

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, October 18, 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. Thomas E. Sylvester, Secretary; Mr. Peter A. Checca, Treasurer, and Mr. Fred Goodman, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Kevin M. Quinlisk, Vice Chairman was absent from tonight's meeting. Also in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha and Engineer, Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering and Solicitor Nathaniel Boring Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Sylvester the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2017 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Christopher Vought of 702 Coles Way, Derry Township requested public sewage service for his residence. 702 Coles Way does not border the public sewer line but the Board exempted him from extending the main line since he is the last customer that would benefit from the line extension. The Board agreed to send him a letter of serviceability and summarize the requirements. Next, Kathy Buszniski of Hunter Road again stated that she does not feel that the billing practices are fair in that monthly customers pay for 3,000 gallons/month minimum while quarterly customers pay 9,000 gallons per quarter. if the monthly minimum was 3,000 gallons/month or 9,000 gallons/quarter. The Board again reviewed the issue and determined that their billing practice was fair. Mr. Grant Nicely, Borough Councilman was also in attendance to observe.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she received the Water Supply Operations Permit for the Pandora Road Line Extension. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that she has received a notice from the DEP that a permit will not be required for the hydrant and 60 ft of line on Pandora Road to connect the two blow offs. Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Jenn Meyers, a landlord of 210 West Fourth Ave who requested relief for a water leak. After discussion the Board agreed to offer her a six-month payment plan.

Water Bills for September 2017 in the amount of \$105,454.73 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$46,591.14 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Sylvester and seconded by Mr. Checca, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on August 31, 2017 of \$18,480.22 with deposits of \$207,823.42 and less expenses of \$105,454.73 leaving a reconciled balance of \$120,848.91 for September 30, 2017 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Sylvester and seconded by Mr. Goodman. 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 August 31, 2017 of \$84,675.70 with deposits of \$118,578.46 and less expenses of \$46,591.14 leaving a reconciled balance of \$156,663.02 for September 30, 2017. Mr. Sylvester moved and seconded by Mr. Goodman to accept the treasurer's report 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 asked Mr. Gera to look into land application of sludge to save landfill disposal costs.

The Engineers Report

Mr. Gera informed the Board that that the Ethel Lake Hydraulic and Hydrologic Report was completed and submitted to DEP for review. Mr. Gera mentioned that a meeting was held with Gibson-Thomas engineers to design the electrical upgrade.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Boring did not have anything new to report on.

Water Old Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that Dogwood purchased a hydrant and it will be installed on Don Street this Friday.

Water Department New Business

Next, the Board discussed joining PLIGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust). After discussion, Mr. Sylvester made a motion to approve Resolution #185 and Mr. Checca seconded with all members voting in favor of joining PLIGIT. Next, Mr. Checca made a motion to award the chemical bids and Mr. Sylvester seconded with all members voting to award the chemical bids. The chemical bid results are attached to the minutes. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Authority gained a new water customer on Bank Street.

Sewer Department Old Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that 420 W 7th Ave's sewer lateral was connected into the storm system instead of the sanitary sewer system and the issue was corrected by the Authority.

Sewer Department New Business

Mr. Thomas informed the Board that the Authority sent a letter to Borough Council in which the Authority discussed the possibility of forming a stormwater department and accessing a monthly fee for stormwater maintenance to all Borough residents. However, the MS4 Permit would remain with the Borough. There were several minutes of discussion about the best mechanism to access a fee, whether it should be a tax or added onto a utility bill. The Board is agreeable to further discussing stormwater maintenance solutions with the Borough to reach a plan.

On a motion put forward by Mr. Sylvester and seconded by Mr. Goodman all members voted to adjourn at 8:40p.m. o'clock.

*Mr. Thomas E. Sylvester
Secretary*