

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, July 18, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the Roll Call: Mr. Peter A. Checca, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman, Secretary; Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Treasurer, and Mr. Daniel D. Chaney Sr., Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Kevin M. Quinlisk, Chairman; was absent. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha and Engineer, William Glasser of Gibson-Thomas Engineering and Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Thomas the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2018 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

John Hughes and Melissa Hughes of 421 Broad Street attended the meeting and inquired as the status of the restoration of their driveway and yard. Mr. Dalfonso informed the Hughes that the Board is reviewing the agreement and that grass has been planted and is growing and that the driveway will be hot patched at the end of the paving season during the Authority's annual paving project. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes would like to have their driveway repaired as soon as possible and do not want to wait for the annual paving project. In addition, the Hughes believe the Authority should restore the other side of their driveway because they stated that the Authority's contractor pushed rock into the yard. Mrs. Forsha stated that she was unaware that her contractor, Richard Santella, had pushed rock into their yard and was under the impression that the Hughes' contractor who had dug on that side of the driveway would be doing the restoration on that side of the driveway. Mrs. Hughes stated that she has photos of Authority employees standing on that side of her driveway. The Board stated that they would discuss both issues in executive session.

Next, Chuck Kuncher and Valerie Braden discussed a request for sewage service for a vacant lot on West Third Street owned by Mrs. Richardson. Chuck and Valerie asked if there was a sewer lateral over to the property from the main sewer line. Mr. Thomas stated that he did not believe so because it is not standard practice to put in a sewer lateral for a vacant property. However, he stated that the Authority would check their records to see if a tap had been installed previously. Mr. Thomas stated that it is the property owner's responsibility to dig to the main sewer line and install a sewer lateral over to the property line and to the home. Mr. Checca instructed Chuck and Valerie to write a letter to the chairman to request that the Board revisit their policies and that the Authority pay for the cost to tap into the main and run the sewer lateral to the property line.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Abigail Green, of 225 W Fourth Ave who requested relief due to a high water bill. After discussion the Board agreed to credit Ms. Greene 50% on the leak and grant her a payment plan if needed. Next, Mrs. Forsha read a technical deficiency letter from the DEP regarding the permit amendment to install new pumps at the pumphouse. The pumps specified are not currently NSF certified. Mrs. Forsha stated that once the NSF certification is received that the certification will be forwarded to the DEP by Gibson-Thomas, Engineering.

Water Bills for June 2018 in the amount of \$80,108.35 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$36,789.16 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Thomas and

seconded by Mr. Goodman, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on May 31, 2018 of \$115,171.92 with deposits of \$34,173.92 and less expenses of \$80,108.35 leaving a reconciled balance of \$69,237.49 for June 30, 2018 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Chaney and seconded by Mr. Thomas. 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 May 31, 2018 of \$61,187.65 with deposits of \$61,722.99 and less expenses of \$36,789.16 leaving a reconciled balance of \$86,121.48 for June 30, 2018. Mr. Chaney moved and seconded by Mr. Thomas 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 .019 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that the pumphouse has only been running 14 hours a day to save costs. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the crew is working to install a bypass around the Lower Ridge Dam so that the Upper Ridge Dam can flow directly into the Raw Water Line. Mrs. Forsha estimates that the cost of this bypass will be approximately \$10,000. Mrs. Forsha stated that the first 1,500 feet of the raw water line is from 1890 and is in need of replacement because it cannot handle air or high pressure. Mrs. Forsha stated that the Authority crew is replacing sections as it blows out in an attempt to get water flowing into the lake again. Mrs. Forsha stated her and the engineers are still reviewing repair options and waiting for the cost to slip fusible HDPE pipe in the drain line.

The Engineers Report

Mr. Glasser informed the Board that he is working with the DEP to get the emergency repair plans approved. He stated the he needs one more point of survey information and he also would like to get a final determination as to the repair method for the pipe. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is still waiting for a cost estimate for the fusible HDPE pipe from Ligonier Construction. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that Geomechanics insurance company, Travelers, has denied the damage claim on two reasons. One reason they stated was that the drawings were from the 1800s and the other reason was that the one call was marked as clear. Mrs. Forsha stated that the drawings are dated 2017 and were done by Gibson-Thomas. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that she intends to respond to the denial letter with evidence that the drill walked off course by a few feet and damaged the drain line. The Board decided to approve the quote from Insight Pipe for slip lining the drain line at a price of \$24,880.00. Next, Mr. Glasser showed the Board the preliminary drawings for the sludge press building. Mrs. Forsha stated that she wants to get the plans and specs together and try to get a grant for the building.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso stated his report is for executive session.

Water Old Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Authority employees are going to install the waterline along E. Owens Ave, which involves replacing 674 feet of 6" CLCI 50-year-old pipe. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she is currently waiting for the electric company to complete utility relocations before they can begin the water and sewer line replacements.

Water Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she plans to have the Authority crew begin replacing 160 ft of 2.5" cast iron line on Heacox Way with 6" PVC. Mrs. Forsha stated that the line has had several breaks and she would like to replace the section in pavement before the paving project is done this year.

Sewer Department Old Business

The Resolution to amend the article of incorporation to add storm water was tabled at the last meeting. The Board decided to table to resolution again tonight.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Chaney the Board entered into executive session at 8:24pm.

The Board exited executive session at 9:06pm.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Thomas all members voted to retire for the evening at 9:07 p.m. o'clock.

*Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman.
Secretary*