

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 February 17, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the roll call: Mr. Grant A Nicely, Chairman; Mr. Peter A. Checca, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Sara Cowan, Secretary; Mrs. Barbara Phillips., 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 Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Phillips the minutes of the regular meeting of January 31, 2021 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors: Lisa Zaucha from Representative Jason Silvis office, Melanie Smail, and Nick Cammuso of The Latrobe Bulletin,

Correspondence: There was no Correspondence this evening.

Water Old Business:

Water Bills for January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$170,620.42 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$80,930.17 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$17,686.24 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on December 31,2020 of \$46,660.01 with Deposits of \$218,915.46 and less expenses of \$170,620.42 leaving a reconciled balance of \$94,955.05 for January 31,2021 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mrs. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Cowan and all members voted to accept the treasurers report, as presented.

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Storm Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on December 31,2020 of \$107,801.83 with deposits of \$23,730.17 and less expenses of \$17,686.24 leaving a reconciled balance of \$113,845.76 for January 31, 2021. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mrs. Phillips and seconded by Mrs. Cowan and all members voted to accept the treasurers report, as presented.

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Sewer Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on December 31, 2020 of \$177,018.30 with deposits of \$118,565.38 and less expenses of \$80,930.17 leaving a reconciled balance of \$214,930.17 for January 31, 2021, Mrs. Phillips 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 .024 NTU was also announced.

The Engineers Report:

Mr. Gera informed the board that we have received bids for the new sludge press building. Mr. Gera stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge bids that were received were over the estimated project cost of \$279,18.00. Swede Construction submitted the low bid of \$400,000 for the General/Mechanical Contract 1/2001, and PFB Electric LLC submitted a bid in the amount of \$55,056.00 for the Electrical Contract 2/2021. Mr. Gera informed the board that there is a sixty day hold on all bids and recommend tabling the bid until next meeting to see if anything can be changed with the plans to lower the cost. A motion was offered by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan. Mr. Gera also informed the board that application was made to the DEP on February 2, 2021 for the Lead service line replacement grant. Mr. Gera stated that we should notified by April 21, 2021 if we are to receive a 100% grant or grant loan. Mr. Gera and the board members held a discussion on the 4th ward flooding issues.

The Solicitor's Report:

The Solicitor informed the Board the union has dropped the grievance. Mr. Dalfonso informed the board that they will need an executive session to talk about personnel matters.

Water Old Business:

Mrs. Forsha informed the board that Leopold would be willing to provide the Texler Lamella Settler Clarifier equipment for free. However, they would like the Authority to pay half of the cost of the stainless-steel trough replacement, which is estimated to be approximately \$160,000.0. The Authority would be responsible for \$80,000.00. In addition, the Authority would be responsible for demolition and install costs of the new settler system. Manager Forsha suggested tabling until we have a total project cost. A motion was put forth by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan all members voted to table project.

Water New Business:

Manager Forsha stated to the board that Resolution #199 needed to be ratified for Lead Line replacement grant. A motion was put forth by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mr. Checca all members voted to ratify the resolution to apply for the WIFTA Lead Line Replacement Initiative grant.

Mrs. Forsha then explained to the Board that she would like to pay off The USDA loan with a CD from AmeriServ that was coming up for renewal. Mrs. Forsha explained that paying this loan off with save the Authority \$300,000 in interest over the life of the loan. A motion was put forth by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mr. Checca all member voted to pay off USDA loan.

Sewer Old Business:

Manager Forsha requested permission for Gibson-Thomas to begin design of replacement/ slip lining of sewer lines on North Chestnut Street. A motion was made by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Philips. All member voted to start the design.

Sewer New Business:

Manager Forsha and the board held discussion on the new sludge press building contract.

Storm New Business:

Manager Forsha Informed the board that Environmental stewardship and Watershed Protection grant in the amount of \$113,500.00 for the Derry Borough Municipal Authority.

Mrs. Cowan made the motion to enter executive session at 8:21 to discuss personnel matters and seconded by Mr. Checca.

The board exited session at 8:30 P.M. On a Motion to Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan, all member Voted to grant a 2.5% retroactive from January, 2021.

Mrs. Cowan asked the Manager for a weekly report of the day-to-day operations of the municipal authority. A motion was made by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mrs. Phillips all members voted to have the manager provide a weekly update.

On a motion by Mrs. Cowan and Seconded by Mr. Checca all member voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M.

Mrs. Sara Cowan

Secretary