

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 January 20, 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; Vice Chairman, Mr. Peter A. Checca, Secretary; Mrs. Sara Cowan, Treasurer; and Mrs. Barbara Phillips, 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. Mr. Joseph V. Serrao Jr., Secretary was absent from tonight's meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2020 were presented for approval and all members voted to accept the minutes. Mrs. Phillips abstained from the vote.

Visitors:

Mr. Edward Markiewicz of Saint Vincent De Paul Society requested that the Board waive the \$50 turn on fee for a customer who had their water terminated for nonpayment. On a motion by Mr. Checca, seconded by Mrs. Cowan all members voted to waive the \$50 turn on fee for the customer due to the fact that they were being assisted by St. Vincent De Paul and their funds are limited due to the thrift store being closed.

Correspondence: Mrs. Forsha read letters from David Rudy of 317 West 7th Ave and Jean Beason of 611 Beech Street, who both received high bills due to a leaking toilet. After review Mr. Checca motioned and Mrs. Cowan seconded the vote with all members in favor of granting Mr. Rudy a 50% credit on his bill. Then Mr. Checca also motioned, and Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion with all members voting to grant Ms. Beason a 50% credit on her bill.

Water Old Business:

Water Bills for December 2020 in the amount of \$149,528.19 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$53,719.46 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$9,341.89 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mrs. Cowan and seconded by Mr. Checca, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on November 30, 2020 of \$76,115.28 with Deposits of \$120,072.92 and less expenses of \$149,528.19 leaving a reconciled balance of \$46,660.01 for December 31, 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 treasurers report, as presented.

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Storm Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on November 30, 2020 of \$119,577.66 with deposits of \$0.95 and less expenses of \$11,776.78 leaving a reconciled balance of \$107,801.83 for December 31, 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 treasurers report, as presented.

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the Sewer Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on November 30, 2020 of \$230,586.13 with deposits of \$151.63 and less expenses of \$53,719.46 leaving a reconciled balance of \$177,018.30 for December 31, 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 .023 NTU was also announced.

The Engineers Report:

Mr. Gera informed the Board that he and manager Forsha are working on getting a project scope together to apply for the Water Infrastructure Lead Line Replacement Imitative Grant. In addition, Mr. Gera informed the Board that the sludge press building project will be let out to bid by the end of the month.

The Solicitor's Report:

The Solicitor informed the Board that they need a short executive session to discuss a union grievance.

Water New Business:

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that a planning consultation meeting was held with PennVEST to discuss the Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act (WIFTA) Lead Line Replacement initiative on January 14, 2021. Grant Application deadline is February 3, 2021. Mrs. Forsha informed that board that the Authority has approximately 170 lead service lines remaining within the water system. She also stated that many of the main lines that are within the project areas are from the 1920s-1930s.

Mrs. Forsha also informed the Board that she met with Leopold on January 19, 2021 to discuss replacing the tube settlers with a Texler Lamella Settler Clarifier. Mrs. Forsha stated that Leopold is willing to provide the water treatment equipment free of charge if the Authority is willing to let them utilize the plant as a demonstration site. Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority would be responsible for demolition/construction costs. Gibson-Thomas is working on getting together an estimate to see if the Authority would like to proceed with the project.

Sewer Department old business:

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Fourth Ward CCTV data is expected to be received by the end of the week. Mrs. Forsha also said those who received notices of illegal storm connections and have not made corrections will be forwarded to the Borough code enforcement

officer. Mrs. Phillips stated that she received a phone call from Representative Silvis and he is willing to do whatever he can to help with the basement flooding situation of West Owens Ave.

Sewer New Business:

Manager Forsha presented the Board with two quotes for a new Ford F150 sewer service truck. Mrs. Forsha presented a quote from Meegan Ford in the amount of \$32,289 and a quote from Tri-Star in the amount of \$28,635.00. After review of the quotes, Mr. Checca made a motion to accept Tri-Star Motors quote in the amount of \$28,635.00 and Mrs. Cowan seconded with all members voting in favor of purchasing the new truck.

Storm Old Business:

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the revision of the pollutant reduction plan is still underway.

Storm New Business:

Mrs. Forsha announced that the Authority received an Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection (Growing Greener) Grant in the amount of \$113,500 for the Derry Borough Municipal Water Authority Stormwater Retrofit, which included adding a wash down station, rain garden, sediment forebay, and permeable patio. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Westmoreland Conservation District completed the parking lot design and grant application.

On a motion by Mrs. Cowan, seconded by Mr. Checca, the Board entered into executive session at 8:05 to discuss a union grievance.

The Board exited executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Mrs. Cowan asked about the organizational structure of the Authority. Mrs. Cowan asked who had the Authority to sell the Authority, the Board or Borough Council. Mr. Dalfonso informed her that the Authority was created by the Borough Council and the Borough has the ability to dissolve or sell the Authority. Mrs. Cowan also asked if the Authority's bank accounts were separate from the Borough and if the Borough had access to the accounts. Mr. Dalfonso informed her that the accounts are separate and cannot be utilized by the Borough. Mrs. Cowan also suggested that the Authority look into adopting a COVID policy.

On a motion by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mrs. Cowan, all members voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Mr. Peter A. Checca
Secretary