

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MARCH 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

Guest: Chris Lantz, Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM. He asked for a moment of silence for Donnie Smith who passed and was a former 15-year Council member and board member of the Williamson Road TV Co.

C. Lantz was in attendance should we need any legal advice if we have any guests from Hamilton Twp. regarding their customers' water problem and the email chain. George said Hamilton Twp. had their meeting last night and the matter was resolved so no one will be attending tonight.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 2/3/26 meeting were brought up for discussion. The Chairman had one correction under Letter J.) Meters.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. We paid the sewer RUS loan payment that was due 2/24. We only had to borrow \$6,000.00 of our sewer money which is invested in the BWC MMI #6018 to earn a higher amount of interest. The rest of the money needed was already in our BMA RF MMI. Leesa noted the new sewer bills go out this month. Leesa noted that the Amrex chemical bills are owed for a few months. Their bookkeeper called and apologized. Their computer crashed and then the lady that does the billings was sick and in the hospital. They now have their computer fixed, the woman is back to work, so they will be back on their regular routine. J. Bubacz noted that we will have to take out sewer funds in the BWC MMI#6018 which are earning higher interest, to pay this months' bills. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "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 an annual report on water loss has to be submitted to SRBC. Our percentage is 22 1/2% over what it should be. George said we have some leaks, but a lot are from Morris Run. Work has to be done to correct this, before next year's report, which is due by 3/1. George has talked with Morris Run and they plan on having PRWA come to try and locate their leaks. George said it will take time since there are about 150 curb boxes that will have to be located up there. When there are very cold winters, like we have this year, a lot of people let their water drip, so it does not freeze up. When there is a lot of snow on the ground it is also harder to locate.

B.) DELINQUENTS

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The report was in the packets. P. Bauman noted that one customer that pays several different accounts is behind on all three utilities. George said that person talked with him and has gone to the bank and will pay all they owe. Pat asked who Lexhar Holdings was, and that is where the bills are sent for all the Foundry accounts. S. Hall had heard the new owner might still bring aluminum in to keep the plant open. They are disconnecting things and selling off parts.

C.) INFILTRATION

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

The work is going well. They will go down Canada Road and by Keystone they will cross the river and cross by the yellow light. M. Stoudt asked when they pressure test the line as they do sections, but George said no they will do when they get most of the line in. Mike asked how they would locate a leak, but George said they have valves all in the new area. They got a late start, and the cold weather did not help.

E.) CASSELBERRY

George gave information to Kevin about the well on the House property and Mike and George will go back to talk with him and his parents. Mike and George have talked with Penelec about getting power to the site.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION-HRG PROPOSAL

In the packets was a copy of the preliminary design kickoff minutes from 2/26 on the BR filter plant when George, Dan and Scott met with them. Mike will work with them on the electrical system upgrades. They will submit for the DEP PWS permit, and the anticipated date to begin the final design is November/December of this year.

There was an email dated 1/16, explaining the retainer agreement. For this agreement HRG will provide a new phase each year. Task 1: General Retainer Service-similar to agreement we signed with S. Bray. Task 2: Sludge Management Inventory-HRG is working with S. Bray on this since it is needed for the yearly report. Task 3: Electrical and Control Support for the STP pump house. The Retainer Agreement and Electrical Control Support Agreement need to be signed. We have already provided authorization for the Sludge Management Inventory. At last month's meeting the Authority approved that and the Chairman signed.

An email was received dated 2/3 for them to provide ongoing Electrical/Controls support for the WWTP and influent pump station. The proposed fee is estimated at \$10,000. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded by P. Bauman, "That we sign the electrical support." All in favor. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we sign the retainer agreement." All in favor. The Chairman signed the paperwork.

H.) BR DAM

I.) CYBERSECURITY

J. Bubacz reported the first quarter is 100% complete and the second quarter will be the first of April.

J.) METERS

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George would like to set up a meeting with any members that would be available to discuss them. We have not purchased any new from L/B, they just have them on hold. George has been talking with Neptune about the type of meters they carry. In years past, when Ken Ward was Borough Manager, we used Neptune and Rockwell meters. There is software for some but does not work with census, but there should be something new out there to interface. UTRRA has not chosen their meters yet. The man from Neptune was here to do a demo, and he had the boys attend. George will set up a meeting and contact the members.

K.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

L.) TAPPING FEES

M.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

George has talked with the project engineer and PennDOT's engineer about the connection for the Covington yard before Birdland. The State will need a 2" meter for their 2" line. Almost 13,000 feet of pipe has been installed, hydrants with valves, and gate valves installed. The connection has been made across N. Wmsn. to Canada Rd., about 470' up Canada Rd. Footers for the connection building were formed and ready to pour when weather permits.

N.) FORAGE REQUEST

Section 3: New Business

A.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#98 was received 2/20/26 and deposited directly into the BWC Royalties account. The report was in the packets. It is for the month of 12/25. The Treasurer transferred all but \$1,000.00 to avoid a bank charge to the BWC MMI #6018. The price has gone up again. Mike said Keystone Clear Water has been at the Dorn property because he can hear the pump running up the hill.

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

The reports were in the packets. The LPL CDs at C&N are earning interest. At FCCB the BWC MMI #6018 is earning 3.2% interest. The BWC 5-month Special CD #3029, earning 3.6% matures 4/7/26.

C.) WWTP ELECTRIC BILLS

Penelec is going to make an adjustment on the sales tax charged on the bills from when they were put into our name and taken out of the contractors once the project was completed.

D.) WWTP UGI GAS BILLS

Adjustments will also be made on the gas bills. A letter has been received from the Dept. of Revenue they received our appeal and it has been assigned a case number. They are legally permitted up to six months to render a decision.

E.) SCADA WWTP

An expensive quote from Martz had been received last month to expand the existing system to include the WWTP and pump station. We had a system at the plant when it first started operating through Xylem, but for some reason it has stopped. We talked with Xylem about this, and they sent a second quote information sheet regarding the original system installed through the Talk2m Pricing plans or free us light us pro. The Talk2m light is \$660.00 a year, and Talk2m pro is \$1,128 a year. Matt was satisfied with the original system and could check things on his cell phone. Joe went over all the information and discussed it with the members. There is one new part that will have to be installed, per Xylem, and Sean Stoudt can do the work. The motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we go with the Talk2m light system" All in favor,

C. Lantz had to pick up his daughter, so left the meeting at 7:20 PM. He was thanked for attending.

F.) DORN BRIDGE

George has talked with S. Bray, and he said with all the snow, cold and frost, we should wait until the weather gets better and is looking at 3/30. The company, Keystone Concrete, is from downstate where the weather is much better than up here.

G.) LETTER R. MOORE

George attended the Hamilton Twp. Authority meeting last night to discuss Rhonda Moore's frozen water in February. She has sent complaints to numerous agencies, and she explained her concerns to the Authority. The Hamilton Board explained that water issues should be addressed to Hamilton Twp. first, not Blossburg. We only supply water for the Hamilton water system, and sometimes contracts with Hamilton to maintain their lines. Rhonda's water was eventually thawed out and the matter resolved.

H.) RETAINER ENGINEER

A retainer agreement was received from HRG to be our engineering consultant, which is similar to the one we had done with S. Bray years ago. They also enclosed the billable fee schedule for hourly compensation methods or if additional services are required. The basic retainer services outlined in Section 1 of this agreement is a lump sum fee of \$1.00 per year. For additional services outline in Section 2 of the agreement, will either be a lump sum or an hourly plus reimbursables, which is updated on an annual basis. A motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That we accept and the Chairman sign the retainer agreement." All in favor.

Section 4 : Borough Manager's Report

A.) George reported that the Hazard Mitigation plan for the County is being worked on and the planners are over in the Cowanesque Valley this week. They will work their way around the county.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM on motion of S. Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY