

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 20, 2019.

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, Chairman; Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman, Vice-Chairman; 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 Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Inc. Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Secretary, was absent from tonight's meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Chaney and seconded by Mr. Goodman the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2019 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Nick Cammuso, reporter with the Latrobe Bulletin was present and Chad Fabian, Borough Council President was present. Chad Fabian informed Mrs. Forsha of grey water coming out of an outfall near West Second Ave. Mrs. Forsha told him that she will investigate to determine the source. Mr. Fabian also asked Mrs. Forsha if she plans to have the COG suck out catch basins. Mrs. Forsha said she planned to have the COG come in during the fall but the temperatures dropped too fast. Mrs. Forsha said that the Borough is on the vacuum truck schedule for once the weather breaks. Mrs. Forsha asked if the Borough would be willing to split the cost of cleaning the catch basins since the Authority doesn't have a revenue stream. Mr. Checca suggested that the Authority develop a stormwater fee to help pay for stormwater maintenance and MS4 requirements. Mr. Fabian asked manager Forsha if she would also direct the COG to suck out under the 2nd Ave bridge. Mrs. Forsha stated that the fish baffles were designed to create a natural stream bed and are not to be sucked out. Engineer Mark Gera confirmed that the baffles under the bridges are not to be cleaned out. Mr. Fabian also asked if Santella excavating was using the proper backfill on Borough Street and stated that the patch in front of the Borough Garage was wavy and settling. Mrs. Forsha informed Mr. Fabian that the proper backfill was used and maybe it was not compacted properly.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha also presented a letter from Mrs. Saxton of 820 West First Ave, who requested relief on their water bill due to a hole blown into her waterline by an electrical issue caused by a nearby transformer. On a motion by Mr. Chaney, and seconded by Mr. Nicely the Board all agreed to grant the Saxton's a credit in the amount of 1/2 of their 22,000-gallon water leak. Next, Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Kathy Bates who owns 143 Bergman Road. Mrs. Bates stated in her letter that her tenants had the gas shut off to her rental and caused a water line to burst resulting in a water bill of \$2,993.60. After discussion, the Board declined to offer the Bate's an adjustment on the water leak.

Water Bills for February 2019 in the amount of \$98,777.06 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$57,575.03 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Goodman 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, 2019 of \$34,226.47 with deposits of \$134,732.72 and less expenses of \$98,777.06 leaving a reconciled balance of \$70,182.13 for February 28, 2019 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 January 31, 2019 of \$73,025.40 with deposits of \$53,877.61 and less expenses of \$57,575.03 leaving a reconciled balance of \$69,327.98 for February 28, 2019. 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 .016 NTU was also announced.

The Engineers Report

Mr. Gera informed the Board that the North Chestnut Street Waterline Replacement project bids were opened on March 15, 2019 and he recommended awarding the contract to the lower bidder, Ligonier Construction in the amount of \$386,675.00. Mr. Chaney made a motion to award the bid to Ligonier Construction, and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor. The grant amount received for the project was in the amount of \$278,034 through the PA small water and sewer program. Mrs. Forsha said that she added a \$30,000-meter vault into the project which was not originally estimated. Mrs. Forsha also said that the cost per lineal ft was much higher than originally estimated. Mr. Gera also stated that his office is in the process of reviewing shop drawings for the electrical equipment for the pumphouse and that he is hoping that Biter Electric will get the equipment in within the next few weeks to begin the project. Mr. Gera also suggested that the Authority move some money from the money markets into PLIGIT for better interest rates. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that AmeriServ has been matching PLIGITs rates on CDs.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso informed the Board that he will check on the status of the amendments of the Articles of Incorporation to the Department of State.

Water New Business

Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the pumphouse is having some electrical issues and there is an electrician coming in tomorrow morning to diagnose some issues.

Sewer Old Business

Next, Mr. Dalfonso inquired as to the status of the sewer lateral for 418 West 5th Ave. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she has informed the buyer that if they would like to purchase the property, they need to escrow enough money to run the sewer lateral to West Fourth Ave or Mentor Street. Mrs. Forsha also stated that she needs the property owner to expose the sanitary sewer lateral so that she can complete the inspection. Mr. Gera stated that there is a sewer line on West Fifth Ave but there is a 60" tin whistle culvert between the homes and the sewer line on Fifth Ave. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is waiting for revised costs for the new sludge press building. She stated that she would like to start construction this summer.

Mr. Checca inquired as to the status of the East Owens Ave water and sewer line replacements. Mrs. Forsha stated that the line replacements will begin either next week or the week after.

Stormwater

Next, Mr. Checca suggested that the Board come up with a number for the stormwater fee. Mr. Checca stated that the Borough is having a public meeting with the Conservation District on April 29th and he would like to be able to present the fee to the public at that time. Mr. Checca also said that there will be two council meetings prior to the April 29th meeting and the fee would also be discussed there. The Board discussed a fee between \$7-\$20 and eventually settled, Mr. Chaney made a motion to set the monthly residential stormwater fee at \$10/month and gradually increase as federal demands increase, and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor. The Board stated that the fee was needed to fund the federally mandated MS4 program as well as to maintain and replace the aging stormwater infrastructure. The fee will be implemented July 1, 2019.

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that Plum Contracting is current installing a 18" bypass stormline along Wineman Way to alleviate some stormwater surcharging where the 18" storm pipe was reduced to 15" near the intersection of Leo Street and Wineman Way.

Mr. Nicely made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm o'clock and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor.

*Mr. Grant A. Nicely
Assistant Secretary*