

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, January 16, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the Roll Call: Mr. Peter A. Checca, Chairman; Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Secretary, Mr. Daniel D. Chaney, Treasurer, and Mr. Grant A. Nicely, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest and Engineer William Glasser of Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Chaney the minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2018 were presented for approval and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Checca voted in favor, and Mr. Nicely abstained from voting.

Visitors

Darryl O'Reilly of 930 S. Ruby Street inquired as to the requirements of extending water service to his property. Mr. O'Reilly asked for an exemption so that he would not have to extend water to the end of his property line. After discussion, the Board decided to send out surveys to the residents on the street to determine who would be interested in joining Mr. O'Reilly with the waterline extension project.

Next, Mr. Grant Nicely, who was newly appointed to the Board addressed the Board. Mr. Nicely stated that he realizes when he was appointed to the Board, he didn't make some people happy. Mr. Nicely wanted to express why he is interested in serving on the Board. Mr. Nicely stated that, "I didn't come in here to throw a wrench into the works, I didn't come here to overpower anything, I wanted to come in and hear both sides of the story because being on council, I only hear one side. I would like to help both sides out to the best of my ability and not aggravate people-just offer my services. I know that there are hard feelings being I'm in here, and I'm the third council member and I'm make the board look uneven. Don't look at me that way: I'm here as a balance point because I don't know what's going on, only partially. I'd like to know for myself so I can evenly justify a vote one way or another for myself or my personal opinion of it. I'm not here as a counterbalance. I'm not here to throw a stone into things. I'm here trying to help both sides. I don't want anyone to have hard feelings." Next, Mr. Goodman asked Mr. Nicely what his background is. Mr. Nicely responded that he owns a farm and used to farm but has since retired from farming, he was heavy in law enforcement, worked at Latrobe Steel, and has sold cars. Mr. Nicely, stated that "over the years he has learned how to look at things on an even keel and try to come up with a good decision, at least what I feel is a good decision on my behalf, and that's what I would like to be able to translate this into, what we are doing here, as well as what the council is doing. As Al says, I'm wearing two hats, but I am wearing both hats at the same time. I'm trying to make everything balanced. I'm not coming here and trying to mess up what's being done. I want to help what's being done. That's basically why I am here. I can tell you that the odds are that I probably am not going to extend beyond one term. I just want to see what I can do to help. I'm open for advice for anybody, I'm open to talk to anybody, and I will even give you my phone number and you can call me at home. I would just like to know how it is that being the balance point I can help."

Correspondence

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented a request from Dante DeCario of 233 West Fifth Ave who received a high water bill for a leak he had before moving into his house. Mr. Chaney made a motion to grant Mr. DeCario a \$150 credit and Mr. Goodman seconded with all members voting in

favor. Mrs. Forsha also read a letter from Jennifer Hatch of 314 N Ligonier Street who asked relief for a high water bill that was incurred due to a leaky toilet. Mr. Goodman made a motion to grant Ms. Hatch a \$130 credit and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor of the credit.

Water Bills for December 2018 in the amount of \$106,225.17 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$60,892.15 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 November 30, 2018 of \$32,553.77 with deposits of \$148,201.68 and less expenses of \$106,225.17 leaving a reconciled balance of \$74,530.28 for December 31, 2018 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Chaney. 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 November 30, 2018 of \$85,823.08 with deposits of \$53,497.49 and less expenses of \$91,459.91 leaving a reconciled balance of \$47,860.66 for December 31, 2018. Mr. Goodman moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney 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 .018 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that the upstream valves have been installed in the Lower Ridge Dam and the Raw Water line is now back in service. Mrs. Forsha stated that GeoMechanics came back to grout the hole at the dam and she is unsure if the grouting is complete at this time. Mrs. Forsha stated that after the grouting is completed engineer, Bill Glasser is going to draft a filling plan that needs approved by the DEP before the dam is refilled. Mr. Glasser said the dam needs to be refilled gradually. Mrs. Forsha also announced that the newly acquired sludge press has been delivered and a temporary shelter has been constructed around it. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is working with Gibson-Thomas to design a permanent building for the press and is looking to see if she can obtain some grant funding for the building.

The Engineers Report

Mr. Glasser asked what the time frame is for putting the sludge press building out to bid. Mrs. Forsha said that she hopes to complete construction on the building over the summer. Mrs. Forsha also asked the engineer to compare the cost estimate of a metal building for the sludge press to a typical block building. Mr. Glasser stated that the North Chestnut Street Waterline Project will be bid in February and the plan is to award bids at the March meeting. Mrs. Forsha stated that she plans to complete the waterline replacement along North Chestnut Street during the summer while school is out of session. Next, Mr. Glasser presented the signed contract documents for the Water Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrade to the chairman for signature.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso presented Resolution #189 "Adopting Borough of Derry Ordinance No. 782-18 Governing the Inspection of Private Sewer Laterals." On a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Chaney the Board voted to adopt Resolution #189. Mr. Dalfonso also presented the Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for signature. Mrs. Forsha said that she has not yet received the signature copy of the snow removal agreement from the Borough. Mr. Dalfonso also expressed his gratitude to the Board for appointing Dodora, Matta, and Cambest as solicitor for 2019.

Water New Business

Next, Mr. Thomas made a motion to draft and approve Resolution #190, Recognizing Mr. Quinlisk for his time, service, and dedication to the Municipal Authority, and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor.

Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that the Derry Township Supervisors asked if the Authority would be interested in extending water service to residents along Peach Hollow Road. The Board stated that they would be interested in meeting with the township and further discussing the project.

Mr. Nicely made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm o'clock and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor.

*Mr. Richard K. Thomas
Secretary*