

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
AUGUST 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

The Vice 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 7/1/25 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were no corrections. Cheryl had advised Leesa that the 6/3/25 minutes, Page 1, last sentence, she had put Penn Vest instead of RUS, so this will be corrected.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. He noted that the RUS loan payment #4 is due this month and included on the sewer list. He will transfer funds in a few weeks for this automatic payment. Leesa reported George had gotten a bill today after this list was done. It is for sewer in the amount of \$200.00 from Equipment Dep. of PA for repair to the WWTP lift. J. Bubacz asked if the bill from Insight was for the line by the VFW and it is. P. Bauman noted that the bill for WWTP chemicals was \$13,000 and last month \$20,000. George said he budgeted \$50,000 for chemicals this year. George noted the electric bills have been less than he thought they would be so far, which is from the automatic on and off sensors. It was asked if George had reached Canton Boro about the chemicals they use but has not yet. He did say they had come to our plant to look at our sludge press. George said they go through another watershed, not Chesapeake Bay. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by S. Hall, 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

A report was received from Corr Tech for the corrosion and structural assessment of the exterior and interior of the drinking water storage tank for AMSTAR Blasting and Painting. This was to establish the current condition of the tank's coating for 1 year anniversary inspection, at the Bellman Run 1.0 MG storage tank. The tank was rehabbed in 2024 with the outside pressure washed, spot repaired and applied with a coating. The interior was fully rehabbed and applied with a liner. The inside had some spots of corrosion. They made a video tape, and a copy was sent to S. Bray. P. Bauman asked if there was a warranty on the paint, and it is for one year.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The list was in the packets. Shut-off notices were sent last month, with people coming in to pay. Some of those customers also owe on their taxes and if they do not pay, we can put a lien on the property.

C.) INFILTRATION

Insight was here and checked the line on N. Wmsn. Rd., by the VFW and decided they could replace it and reline. The price was costly, so George had our crew do the work which will be considerably less.

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

George expects them to start in the next few weeks. The materials were ordered from L/B Water Service. They plan to start on this end by the pump house.

E.) CASSELBERRY

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) NEW STP

It is working well. Brian from PA Rural Water was here to help Matt since the weather will be changing soon and some adjustments will have to be made.

H.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

Scott is working on the Bellman Run filter plant stuff. He is willing to be a consultant for the project but does not want to fill out all the paperwork that is required. He suggested asking HRG to help out with that part and George will contact them. Scott will attend a meeting to present his report.

I.) BR DAM

J.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported the third quarter training is due in Sept.

K.) GENERATORS

The one for the Bellman Filter plant should be coming in the fall.

L.) METERS

M.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

N.) TAPPING FEES

George is working on this.

O.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

George said they are still interested in it, and he will discuss the matter further with them then can make a conference call to discuss it further.

Section 3: New Business

A) HRG REQUEST-NO. 24 USDA FUNDING GRANT MONEY

Leesa had put this on the list in case there was something further. Last month we approved closing the project and the remaining funds were cancelled. All in agreement this can be taken off the agenda.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#91 was received 7/21/25 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalty account. The report was in the packets. It is for the month of 5/25 and was less. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000 to avoid a bank charge to the BWC MMI #6018.

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

The reports were passed out and there was just earned interest. In November LPL reinvesting will be done. The Feds will be meeting in September.

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D.) FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

A letter had been received from Isaac Leach, Forester from DCNR regarding being enrolled in the program, ten years ago. If we want to continue there is a survey to be filled out and returned. Leesa went through the files and found previous ones we have done. At Taylor Run we had Kerry Geykis working on this, along with Sam Cooke from Forestry but Sam has retired, and George will have to contact Kerry to see if he is still doing this work. Spraying applications and harvesting had been done, and we also had Mike Hale work with us in the past. J. Bubacz asked if there is a fee for the program and George will check. F. Wasowicz thinks this a good idea to continue as trees growing helps your watershed. The last cut cherry was done, and the funds were needed for a project. We do not need extra funding but have to maintain our lands for future generations. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we participate in the program. George will fill out the survey and contact Isaac if he would like to attend one of our meetings." All in favor. It was noted that we had purchased the acreage from the Dorn Estate, so that has to be reviewed. It is a beautiful area and George had thought it would be a good idea if it could be used to educate students, but the school was not interested. It could be a place if students were interested in a career in forestry, land management, wildlife, game protectors, or environmental studies. It is not known what they teach in High School or even at Mansfield University anymore.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) AWWA AWARD

The Vice Chairman announced that George and Dan received a 20-year Directors Award for the Bellman water treatment plant, from the American Water Works Association. Dan has submitted the turbidity reports that are sent to Denver to participate in this program. The members commend them for the dedication for participating.

B.) TROPICAL STORM DEBBY

The Boro applied for funding reimbursement from the storm to PEMA for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for repair work around town. The total spent was around \$70,000. The Authority had to do creek work, drain the reservoir, clean, and build the bank back up. A notice was received today that we will receive funding. The Authority share will be \$17,264.77, which includes Cheryl's time, filling out the paperwork, emails back and forth, and our expenses. The total amount will be paid to the Boro, and they will issue us a check.

C.) POOL

George reported the pool will be closing early this month as a new bath house is going to be built. 8/18 is when demolition of the old one is to be started. George said he plans to use the Authority's excavator and asked what we would charge to rent it to the Boro or Recreation. It was asked how long it should take, and he said about a week. It is not being used right now and just sits. S. Hall said, "It needs to be run, the pool is for the community, the Boro will pay for fuel and makes the motion that we do not charge for the excavator's use. There may be a time when we will need to use something of the Boroughs, and they will reciprocate the favor." Seconded by J. Bubacz, with all in favor. Ed Carver will be doing the brick work but not the roof. The Boro crew will also be working on it.

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D.) WWTP

George said the engineers of the new plant would like to compose an article for an engineer's magazine, on the entire project from start to finish. He told Matt and they agreed to provide comments.

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM, on motion by S. Hall, second P. Bauman, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN-----

SECRETARY-----