

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
JULY 1, 2025

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 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. He mentioned it was J. Bubacz's 61<sup>st</sup> birthday and all wished him well.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A) MINUTES

The minutes from the 6/25 meeting were brought up for discussion. 1.) J. Bubacz suggested on Page 2, 3rd paragraph the sentence regarding PennDOT is not part of the Arnot discussion and should be moved further down. No further corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. He reported from Requisition #22 USDA funding; the remaining funds not used for the new WWTP were deposited into Revenue Fund MMI. There is \$167,709.11 which is project eligible reimbursable items already purchased by BMA. These were additional out of pocket expenses incurred over and above our initial contribution of \$400,000.00; \$3,040.00 S. Bray engineering fees on Insight work already paid by BMA; \$8,000 be paid to Guthrie for the 2024 single audit on the project. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we authorize P Bauman, Treasurer to invest these funds at FCCB to earn a better interest rate." All in favor. The Treasurer opened at FCCB a 39-month CD #27, in the amount of \$207,017.82 for the required second Debt Service Reserve Fund, which will mature 9/11/28. The first Debt Service Reserve Fund CD #25 at FCCB will mature 8/25/28. After they both have matured, they will be combined into one big account. This total amount has to be kept for 40 years, which is enough funds to make the total one-year annual loan installment to RUS in the amount of \$304,000.00. After the funds were deposited into the RF for sewer, a withdrawal was made of \$3,040.00 and \$167,709.11 which were both transferred to the BWC MMI #6018 to earn a higher interest rate than being in the RF MMI. The Treasurer asked about the audit, but it is not done yet. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That the minutes, treasurer's report, and bill payments be accepted. All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

B.) DELINQUENTS

The list was passed out. Thirty-day notices were mailed 7/1. S. Hall asked if for just for sewer or water, but for all three bills.

C.) INFILTRATION

George report that there was a leak on a lateral between the VFW and Costy's, with a lot of water flowing. When the boys were repairing that, they inadvertently hit the sewer main and punctured the liner which also has to be fixed. George talked with Insight, and they could put another liner inside it. The depth is 9 ft. They can work it into their schedule.

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D.) WATER FUTURE I-99/BUSINESS 15

The preconference meeting was held with the contractors, engineers, RUS and members and the notice to proceed was issued. Covington and Richmond will put the line in for the building on N. Wmsn. and will start on this side. They hope to start the end of this month or beginning of August. They will put in a 400,000-gallon water tank on a levelled area in October then start again in April of next year. When they start, they hope to work 10-to-13-hour days a week until the sunlight is less and then will go back to 10-hour days.

E.) CASSELBERRY

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

Everything is working properly so all are in favor of taking this off the agenda.

H.) NEW STP

It was noted the cost of chemicals is high for the new plant, versus what we used in the past. The caustic we use the most of and is required for the plant to operate properly. The cost of electricity is cheaper. M. Stoudt asked if Canton uses the same chemicals as we do. George will check. If so, possibly we could have better buying power and lower purchase rates for both places.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

A video was done, and he will talk to the same person that painted the BR tank.

J.) BR DAM

K.) CYBERSECURITY

L.) GENERATORS

They are doing good, and the inspector was here today for the annual inspection for the Gun Club and Taylor Run. He will email his report.

M.) METERS

N.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

Section 3: New Business

FOUNDRY

S. Hall noted that Ward Foundry has been purchased by a company named Rytoria which recycles and processes metals such as aluminum, copper, and brass. The water usage purchased from us should remain the same.

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 23 USDA FUNDING GRANT MONEY

The total request is \$1,818.00 for HRG engineering services from 4/28-6/27/25. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we approve Request No. 23," with all in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed the request.

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A letter dated 7/1/25 from RUS noting that our sewer project is now complete and it is their intent to close out the project funding. Grant funds in the amount of \$179,076.76 which will be remaining after payment of Request #23, will be cancelled. If in agreement, we have to complete and sign the acknowledgment enclosed and return. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we approve closing the project and the remaining funds be cancelled." All in favor. The Chairman signed this paper, and Cheryl will email to RUS.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#90 was received 6/20 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalty account. The report was in the packets. It is for the month of 4/25. It is less than last month, but summertime each year is always lower. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000 to avoid a bank charge to BWC MMI #6018.

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

There was no printout on the accounts since there was just interest earned. It will be in November before any savings will mature.

D.) TAPPING FEES

E.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

The members were given a copy of an email dated 6/18 /25 which was sent to Jonathan Hazen from PennDOT regarding a Public Service Line License agreement, for which we had several comments. An email had been received from Nathan Smeal dated 6/3/25 stating they need a legal agreement to proceed with the project.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George received his updated sewer operator's license for the new WWTP. Chad is taking the class and Matt will be next.

B.) At Bellman Dan checked the side banks where they would have to be stabilized again, and S. Bray had been sent a video. We were told that PennDOT had found a beaver dam on their land, which they ripped out and had the Game Commission in that trapped out two beavers.

C.) The Boro went with Constellation for the electricity supply agreement this year and it includes our accounts.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM on motion by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY