

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, December 2, 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.

GUEST: Sarah Nevin, 219 N. Wmsn. Rd.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He suggested we take care of our guest before the regular business continued, and all agreed. She had written a letter on 8/12, to seek permission to access the BMA properties for the purpose of foraging plants and mushrooms for personal use. We had written a letter asking her to attend our September meeting but had no reply. She had had been unable to attend until tonight. She has hiked the State property near ours, but our land is heavily posted and was told it is a requirement we have to follow around our watershed land. She did say there are flowers in the area that she would like to take which are used for medicinal purposes. For twenty years she has been foraging and has looked at the Tioga County maps to see where our properties are. There is a small piece by old 15 and George said we have a lease from the State where the water tank and treatment plant is located. She said there are mushrooms by the creek which are edible. She does not go on any property without permission from the owners. You can go on State Land and Leesa asked if she has to get permission, but you do not. For American ginseng, you can apply for a permit. She would sign a waiver if there is a liability question. The Chairman said we cannot allow anyone to take anything from our property for sale or profit. She said it would only be for personal use and the flowers for medicinal purposes and would not sell anything. Mike said our concern would be if anyone would become ill then there is a liability issue. P. Bauman asked about the flowers, and you pick them to dry out for making tea. You can take seeds from flowers on State land along with fruits and nuts. She is willing to make reports of anything she would find and want to take. The Chairman said going into hunting seasons are regulations from the PA. Game Commission regarding wearing blaze orange, and she follows them. J. Bubacz asked what times of day she would go and did she plan on camping overnight. She would go mornings or afternoons but not camp overnight on our land. You do not need permission on State land to go camping. The only thing she would sell would be mushrooms for a medicinal tincture. S. Hall agrees nothing from our property can be used for profit. F. Wasowicz said this is something new as we never had this type of request before. It was decided that we will discuss it and be in touch by mail or phone, or she could come back to a meeting. She thanked the members for their time and left the meeting at 7:14 PM.

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Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion.

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 11/4/25 meeting were brought up for discussion. Leesa had sent her minutes in the packets. George read them and made a few corrections, which Leesa corrected. George passed these out and went over them with the members. There were no other corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. There being no further discussion, 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

B.) DELINQUENTS

The report was in the packets. S. Hall noted there were a lot over 120 days. Letters were sent and payments are coming in. George does not like to do shut offs in the winter because a houses pipes can freeze, so gets back on them when the weather changes. S. Hall said maybe we need to look at the lists to see if there are any, we will not get any payments from and should file liens.

C.) INFILTRATION

George said it still has been dry. George said our flows are down.

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

George talked with the one company man that is going to put in the water line and thinks they will be here next week. Larson Design has worked with them before with no problems. They hope to lay 400-800 feet a day and have 26 weeks to get it done. The materials were purchased through Costars. J. Bubacz asked about their building they are going to put up, and it has to be built above the flood plain requirements and Mike has not gotten those plans yet. UTTRA had their public meeting and several residents attended, knowing they have to hook on, and had several questions, but the meeting went well. S. Hall said there were several comments on Facebook. One person in our town who lives on Davis St., said they had dirty water, but George said we have never been contacted by that person. We have one location where we have plans to replace an Older line. S. Hall thinks we have the best water in any surrounding areas and thinks the people from Covington will be satisfied when getting our water.

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E.) CASSELBERRY

He checked another location for Arnot before Signor's gate on the right, near Cherry Lane, and there is pink tape on a pole, which is on state property. He talked with DCNR who did a survey as there would have to be a protection zone with a 100 feet radius. For them it would be great to find another source of water, and it only having to be treated with chlorine instead of a lot of other chemicals. Our new location is on House's land, and we will need electricity to run a pump.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION-HRG PROPOSAL

They looked at the other flocculator and both need work. They will talk with DEP about this then prepare a total project report which will probably take a few months. We should be able to decide what to do and be ready in the spring. We did get an invoice from them and as they do work a little at a time they will bill us.

H.) BR DAM

I.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported everyone has completed the course and will get another the first part of January.

J.) METERS

George will talk with L/B. He had to order two new meters and got the new type we will be installing.

K.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

L.) TAPPING FEES

George is working on the sewer.

M.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

N.) FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The report was received from K. Geykis, along with his invoice. This includes the land we purchased from Dorn on the east side and adjacent to land already composing the watershed on both sides of Taylor Run. This is about a 2/3 increase in size from 600 acres to 1,000 acres. The Dorn property has been cut extremely hard during previous ownership. There is commercially sized timber but scattered in small patches. There is a paved road going from Carpenter Run to the ridge top, because of a gas well platform at

the top. It is gated and has good access for future watershed projects. After we did our timber work, there were almost 200 large commercial cherry trees on 32 acres and our logger harvested everything commercial and knock down everything else in 50 ft. radius from those leave trees. Before this harvest, the ferns and other low cover species were sprayed twice. This cut has had time to begin the reproductive phase. The logger did an amazing job in cutting and cleanup. As in most areas of this region of PA, both ash and beech are either gone or dying. In the hemlock area there is some suspected presence of hemlock woolly adelgid, which would be a problem in the future where shade producing species are threatened. He said it is good to manage our property for the future. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we approve his report." All in favor.

O.) SEWER RATE CUSTOMER LETTER

George passed this out and will go out with the sewer bill this month. We hope we won't have many complaints as it is around a \$5.00 increase per quarter, and we had no choice but to put the new plant in since we were under the Consent Order from DEP, and have the loan to repay RUS. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we approve the letter." All in favor.

Section 3 : New Business

A.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#95 was received 11/21/25 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalties account. The report was in the packets. It is for the month of 9/25. 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 Treasurer printed out the reports. Two new CDs were opened at FCCB, using funds from 2 CDS with LPL at C&N that matured, along with extra funds in another LPL account to earn a higher interest rate at FCCB deposited into the BWC MMI #6018. There is a chance that rates may be cut again this month by the Feds.

C.) SUNSHINE ACT CHANGES

A notice was received for agenda changes that makes things less stringent. A copy was in the packets.

D.) ASSESSMENT NOTICE CHANGE BWC-HAMILTON TWP.

This is for the Dorn Property. The value reduction was due to the land being in Clean and Green and the Act 89 use value changed. There is an old building that Dorn used as a camp.

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Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George reported the old generator at Bellman was removed and put by the fence. He had put it on the municipal bid site for sale. One person bid \$500, but he had hoped for more. Joe wondered if there was another community that could use it, but it would take money to keep it going since it is 30 years old. It still runs, so maybe someone would want it for parts. We should get rid of it instead of storing. All in favor that we rebid and get whatever we can out of it.

B.) George said with the request from S. Nevins, we all agree that she cannot take anything off our land for profit. We do own a lot of land and have no plans to put anything up there. She is knowledgeable, and it would be good if used for educational purposes, like we had talked about doing some type of program with the school. She was willing to sign a waiver. It was suggested we see if there are any land use guidelines that DER uses, or someone else has that has had a similar request. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by J. Bubacz.Jr., "That we approve her request and direct George to draft a letter with stipulations previously discussed, which can be reviewed by the members before mailing." All in favor.

S. Hall advised the members he would not be here for our next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM on motion of J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY