

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, May 20, 2020.

The zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

On a motion by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Serrao the minutes of the regular meeting of April 15, 2020 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Greg Reinbold of the Latrobe Bulletin was present.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Katheryn Milligan on behalf of Ann Boring of 502 Stella Street, in which she requested relief for a high-water bill due to a rusted hot water tank. Ms. Boring received a water bill for \$2,838.00 and has since paid it in full. After discuss the Board suggested that Ms. Boring reach out to her insurance company to determine if they are able to assist with the bill first.

Next, Mr. Checca made a motion to make an annual donation to the community pool in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor.

Water Bills for April 2020 in the amount of \$117,321.22 Sewer Bills in the amount of \$51,029.23 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$2,434.89 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mr. Serrao, all members voted to pay the bills

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on March 31, 2020 of \$2,270.41 with deposits of \$122,580.98 and less expenses of \$117,321.22 leaving a reconciled balance of \$7,530.17 for April 30, 2020 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 March 31, 2020 of \$55,788.91 with deposits of \$13,595.11 and less expenses of \$2,434.89 leaving a reconciled balance of \$66,949.13 for April 30, 2020. 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 March 31, 2020 of \$125,639.21 with deposits of \$64,138.12 and less expenses of \$51,029.23 leaving a reconciled balance of \$138,748.10 for April 30, 2020. 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 .021 NTU was also announced.

The Engineer's Report

Mr. Gera informed the Board that the new altitude valve arrived and that Biter has been running the wiring and the new valve will hopefully be installed next week. In addition, Mr. Gera also mentioned that the new priming system has arrived and will be installed following the altitude valve installation. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that the wiring has been completed for the mixer install and that the mixer will be installed within the next few weeks at the water plant. In addition, Mr. Gera informed that Board that decisions on the several grant applications will be made mid-July.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso saved his report for executive session.

Water Old Business

The Board discussed delinquencies and Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the 30 day delinquency amount was \$5,379.54 in February and is now \$17,857.67 in May. The 60 day delinquency amount went from \$5,379.54 to \$12,495.92 and the 90 day delinquency amount went from \$33,735.31 to \$42,507.27 from February to May. After discussion, the Board decided to reinstitute the penalty charges and late notices beginning with the billing due June 15th. In addition, the Board is willing to make special arrangements for those who have experienced job loss due COVID-19.

Water New Business

Mrs. Forsha read Resolution #200 "National Public Works Week Proclamation". On a motion by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Serrao, all Board members voted in favor of adopting Resolution #200, honoring public works employees specifically recognizing the office staff, the plant operators and the manager of The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry for continuing to provide exceptional customer service and operations during the COVID19 Pandemic.

Sewer Department Old Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the flow metering program is still continuing.

Sewer Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Borough should revise their sewer ordinance prior to the Authority beginning smoke testing. Mr. Dalfonso stated that he will provide the Borough with a recommended sewer ordinance for adoption.

Stormwater Department

Mr. Nicely asked if the manager would meet with Derry Borough public works supervisor, Adam, to look at a storm line on Shelly Way, which is not draining properly. Mrs. Forsha said she would meet with Adam.

Mr. Nicely made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:01pm and Mr. Serrao seconded with all members voting to enter into an executive session.

The Board exited executive session at 8:22 pm.

Mr. Checca made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm o'clock and Mr. Serrao seconded with all members voting in favor of retiring for the evening.

*Mr. Grant Nicely
Secretary*