

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, December 19, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the Roll Call: Mr. Kevin M. Quinlisk, Chairman; Mr. Peter A. Checca, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Treasurer, Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman, Secretary and Mr. Daniel D. Chaney Sr., Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest and Engineer Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mr. Chaney the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2018 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Elizabeth Peffer of 118 E Third Street stated that she has not been charged sewage for the past four years since she moved into the Borough. Mrs. Peffer's bills were only \$25 a month and she was only being charged the water service fee. Mrs. Peffer stated that manager Forsha sent her a letter stating that she was going to back bill Mrs. Peffer for four years of sewer service at a charge of \$2,112.00. The Board told Mrs. Peffer they would discuss the situation in executive session and get back to her. Next, Michael Schall of 403 Leo Street presented a list of questions to be read and left the meeting. Mr. Quinlisk read the letter in which Mr. Shall asked which government agency was making people in Johnstown replace their sanitary sewer systems and asked for their contact information. Next, Mr. Kirk Shaffer asked if Joe Petrarca has contacted the Authority about the enforcement of the Ted Shomo ordinance. Mr. Shaffer also asked if Joe Petrarca has completed a conference with the conservation district. Mrs. Forsha instructed Mr. Shaffer to direct that question to Representative Petrarca's office. Next, Barbara Phillips and Jerris Weller of 241 W Owens Ave asked if there were any updates from Penn DOT in regards to the storm lines along Wineman Way. Mrs. Forsha stated that Penn DOT came out to investigate. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that she sent a letter to Penn DOT in which she stated that Penn DOT reduced the size of the storm line on Wineman Way from 18 inch to 15 inch where it crosses route 217. Mrs. Forsha stated that she has not heard back from Penn DOT yet but that she is expecting a response any day. Jeremy Stein of 401 Leo Street was also in attendance and was also curious as to the status of storm line investigation in the Owens Ave/Wineman Way area. Mrs. Forsha stated that a meeting was held with Penn DOT on December 18, 2018 and informed Mrs. Phillips that Penn DOT is looking into adding another line which would wye into the 15" line on Wineman way which was reduced in size and take some of the flow another direction. Mrs. Forsha stated that Penn DOT plans to begin design of the new bypass line.

Correspondence

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented a request from Jill Risinger, landlord of 5772 Route 982 Derry, PA who requested leniency for a high water bill left by her tenant. After discussion, the Board decided not to give her any relief since the landlord is ultimately responsible for the bill.

Water Bills for November 2018 in the amount of \$107,458.21 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$51,812.70 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mr. Thomas, all members voted to pay the bills

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on October 31, 2018 of \$120,881.18 with deposits of \$19,130.80 and less expenses of \$107,458.21 leaving a reconciled balance of \$32,553.77 for November 30, 2018 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to

accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Chaney and seconded by Mr. Thomas. 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 October 31, 2018 of \$166,410.30 with deposits of \$57,929.98 and less expenses of \$151,812.70 leaving a reconciled balance of \$72,527.58 for November 30, 2018. Mr. Chaney 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 .020 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that the downstream valve in the Drain line for the Lower Ridge Dam has been reinstalled and that she plans to televise the intake line for the Lower Ridge Dam and then put the raw waterline back in service.

The Engineers Report

Mr. Gera presented the bid tabulation for the Water Treatment Electrical Upgrades. Bids were opened December 14, 2018 and the low bidder was Bob Biter Electrical in the amount of \$380,137. Mrs. Forsha stated that the Authority only received \$223,000 in grant money for the project and that original project estimate was much lower because it did not include the cost of the replacing the pumps. In addition, Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the pumps specked out for the job were not NSF certified and the \$45,000 cost for NSF certification was passed onto the Authority in the cost of the pumps. Mrs. Forsha stated that the Authority has enough money in their savings to cover the additional costs. Mr. Thomas made a motion to award the bid to Bob Biter Electrical in the amount of \$380,137.00. In addition, Mr. Chaney made a motion and Mr. Checca seconded to also accept the supplemental lighting big from Bob Biter Electrical in the amount of \$8,800.00. The Board decided to table the supplemental security bid at this time.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso stated that he had nothing to report on this evening.

Water Old Business

Next, on a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Thomas all members voted to accept the proposed 2019 water budget. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Authority plans to wait until spring before they begin the water and sewer line replacements along East Owens Ave. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she received the emergency repair permit for the Lower Ridge Dam and Insight Pipe installed the 20" liner on the drain line on November 1st. Mrs. Forsha stated that she will share photos and videos of the lining process by email. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is still waiting for the drillers to grout the hole/voids and Ligonier Construction has begun to install the manhole for the upstream valves for the Lower Ridge Dam. Mrs. Forsha announced that foreman Ronald Seich Jr. has received his operator certification from the DEP. Mrs. Forsha also stated that she hired Smoker Paving to do some of the annual paving project after K. Dolan did not show up to complete the patch work.

Water New Business

Next, Mr. Quinlisk made a motion and Mr. Checca seconded to accept the insurance renewal premium from the MRM Group in the amount of \$30,041 and all members voted in favor. Mrs. Forsha stated that the dividend from last year was about \$6,000. Next, Mrs. Forsha presented a request from Derry Borough to renew a snow removal agreement with the Borough. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Goodman all members voted in favor. Next, the Board decided to table appointment of the auditor until the January meeting since there was no price listed in the proposal letter. The Board discussed the 2019 meeting schedule and decided to keep the meeting schedule the same. Also Mrs. Forsha stated that beginning in 2019 the DEP will begin charging the Authority an annual Safe Drinking Water fee of \$10,000. The Board instructed the manager to pay the fee quarterly.

Sewer Old Business

On a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Thomas the Board approved the proposed sewer budget for 2019. Mrs. Forsha also announced that she is making arrangements to have the sludge press moved from CWM to the Derry Borough Wastewater Plant.

On a motion by Mr. Quinlisk, seconded by Mr. Checca all members voted to enter executive session at 8:00pm. The Board exited executive session at 8:17 pm o'clock.

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

*Mr. Fredrick Goodman,
Secretary*