it. It is made in the USA and maybe by fall it will be in place.

The R&G Club is working really well. Mike said they should all be exercised once a month.

N.) METERS

O.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

Mike has not seen his contact man with Penelec regarding getting their pole replaced.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 21 USDA FUNDING GRANT MONEY

This is from Insight Pipe for slip line work completed on Main and Gulick Streets in the amount of \$261,720.90. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we sign Requisition #21 USDA, per their approval." All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed the papers. There have been a few problems with homes' toilets overflowing, but nothing major. There are still funds left, so they will be doing work on Carpenter toward the Island. A price quote is received from the company and submitted to RUS first. P. Bauman asked if there was a timeline for completing all the proposed work, but we have not been given one. The crew comes from Pittsburgh.

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George noted that Jim Casselberry is still working in Arnot since the well they drilled has high iron, so is keeping it flushing to see if the iron goes down.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#87 was received 3/21 and deposited directly into the BWC 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 1/25. There were also 2 small amounts listed as free gas payment, from the Dorn property

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

The Treasurer reviewed the statements which were in the packets. There is a CD in LPL that matures the end of this month.

D.) TAPPING FEES

We are researching back files from extending lines around town for the sewer rate.

E.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

The annual Chapter 94 Waste Load Management Report S. Bray submitted to DEP was accepted.

F.) NEW TRUCK

George will bring up at Council this month.

G.) THANK YOU CARD FROM NELSON BOROUGH

We supplied water for Nelson and received a handwritten thank you note from them on behalf of their Authority, Supervisors, and residents.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) We received from Cummins for the Taylor Run site a planned maintenance check list for full service.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM on motion of S. Hall, seconded by J. Bubacz, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY