

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
OCTOBER 7, 2025

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

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman 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 9/2/25 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. 1.) Leesa advised the members that a copy of the letter from FEMA for Tropical Storm Debby Bellman Run reimbursement was in the packets. The Boro total eligible amount was deposited into the Boro General Fund account. Instead of making all the transfers between the Boro and water, our water share of \$1,667.59 will be deducted from the water account that we owe to the Boro for the month of September. 2.) The audit was completed, and their bill is on the lists. In the sewer, we had already paid Guthrie for the single audit required by RUS, from funds left over to close out their project. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, Jr., 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 report was in the packets. There is one customer on Main St., that we were going to shut off, but could not locate the curb box. We made a One-Call so once it is located will be going off.

C.) INFILTRATION

George noted the flow was up over 200,000 gpd when we had rains, but since then has been so dry it is around 186,000 gpd, which should be our benchmark. We need to do more I&I work to get the number lower.

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

They will have a public meeting on 10/9 and hope to start in a few weeks. Fiber optic work had been done by a utility company, and some trees had to be cut down, then PennDOT did the road paving toward Covington. They will do directional boring and be close to the road. They will also do dig work to set hydrants , which will be 5 ft. deep.

#### E.) CASSELBERRY

George has not talked with him lately. George has talked with Harold House about an agreement to get the water line through there so that is being worked on.

#### F.) OLD HOSPITAL

George heard they are again applying for financing through a Federal government agency.

#### G.) NEW STP

They had a problem with the air compressor with water bubbling up and found a retaining ring diffuser cracked which had to be replaced. George said this item can be removed from the monthly agenda since we are done with RUS, and George will keep giving the members updates should any problems occur. All in agreement this can be removed. The Chairman signed for RUS a paper for a reduced grant amount update.

#### H.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION-HRG PROPOSAL

Once HRG has completed their work, a meeting will be set up with S. Bray, D. Grinnell, George and whoever from the Authority wants to attend to discuss their report. Mike said we need to discuss the gas heating system in Bellman, as there is corrosion from the chemicals, and needs work done. We need to find out if it is better to do a system outside or inside.

#### I.) BR DAM

#### J.) CYBERSECURITY

Joe reported we are in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, and training is 40% done. We received a notice from Pa. DEP Bureau of Clean Water for water and wastewater systems. There was a medium-level cybersecurity alert from CISA about an ongoing exploitation campaign by an advanced threat actor targeting Cisco Adaptive Security Appliances. There is no indication this vulnerability directly implicates OT systems and would not compromise a water utility's ability to provide clean and safe water, hence the medium level designation. To Joe's knowledge, none of the equipment purchased directly by the Boro or Authority is Cisco. He recommended forwarding the alert on to our SCADA vendor for Taylor Run, water treatment plant, and Computer Science Resources just to cover our bases in case any of their internal systems have Cisco devices.

K.) GENERATORS

Mike reported at Bellman, they installed it on 9/29, and it was working well. There was a problem with the Gas Co. when they commissioned it. When started up it would run for a while with half a load, then shut down. The regulator was too small, and it sucked all the gas out of the line. An adjustment was made, and they came back in two days. Once the regulator was changed, it ran at full throttle. They tested the outflow load to the max, and it was fine, which is not anything close to what we will need. Mike talked with Matt from Cummins about getting a warranty and inspection for this unit like we have for the others we installed. He gave Mike data for 1-5 years, and battery replacement. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we get a five-year support warranty for Bellman." All in favor.

L.) METERS

Nothing from L/B. George got a new meter for Highland which will fit with the remote read.

M.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

Nothing as we do not know where the man is. F. Wasowicz said we can keep this as a reminder.

N.) TAPPING FEES

O.) WATERLINE STATE YARD

George said the State did a nice job when they paved old 15 from above the Quick fill down toward Covington. It was done in the area where the planned water line would have to be installed for service. George thought with the drought conditions we have been in, they might have called but did not. With the weather getting colder, they will be making brine so we could hear from them again.

Section 3: New Business

A.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#93 was received 9/22/25 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalty account. The report was in the packets. It is for the month 7/25 and was up a little bit. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000 to avoid a bank charge to the BWC MMI #6018.

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

The reports were in the packets. The Treasurer checked on interest rates which are down, and terms. We have a water CD at FCCB that will mature in November.

C.) FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

George reported Kerry Geykis will be working on this soon now that the leaves are falling.

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D.) FEMA TROPICAL STORM DEBBY-Discussed earlier and can be taken off the agenda.

E.) S. NEVIN REQUEST FORAGING PLANTS AND MUSHROOM  
George had sent a letter asking to attend this meeting to discuss. We have had no response from her so all in agreement this be removed from the agenda.

F.) DCNR FORESTRY ANNUAL LEASE AGREEMENT WATER FROM STATE LAND  
The audit report had been received and in the packets. The annual payment will be sent for the Lease Agreement FM-7272 dated 1/11/89 for obtaining water from State land, along with a page from the audit. George said now that Taylor Run is online, we are using less from the R&G. Dan has had to run BR more due to the dry conditions. Can be removed from agenda.

G.) AUDIT 2024  
The single audit report had been completed and sent to RUS, and the regular sewer and water reports were submitted. This can be taken off the agenda.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) In the packets were copies of the magazine article written about our new wastewater treatment plant, if anyone has comments.

B.) George reported every year Scott Bray prepares our annual Chapter 94 report for the sewer plant. DEP also wants a sludge management inventory. Since he is retired, he suggested we ask HRG if they would prepare the report and they will do it at the price of \$1,350.00. Scott can still submit it. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we accept the proposal from HRG." All in favor.

C.) George said back in 2017 we had the figures needed to build the new sewer plant and had the proposed rate increase from RUS required to repay the loan. At that time, our rates were projected to increase 50% per year for the next 4 years, but we had smaller percentages and not every year. The project is now completed, and we will have to increase the sewer bill rates. We have borrowed from the water but cannot subsidize sewer forever. After presenting the various increase percentages and amount of income that would be generated, he suggests a 3% rate increase. The sewer bill is based on the gallons of water used. The current minimum bill is \$160.00 per quarter for the first 7,000 gallons, and if using more than the minimum the cost increases per 1,000 gallons. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, Jr., seconded by S. Hall, "That we increase the sewer rates by 3%." All in favor. A letter will be sent to our customers ahead of time. The current bill was sent last month and due this month. The next sewer bill goes out in December and is due in January. F. Wasowicz noted that everything costs more, and other utilities have increased. It was

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asked if there will be any less usage for the foundry, but we have noticed no change so far. Steve noted they used stream water and put it back in.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM on motion of J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, with all in favor.

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CHAIRMAN

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