

*Minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry held in the Authority office at 620 N. Chestnut Street, Derry, PA on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.*

*The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the Roll Call: Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Chairman; Mr. Kevin M. Quinlisk, Vice Chairman; Mr. Thomas E. Sylvester, Secretary, Mr. Peter A. Checca, Treasurer, and Mr. Fred Goodman, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Also in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha and Engineer, William Glasser of Gibson-Thomas Engineering and Solicitor Nathaniel Boring Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest.*

*On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Quinlisk the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2017 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.*

#### *Visitors*

*Paul Miller owner of Derry Manor Apartment building attended the meeting and expressed concern over his bill increasing 60% due to a correction in the number of units he was being billed. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that Mr. Miller had only been billed for 11 units in the past and the Authority discovered there were 29 units and adjusted his bill accordingly. Mr. Miller stated that he is only able to raise the rent 4% because ½ of his tenants are Section 8 so he will take a huge loss due to the increase in the water bill. After Mr. Miller left the Board discussed his bill and decided that they can adjust off any units used for storage but there is nothing more they can do at this time. They suggested that Mr. Miller bring his bill current and they can discuss the issue later. However, Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that Mr. Miller has made no attempt to pay the bill and the tenants have been posted for termination. Mrs. Forsha stated that no tenants have paid their rent to the Authority to pay on the water bill.*

*Next, Chad Fabian, President of Derry Borough Council requested a donation of \$1,000 toward the fill up of the Derry Community Pool. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve a \$1,000 donation and Mr. Quinlisk seconded with all members voting in favor. Next, Mr. Thomas offered the Authority's assistance should the pool manager need any help with the chlorination system at the pool. Next, Mr. Fabian stated that the Borough would like to go 50/50 in the fall of 2018 on vacuuming out all of the catch basins again. Mr. Fabian stated that last year was the first time they had been done in 5 years. Mrs. Forsha informed him that the catch basins were vacuumed on a 4 year rotating basis by Ward. One ward was done each year. Mrs. Forsha stated that she was there and supervised the cleaning and that Mr. Fabian has been putting false statements on facebook regarding the management of the stormwater system and she has been properly managing the stormwater system. Mr. Sylvester also stated that the negativity on facebook is not appreciated and if the Borough has an issue they need to come to us with an issue instead of putting it on facebook. Mr. Sylvester said it does not help our relationship when council puts negative things on facebook about the Authority. Mr. Fabian stated that he put on facebook "If you have a problem with your catch basin, you need to call your water Authority and ask them why it's not being taken care of." Next, Mr. Fabian said that everyone that lives in the Borough got double charged because they pay their water bill and they pay their taxes because they had to pay \$3,000 for the water side and \$3,000 for the Borough half of catch basin cleaning. Next, Mr. Sylvester stated that all the township water customers shouldn't be paying anything to clean catch basins in the Borough. Mr. Fabian stated that the Water Authority was formed to serve Derry Borough not the township. Next, Solicitor Boring*

*stated that he had submitted a Stormwater Maintenance Agreement last February to the Borough Solicitor but has yet to receive a response. Mr. Boring stated that in the stormwater agreement the Authority would maintain storm pipe and manholes and the Borough would be responsible for catch basins. Mr. Fabian stated that he thought the agreement stated that Derry Borough was responsible for all of the stormwater appurtenances so the Borough refused to sign it and sent it back to the solicitor. Next, Mr. Thomas suggested that a meeting between Borough and Council officials take place to discuss the stormwater agreement and the sale of the Authority. Next, Mr. Fabian stated that half of the catch basins within the Borough are collapsing. Mrs. Forsha again corrected Mr. Fabian and told him that is another false statement. Next, Mrs. Forsha stated that any work done on mapping or maintenance of the stormwater system has been being paid out of the sanitary sewer funds when it used to be covered by tax dollars. Mr. Thomas stated that this is a form of tax shifting. Next, Mr. Checca stated that even though the Authority is preparing the map there will likely be a lot of engineering fees that will need to be paid by the Borough for the permit renewal. Next a MS4 permit discussion ensued. Mr. Thomas stated that the Authority has professionals managing the water and sewer systems. Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Fabian should lead by example when it comes to making rants on facebook.*

#### *Correspondence*

*Mrs. Forsha read a response letter from DEP which responded to Bill Glasser's letter which stated a stability analysis was a unnecessary cost. The DEP again requested a Geotechnical Stability Analysis of the Upper and Lower Ridge Dams. In addition, the DEP requested that the trees and roots be removed from the Upper Ridge Dam. After discussion, the Board instructed Mr. Glasser to get proposals for a stability analysis and then forward the costs to the DEP in another letter. Mrs. Forsha presented the SR 2127 Penn DOT raw waterline reimbursement agreement revision. Next, Mr. Sylvester made a motion to approve Resolution #180 granting the chairman and secretary permission to sign the Penn DOT Reimbursement agreement, and Mrs. Quinlisk seconded with all members voting in favor.*

*Water Bills for April 2017 in the amount of \$126,907.42 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$26,563.68 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Sylvester and seconded by Mr. Goodman, all members voted to pay the bills.*

*The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on March 31, 2017 of \$75,658.42 with deposits of \$109,258.48 and less expenses of \$126,907.42 leaving a reconciled balance of \$58,009.48 for April 30, 2017 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Sylvester and seconded by Mr. Quinlisk. All members voted to accept the treasurer's report, as presented.*

*Next Mrs. Forsha presented the Sewer Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on March 31, 2017 of \$111,123.09 with deposits of \$57,263.06 and less expenses of \$50,276.21 leaving a reconciled balance of \$118,109.94 for April 30, 2017. Mr. Sylvester moved and seconded by Mr. Quinlisk to accept the treasurer's reports and attach the same as an exhibit and that the same be incorporated by reference and be made part of these minutes. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.*

*The Manager's Water & Sewer Reports were presented by Mrs. Forsha. Included in her detailed monthly reports, Manager Forsha commented on the condition of Ethel Lake and the total gallons of potable water pumped for last month. The costs associated with operating the pump house and the sewage plant were announced and also included was an equipment report on mileage and fuel consumption. The finished water turbidity reading of .017 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the basins were drained and cleaned. In addition, Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the controls on the basin cleaners were replaced. Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the Route 982 pump station was run while the plant was off service and some cloudy water was generated due to the switch. Mrs. Forsha's reports are attached to the minutes.*

#### *The Engineers Report*

*Mr. Glasser informed the Board that a site visit to verify field conditions for the Ethel Springs Dam Spillway Study was done on Monday, April 14, 2017. Mr. Thomas asked the Board if there was any interest in extending the Pandora Road water line to Pittsburgh Street after the township does their line extension. Mrs. Forsha said an estimated cost is approximately \$119,000.00. Next, Mrs. Forsha stated that the next big water Authority loan will be paid off in 2022. Mr. Sylvester suggested waiting until the loan is paid off and to take out another loan and do 4 projects at once. After discussion, the Board tabled the discussion of the Pandora Road Waterline extension.*

#### *The Solicitor's Report*

*Mr. Boring stated that he is working on the revised draft of the manager's agreement. In addition, Mr. Boring completed the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the foreman in training position.*

#### *Water Old Business*

*Mr. Sylvester made a motion to approve Resolution #181 regarding amending the Pension Plan language to become IRS compliant, and Mr. Goodman seconded with all members voting in favor.*

#### *Water Department New Business*

*Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that Ameritas completed their annual Pension Plan review and the plan made almost 10% interest for 2016. Mrs. Forsha also informed the Board that the annual flushing is underway. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that she would like to have a trail meeting to discuss resurfacing of the trail.*

#### *Sewer Department Old Business*

*Mrs. Forsha stated that stormwater mapping is underway for the MS4 program.*

*On a motion put forward by Mr. Quinlisk and seconded by Mr. Checca all members voted to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. o'clock.*

*All members voted to retire for the evening.*

*Mr. Thomas E. Sylvester*

*Secretary*