

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, August 19, 2020.

Prior to the meeting the Authority held an executive session meeting tonight from 6pm to 7pm this evening to discuss labor negotiations. The Authority also held an executive session meeting to discuss the collective bargaining agreement from 7pm-9pm on July 30, 2020.

The zoom 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. Grant A. Nicely, Secretary; Mr. Peter A. Checca, Treasurer; and Mr. Joseph V. Serrao, Jr. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Daniel D. Chaney, Vice Chairman was absent from tonight's meeting. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest, and engineering representatives, William Glasser and Matt Sprung of Gibson-Thomas Engineering.

On a motion by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mr. Nicely the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2020 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

The following visitors attended out of concern for the sanitary sewer basement backups that are occurring on West Owens Ave, Leo Street and Ridge Ave: Barbara Phillips and Jerris Weller of 241 West Owens Ave, Vonnie Wissinger of 233 Ridge Ave, Nathan and Melanie Smail 209 West Owens Ave, Karen Novello, 213 West Owens Ave, Mrs. Diane Stough of 269 West Owens Ave; Amy Jo Serrao of 225 West Owens Ave; and Jeremy Stein of 401 Leo Street. Representative Joseph Petrarca was also present. Representative Petrarca said that a meeting is planned next week with the DEP to discuss the flooding issues within sections of the Borough. He said that he wants to help in any way that he can so that we can try to get this system and these problems fixed, and not have people's basements and houses damaged...this situation has to end." Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority has televised the majority of the lines within the 4th Ward and has also done smoke testing. Mrs. Forsha said letters were sent to homeowners notifying them of cracked laterals and illegal stormwater connections. Mrs. Forsha said that the Borough also passed a point of sale sewer lateral inspection ordinance at the end of 2018 in response to the basement flooding. In addition, Mrs. Forsha informed the residents that the Authority has been put on a 5-year corrective action plan with the DEP in which the Authority is required to investigate and remove sources of inflow and infiltration. The plan involves dye testing every home within the Borough and also smoke testing the entire system. The 5-year plan will focus on a different ward each year. Currently, the Authority is in year one of the plan. Mrs. Forsha said the first phase of the project involves flow metering in which the Authority installed 10 flow meters within their system which has a monthly cost of \$11,000. Mrs. Forsha said the plan also involved manhole inspection which is underway and televising of all the lines to identify any possible sources of inflow and infiltration. After the repairs are made to both the Authority's system and also private laterals, the Authority will then again conduct flow metering and then do a hydraulic model to determine if and where any equalization basins can be placed and to determine if any lines need upsized.

Nick Cammuso of the Latrobe Bulletin was present.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha read letters and emails from the following residents: Barbara Phillips, 241 West Owens Ave; Karen Novello, 213 West Owens Ave; Paul Funk, 204 Ridge Ave; Melanie Smail, 209 West Owens Ave; Norma Griffiths, 116 West Owens Ave; Carole Schall, 403 Leo Street; Bob and Diane Stough 269 West Owens Ave, Vonnie Wissinger, 233 Ridge Ave, and Dad and Molly Wynn, 249 West Owens Ave. All of the letters were detailing basement flooding that occurred during the 3.8" of rain July 23-24, 2020. The residents would like the Authority to find a fast solution to the basement flooding as many of the homeowners are incurring property damage after large rain events.

Water Bills for July 2020 in the amount of \$214,049.03 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$48,691.89 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$3,638.86 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mr. Nicely, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on June 30, 2020 of \$53,399.91 with deposits of \$214,049.03 and less expenses of \$164,037.30 leaving a reconciled balance of \$103,411.64 for July 31, 2020 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mr. Nicely and all members voted to accept the treasurer's report, as presented.

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Storm Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on June 30, 2020 of \$83,728.70 with deposits of \$14,294.93 and less expenses of \$3,638.86 leaving a reconciled balance of \$94,384.77 for July 31, 2020. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mr. Nicely and 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 June 30, 2020 of \$145,859.45 with deposits of \$71,558.80 and less expenses of \$48,691.89 leaving a reconciled balance of \$168,726.36 for July 31, 2020. Mr. Serrao moved and seconded by Mr. Nicely 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 .027 NTU was also announced.

The Engineer's Report

Mr. Glasser informed the Board that all of the water treatment plant electrical upgrades have been completed and presented Pay Estimate #9 for Biter Electric in the amount of \$39,997.54. On a motion by Mr. Serrao, seconded by Mr. Checca all members of the Board voted to approved Pay Estimate #9 (Final). Mr. Glasser also informed the Board that the operations permit was issued for the mixer and the Del Pac 2020. In addition, Mr. Glasser announced that the Authority received a \$200,000 grant through the

Pennsylvania Commonwealth Financing Authority's Small Water and Sewer Program to construct a sludge press building at the DBMA wastewater treatment plant. Mrs. Forsha said that the project did not receive full funding as the total grant request was for \$296,629.00. Mrs. Forsha said the Authority has the funds to cover the difference in the award amount. On a motion by Mr. Checca, seconded by Mr. Nicely, all members of the Board voted to authorize Gibson-Thomas to finalize the sludge press building design and put the project out to bid.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso presented his report in executive session.

Sewer Department Old Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the sewer flow metering has been completed. In addition, Mrs. Forsha said that Gibson-Thomas has begun the manhole inspection program. After the manhole inspection is completed Mrs. Forsha said that cleaning and televising of the sewer lines will begin.

Sewer Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha recommended that the Authority recognize the firemen for their assistance during the July 23-24th storm which caused sewer backups on West Owens Ave. Mr. Nicely made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Derry Borough Fire Department and \$1,000 donation to the Bradenville Fire Department, and Mr. Checca seconded with all members voting in favor of the donations.

Stormwater Department Old Business

Mrs. Forsha stated that an MS4 permit status meeting was held July 20th. Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority has been conducting extensive dye testing within the 1st Ward after sewage has been discovered in two outfalls of Garland Mills near 314 West 2nd Ave. Mrs. Forsha said two residents were found to have sanitary sewer laterals leaking into the storm system and one resident was found directly connected to the storm system.

Stormwater Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority has also conducted dye testing along Short Street after sewage was discovered in the storm line.

Mr. Chaney made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:47pm and Mr. Checca seconded with all members voting to enter into an executive session.

The Board exited executive session at 8:16 pm.

Mr. Chaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm o'clock and Mr. Checca seconded with all members voting in favor of retiring for the evening.

*Mr. Grant Nicely
Secretary*