

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, March 21, 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 was also at tonight's meeting. Mr. Kevin M. Quinlisk, Chairman; was absent from tonight's meeting. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha and Engineer, Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering and Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest.

On a motion by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Chaney the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2018 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

John Hughes of 421 Broad Street was in attendance. Mr. Hughes mentioned that he had a conversation with Chairman Quinlisk on Saturday. Mr. Hughes asked the Board if they went to each of the links in the power point presentation and Mr. Checca told him that he read the presentation but did not access the links as he only had a paper copy. Mr. Hughes stated that there is a video of the "so called" missing pipe in the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Hughes stated that Mr. Quinlisk asked Mr. Hughes to bring the video to the meeting tonight. In addition, Mr. Hughes stated that Mr. Quinlisk stated he would bring foreman Ron to the meeting tonight. Mr. Hughes also stated that Rich Santella (Contractor hired by Authority) had spoken with Mr. Quinlisk and had given him information relating to the line at 421 Broad Street. Mr. Hughes stated that he was upset that Mr. Quinlisk was not at the meeting tonight and asked if anyone would like to see his video. Solicitor Dalfonso stated that Mr. Hughes could email the video to him and he would distribute the video to the Board members. Mr. Hughes also stated that the original ditch dug by his contractor was only 8 feet and not 12ft as stated by foreman Ron. In addition, Mr. Hughes stated that Mr. Quinlisk said the Board would review the issue and revote after they review additional information. Mr. Hughes said that issue of the missing pipe has nothing to do with the issue that the Authority's line was only 19" deep. Mr. Hughes stated that Mr. Santella confirmed the Authority line was only 19" deep. Mr. Hughes also stated that he told Mr. Quinlisk that the curb box was only 24" deep and Mr. Quinlisk replied that even though the Authority curb box is 24" deep, your service line comes from 37" inch deep to meet our curb box at 24" deep. Solicitor Dalfonso instructed Mr. Hughes to email him the video and Mr. Dalfonso also stated that he would notify Mr. Hughes's attorney that Mr. Hughes has discussed this with him directly as that is an ethical obligation he has. Mr. Hughes also said that there was a comment made that his father-in-law stated that there was a missing piece of pipe. Mr. Hughes stated that he confronted his father-in-law about the statement and his father-in-law denied stating that. Mark Thomas accompanied Mr. Hughes to tonight's meeting. Next, Matthew Urch, owner of 1004 West Third Street, Derry requested relief due to a leak caused by a pipe busting when his furnace ran out of fuel oil. Mr. Urch stated that someone drilled a hole in the bottom of his fuel tank and drained his fuel. After discussion Mr. Goodman made a motion for a 50% credit on the leak and Mr. Checca seconded with all members voting in favor. Gina Waldron accompanied Mr. Urch to tonight's meeting. Next Kim Altman and David Righino (Kim's dad) discussed ways to provide water service to a vacant property located at the corner of McBroom and Pizza Barn Road. Ms. Altman inquired as to whether or not a main line

extension down McBroom Road would be required or if she could run a ¾" water line via a private right of way, through a neighbor's yard. After discussion, Mr. Chaney made a motion to require a main line extension along McBroom Road, and Mr. Thomas seconded with all members voting in favor. In addition to the line a fire hydrant will also be required.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Lorraine Allman of 121 Panizzi Road who requested relief due to a high water bill from a leak on her waterline going to the barn. Next, Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Palombo of 328 East Fourth Street who requested relief for a high water bill that they received caused by a leaking hot water tank. Mrs. Forsha then read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway of 499 Pandora Road who also requested relief due to a high water bill that occurred due to a leak on their line. Lastly, Mrs. Forsha read a letter from Anna Downey of 1384 Route 217 who also requested relief due to a water leak. After discussion, on a motion by Chaney and seconded by Mr. Goodman, the Board all voted in favor of granting a 50 percent credit on the above leaks. Mrs. Forsha next presented an annual donation request from Derry Borough Volunteer Fire Department. On a motion by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Thomas the Board agreed to make a \$200 donation to the fire department.

Water Bills for February 2018 in the amount of \$94,158.81 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$55,813.54 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Chaney, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on January 31, 2018 of \$44,895.67 with deposits of \$112,558.94 and less expenses of \$94,158.81 leaving a reconciled balance of \$63,295.80 for February 28, 2018 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Goodman. 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 January 31, 2018 of \$55,354.04 with deposits of \$123,151.02 and less expenses of \$55,813.54 leaving a reconciled balance of \$122,691.52 for February 28, 2018. Mr. Thomas moved and seconded by Mr. Goodman 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 .021 NTU was also announced.

The Engineers Report

Mr. Gera informed that GeoMechanics was given the notice to proceed with the stability analysis of the Upper and Lower Ridge Dams. Mr. Gera also informed the Board that the CDBG project money which was to be used for the Pandora Road hydrant and 60 ft of waterline has been closed by the county and is no longer available. Mr. Gera stated that he is going to see if Derry Township would like to reapply for CDBG funds. Mr. Gera also

stated that the Chapter 94 report is underway and will be submitted to the DEP by the March 31, 2018 deadline. Mrs. Forsha inquired as to the status of the Ethel Springs H & H Study. Mrs. Forsha asked if the study had been submitted to the DEP. Mr. Gera is to check with his office and Harrisburg and provide an update to manager Forsha.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso informed the Board that he had discussion with Melissa Hughes' attorney and will review it with them in executive session.

Water Old Business

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented each member with a copy of the Water System Annual Report. Mrs. Forsha announced that the Authority is funding depreciation in the water budget.

Water Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha announced that Chemist Tom Stehle conducted his bi-annual water plant visit to review the treatment process. Mrs. Forsha stated that Chemist Stehle was pleased with the current operation of the plant and chemical dosages. In addition, Mrs. Forsha announced that one new water tap was installed on Victoria Way and 48 ft of 2" waterline was replaced on Coles Way. Mrs. Forsha also informed the Board that the annual flushing program is underway. Mrs. Forsha stated that the 1989 GMC dump truck's bed needs patched or replaced. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is looking to trade the F350 1-ton dump in on a new F-550 dump because the 1 ton is too small for the Authority's needs. Upon reviewing quotes, Mr. Thomas made a motion to purchase a new F-550 dump truck from Meegan Ford at a cost of \$45,001 and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the cost differential after the trade is \$8,901.32 for the new larger dump. Mrs. Forsha also informed the Board that Jeff Fliss of the DEP conducted the annual dam inspections this month.

Sewer Department Old Business

Mrs. Forsha presented each member with a copy of the Sewer System Annual Report. Mrs. Forsha stated that the sewer department budget does not fund depreciation. Mrs. Forsha said that if a storm system fund is created she could remove the 3rd Street box culvert loan from the sewer budget. Mr. Gera suggested that the Board look into raising sewer rates. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that Rich Santella plans to begin the replacement of 100ft of 12" terracotta sewer line along W First Ave once the weather permits.

Sewer Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that two more homes on Broad Street were found to have their sanitary sewer laterals in the storm system. Mrs. Forsha stated that the lines will be corrected within the next few weeks. Next, Mr. Chaney mentioned that the Authority should investigate a basement flooding issue at 209 West Owens Ave. Mrs. Forsha informed Mr. Chaney that she aware the homeowners in that area had basement flooding during the heavy rains last month. Mrs. Forsha stated that she hired the COG and televised the lines to verify that there were no obstructions. In addition, Mrs. Forsha feels that there is a 90-degree bend in the line which is causing a bottleneck. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is in discussions with Gibson-Thomas engineering to evaluate

solutions. Mrs. Forsha stated that each homeowner who is having issues should contact the Authority to have their drains dye tested and televised. Mrs. Forsha once again mentioned that a pump failure at the Route 217 pump station caused a sewer backup at 1116 Route 217 and that she submitted a damage claim to the Authority insurance agency.

Next, on a motion by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Goodman all members voted to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 8:55 p.m.

On a motion put forward by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Thomas all members voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. o'clock.

*Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman.
Secretary*