

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry in the Authority office at 620 N. Chestnut Street Derry, PA on Wednesday December 16, 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, Vice Chairman; Mr. Peter A. Checca, Secretary; Mr. Joseph V. Serrao Jr., Treasurer; and Mrs. Sara Cowan, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Also, in attendance were the Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta and Cambest, and Engineer Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering.

On a motion by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mr. Checca the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2020 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors:

The following visitor attended tonight out of concern for the sanitary sewer basement backups that are occurring on West Owens Ave, Leo Street and Ridge Ave: Barbara Phillips of 241 West Owens Ave inquired if the letter from the DEP had been answered. Mrs. Forsha informed Mrs. Phillips as well as board members that she had not responded to the DEP letter as she was waiting for the completion of the fourth ward dye testing and televising.

Correspondence: There was no Correspondence this evening.

Water Old Business:

Water Bills for November 2020 in the amount of \$86,566.71 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$18,740.31 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$8,548.84 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Serrao, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on October 31, 2020 of \$39,592.21 with Deposits of \$123,089.78 and less expenses of \$86,566.71 leaving a reconciled balance of \$76,115.28 for November 30, 2020 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan 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 October 31, 2020 of \$114,008.67 with deposits of \$14,117.83 and less expenses of \$8,548.84 leaving a reconciled balance of \$119,577.66 for November 30, 2020. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan 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 October 30, 2020 of \$212,145.62 with deposits of \$70,430.47 and less expenses of \$65,285.46 leaving a reconciled balance of \$217,290.63 for November 30, 2020, Mr. Checca moved and seconded by Mrs. Cowan to accept the treasurer's report and attach the same as an exhibit and 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 .024NTU was also announced.

The Engineers Report:

Mr. Gera informed the board that he has responded to the DEP regarding their comments of the Ethel Springs spillway analysis Springs and is now waiting for their response. Mr. Gera also informed the Board about a Penn Vest grant that is available for the replacement of lead Water lines. The Board discussed and requested to have Mrs. Forsha and Mr. Gera to prepare estimates for the next meeting.

The Solicitor's Report:

The Solicitor informed the Board that they needed to do a final vote on the Collective bargaining agreement. A motion was offered by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Checca and all members voted to approve the CBA.

Water New Business:

Mrs. Forsha informed the board that the 2021 Water Budget has been sent out. Mrs. Forsha pointed out to the board that the company will be losing around \$24,000.00 a year from the closure of Longview Mobile Home Court. Manager Forsha discussed with the board a potential rate increase to recoup some of the lost revenue and also to plan for self-funded projects.

Mr. Nicely and Mr. Checca Left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was put forth to accept the 2021 water budget was offered by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mrs. Cowan, and all members voted to approve the water budget.

Sewer Department old business:

Mrs. Forsha informed the board that the Fourth ward downspouts and stormwater connections dye testing has been completed. Mrs. Forsha stated that 28 homes were in violation.

Manager Forsha also stated that the 4th Ward televising has been completed.

A motion was put forth by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mrs. Cowan all members voted to accept the 2021 Sewer Budget.

Sewer New Business:

Manager Forsha inquired about the state of the sludge press building designs, Mr. Gera stated that they should be completed in January.

Storm Old Business:

A vote was put forth to approve the 2021 Storm Budget by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mr. Serrao all members voted to accept the budget.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to enter into executive session at 7:58 to discuss manager salary.

The Board exited executive session at 8:06 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Serrao and seconded by Mrs. Cowan, all members voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Mr. Peter A. Checca

Secretary