

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 15, 2020.

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

Mr. Thomas began the meeting by welcoming new Board member Mr. Joseph V. Serrao, Jr. Next, Mr. Thomas made a motion to recognize Mr. Frederick Goodman for his years of service to the Authority and asked the manager to draft a Resolution, and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor of honoring Mr. Goodman for his service.

On a motion by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Chaney the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2019 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor. Mr. Serrao abstained from voting.

Visitors

Reporter, Nick Cammuso with the Latrobe Bulletin was present.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented the correspondence. Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from USDA in which the USDA requested that the Authority pay off the water loan balance of \$506,281 by refinancing with another loan provider. Mrs. Forsha stated that she received a loan proposal from Ameriserv Financial but they were only able to offer a fixed rate of 4.25% for 10 years. Mrs. Forsha said she also met with S & T bank and is waiting for their proposal.

Water Bills for December 2019 in the amount of \$128,603.86 Sewer Bills in the amount of \$37,803.48 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$2,764.30 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Chaney and seconded by Mr. Nicely, all members voted to pay the bills

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on November 30, 2019 of \$55,151.32 with deposits of \$96,614.39 and less expenses of \$128,603.86 leaving a reconciled balance of \$23,161.85 for December 31, 2019 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Chaney 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 November 30, 2019 of \$26,231.59 with deposits of \$9,849.58 and less expenses of \$2,764.30 leaving a reconciled balance of \$33,316.87 for December 3, 2019. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Chaney 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 November 30, 2019 of \$190,606.68 with deposits of \$44,477.41 and less

expenses of \$37,803.48 leaving a reconciled balance of \$197,280.61 for December 31, 2019. Mr. Chaney 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 .023 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the water pumping cost was higher this month because of filter media testing required by the DEP. Mrs. Forsha stated that the new water pumps were installed and working. Mrs. Forsha said the new pumps do not pump as many gallons per minute (gpm) as the old pumps. She said the maximum flow rate for the new pumps is 840 gpm in the morning when the tanks are low. She said that she discussed her concerns with the engineer and inquired as to whether or not a 4-6 elbow can be upsized on the pumps to add extra flow. Mark Gera said he would look into the issue.

The Engineer's Report

Mr. Gera stated that Geomechanics completed the drilling work needed for the stability analysis in November 2019 and their final report is forthcoming. Mr. Gera said the North Chestnut Street Waterline project has been completed and is closed out. Mr. Gera also said that his office is working on plans and specifications to replace the altitude valve at the water treatment plant. He also stated that all of the electrical upgrades have been completed and they are currently working on installing the alarms for the new pumps. Mr. Gera said the mixer was ordered and the install was approved. In addition, AUMA Actuators/Pratt Valves have been ordered and we are waiting for a price from Biter to install. The vacuum priming system has been specified and we are awaiting price from Biter for supply and installation. Mr. Gera presented Change Order #3 in the amount of -1,614.50 (Balancing Change Order) for Ligonier Construction and Final Pay Estimate #3 for Ligonier Construction in the amount of \$19,598.78 and on a motion by Mr. Checca, seconded by Mr. Chaney all members approved the change order and pay estimate.

The Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor had nothing to report on.

Water Old Business

Mrs. Forsha presented a revised Water Purchase Agreement with Campbell Oil and Gas for signature.

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Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the annual audit is in progress. Next, Mrs. Forsha asked the Board if anyone would be willing to serve on the labor negotiations committee. Mr. Checca and Mr. Thomas volunteered to serve on the committee.

Stormwater Department

Mr. Nicely said that the Borough street crew was installing a drain along the curb line near the Lutheran Church and running the drain into a nearby catch basin.

Mr. Chaney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm o'clock and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor.

*Mr. Grant A. Nicely
Secretary*