

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 3, 2026

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:57 PM.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 1/6/26 meeting were brought up for discussion. There were three corrections.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. He asked about the insurance bills to be paid. These are for the year and cover property and liability, all equipment, vehicles, and public officials' liability. Splits are made between the Boro, sewer, water as they also are for wages. The three generators have been added under the equipment section for water and the one for sewer. 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 accepted." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

George said Morris Run has had a high-water usage and the man from PRWA was scheduled to come last Monday to look for leaks, but there was the big snowstorm. When the weather gets better, he will come. They are to use a maximum of 35,000 gpd and are now up to 45,000. They got grant money and plan to put in new lines this summer. Mike asked if they have looked at abandoned and not occupied places and if they are frozen since there are a lot of seasonal camps. There have been meter bottoms that have frozen and broke and had to be replaced, up there and also here in town due to the cold weather. There have also been a few homes with frozen lines, and some expansion tanks problems. There is a problem at Dale Morgans which was found from the meter pit up to the house, but there is too much snow to fix it now. It was asked what Morris Run pays to us, and it is \$3.18 per 1,000 gallons. George wondered about giving them a break on the bill, but Mike feels we should wait to see how soon they get their problems fixed. If there were no time limit set, it could take a while, and the loss of water is not good. Dan can listen on hydrants, but any plastic lines do not resonate a leak like a metal line. When they bid out for work on their lines, it should be in the specs that any new lines are at least a depth of five feet,

because ultimately in the end we would fix it. Joe agrees that if there is a bill adjustment, we wait until the work has been completed.

B.) DELINQUENTS

The report was in the packets. Mike said time and effort were put into preparing this report. If payments are not kept up, once the weather gets warm, we will do shut offs.

C.) INFILTRATION

Nothing to report.

RUS WWTP

An email was received from another person, S. McElroy, in the RUS office, regarding an annual service reminder which has to be sent. He also has to now be included on all correspondence. He requested copies of information that have already been sent to their office for last year. We had to provide an updated borrower information sheet, proof of insurance, and quarterly reports, questioned bills we had to pay out of pocket after the project with them was closed, and the two reserve accounts that are mandated by them. He questioned us having one short-lived account that requires a monthly deposit of \$880.00 per month. P. Bauman noted that the two accounts were set up. Monthly transfers are made into that account with a balance that is almost \$17,000 now. Sean was looking for the total balance of \$10,560 a year as just one transaction, but Cheryl informed him it is done monthly, which is reflected on the quarterly statements we send them, along with the yearly statement. The treasurer noted for the other Debt Service Reserve Fund required by them, we opened CD #3025, which is to equal at least one annual loan payment and kept for 40 years which is the length of the loan.

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

C and R are putting in the line along N. Wmsn. Rd, and are doing a good job. The line is being pulled through the ground. They are putting valves in for hydrants and have not met any obstructions yet.

E.) CASSELBERRY

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION-HRG PROPOSAL

An email was sent to the members with HRG's Supplement No. 1: Preliminary Design and permitting BR filter plant rehab project. S. Bray has looked it over and approved it. The estimated total project cost is \$2,910,000.00. Additional potential upgrades cost is \$145,000.00. Exhibit 1, Supplemental Scope of Services is included and when approved, to

be signed and returned. That is for Phase 02-preliminary design and permitting. George said it will probably be a 2–3-year project. Their projection also includes 10% contract overhead of \$190,000 and 25% construction contingency. This original building was put in 30+ years ago. Mike said there is some in-house work we can do to cut down on the price. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, Jr., seconded by F. Wasowicz, That we proceed with HRG on this project.” All in favor. The Chairman signed the agreement.

S. Bray said since he is retired, we should look into making an engineering retainer agreement for HRG, since they are already doing the work at Bellman.

H.) BR DAM

I.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported we are 60% complete for this quarter. He has not had the quarterly meeting with CSR yet.

J.) METERS

George prefers the old type SR2 meters we always purchased from L/B. When there was a problem with a meter freezing, the bottom plate could be replaced, instead of having to replace the entire meter. M. Stoudt said there is new technology with putting a clamp on the outside of a pipe and you can read the gpm flows. There is also a way, with a program, and iPad, to read a meter from the road instead of a meter reader having to go to the meter. J. Bubacz said there are so many new technological things regarding reception, towers, phones, computers, and TV lines. There are other companies that sell meters. It was asked if UTRRA has chosen their meters, but George said not yet.

K.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

L.) TAPPING FEES

M.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

We have not heard back from them.

N.) FORESTRY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

M. Stoudt said we last month we had decided to continue to work with K. Geykis and make decisions on his recommendations in the future.

O.) FORAGING REQUEST

George is to compose a letter.

P.) OLD GENERATOR BR

The man from Hills Creek purchased it for \$450.00, which was \$25.00 over the bid price, and took it away. All in agreement this be taken off the agenda.

Section 3: New Business

A.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#97 was received 1/22/26 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalties account. The report was in the packets. It is for the month of 11/25. The Treasurer transferred all but \$1,000.00 to avoid a bank charge to the BWC MMI #6018. It was noted that the price is going back up again. The Chairman noted that Repsol has been at the Dorn property and taking water to transfer for fracking for someone else that needs it. He said Repsol is good about notifying us when someone is up there and when the work is completed.

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

The reports were in the packets. The Treasurer said there is not much activity. The Feds let the rates stay the same and will review again March.

D.) UGI GAS

An email was received from UGI for a proposed increase to natural gas rates, effective as of 3/29/26 that they filed with the PUC. The residential customer bill would increase 8.7%, commercial increase 6.4% and industrial increase 6.3%. The Treasurer asked if Mike is checking our rates for all the bills we receive, and he has. It was noted that when the new plant was being built, services were in the contractor's name, and the bills were sent to them. When work was completed and put into our name, a tax-exempt form was not submitted for us, therefore, we have been paying state tax on the bills. Cheryl has submitted the form, so we expect a refund from them. We do not know if they will send us a refund check or just deduct it from our bills next month. Mike said we have to watch the KW demand, and, in the system, we put in a warning should we be reaching the preset amount in SCADA it would then switch on the generator until we get past the high point. The Kohler generator is diesel. When installed we discussed natural gas but went with diesel as it was much less expensive.

E.) QUOTE FROM MARTZ FOR SCADA FOR WWTP AND PUMP STATION

This provides for the expansion of the Authority's existing system to include the WWTP and influent pump station, and network integration. The amount is \$105,105.19 plus \$641.43 for yearly subscription services, for a total of \$105,746.62. For the amount we have spent on both our systems projects, we should have everything updated and integrated. It will be costly, but we need a proposal for everything and will have to list the priority and phase into it. Covington should be integrated for their new system. Martz monitors the SCADA system at Taylor and Mike looks at it all the time on his smart phone. We had talked with HRG about SCADA integration of the Sportsman Well site. George will make copies for next month.

E.) 2017 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR COUNTY

Updated plans are being put together in the County and are to be completed by 2027. George has been attending quarterly meetings. He has made a list of proposed projects for the Boro and updated the estimated costs for each one. This was sent to the members to see if there are other projects that should be included. Once completed the County will pass a resolution. They hope to have it put together by May of next year.

F.) KEYSTONE CONCRETE PRODUCTS

When we were working to remove the old buildings on the Dorn property, the area had to be widened to be able to use the backhoe. There is an old bridge which has been there since the 1960's, in really bad shape that crosses a stream that has to be removed. Mike said the stream pattern has never changed so we don't have to worry about any washout. George got a price to place a 10' wide by 18' clear span bridge deck in the amount of \$21,450.00. There will be 2-footer blocks and have a HS25 load rating, and they would use a crane. It would be 3 feet away from the stream bank. Mike said this is the only access for the south and east end of our posted property. It was noted it would handle any trucks if we planned to do logging work. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, Jr., seconded by P. Bauman, "That we accept the bid." All in favor.

Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George said we have discussed in the past if we would be interested in developing our Parkhurst St. lots. Water is there, but sewer would have to be put in, and other work done by the Boro. F. Wasowicz noted there have always been springs all along that hill, making it wet all the time, and does not know how much work and expense it would take to take care of the excessive water.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM on motion of J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY