

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, November 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; and Mr. Daniel D. Chaney, Treasurer. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Engineer Mark Gera. Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Secretary arrived at 7:15 o'clock p.m. Mr. Grant A. Nicely, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest were absent from tonight's meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Chaney the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2019 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Mr. Joseph Dunn who owns 5808 Route 982 requested relief for a water leak. After discussion, on a motion by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Chaney, the Board granted him a 50% credit on the leak. Next, Edward Kuhns of 1009 Millwood Road stated that he has two dwarf alberta spruce trees which are dying from the meter reader pruning them last fall. Mr. Kuhns would like to have the trees removed down to the root system and would like the Authority to purchase and plant two new alberta spruce trees in their place. The Board decided to table discussion of the trees since they were unable to speak with the solicitor. Next, Mrs. Forsha read a letter from Lola Turnbull, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. In the letter Pastor Turnbull requested that the Authority consider a three-category billing structure, residential; non-profit, tax exempt; and commercial. She also suggested that the non-profit, tax-exempt category of "churches" not be included in the Stormwater Run-off billing. After discussion the Board agreed to do more research and put the request on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Nick Cammuso of the Latrobe Bulletin was also in attendance.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented the correspondence. Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Connie McDevitt of 140 Glenmore Street who requested relief for a high-water bill due to a leaking hot water tank. After discussion, Mr. Chaney made a motion to grant her a 25% credit and Mr. Goodman seconded with all members voting in favor.

Water Bills for October 2019 in the amount of \$620,508.07 Sewer Bills in the amount of \$25,840.16 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$7,462.20 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 September 30, 2019 of \$90,467.50 with deposits of \$629,127.07 and less expenses of \$620,508.07 leaving a reconciled balance of \$99,086.50 for October 31, 2019 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Chaney 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 September 30, 2019 of \$12,825.69 with deposits of \$14,624.64 and less expenses of \$7,462.20 leaving a reconciled balance of \$19,988.13 for October 31, 2019. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Chaney 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 September 30, 2019 of \$129,071.77 with deposits of \$86,125.08 and less expenses of \$25,840.16 leaving a reconciled balance of \$189,356.69 for October 31, 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 .022 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the new pumps for the water treatment plant were received and that the new high service pump #1 is now in service and the installation of high service pump #2 is in progress.

The Engineer's Report

Mr. Gera informed the Board that the DEP inspected the pump #1 install and issued the operating permit for it and the backwash pump. Mr. Gera stated that he is waiting for the install prices from Bob Biter electric for the actuators and valves and a change order will be forthcoming. Mr. Gera also stated that he has several resolutions that will need adopted for the grant applications.

The Solicitor's Report

The Solicitor was absent from tonight's meeting.

Water Old Business

Mrs. Forsha presented pay estimate #5 from Bob Biter electric in the amount of \$20,285.89 for the install of the backwash pump and pump #1. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Goodman all members approved the pay estimate.

Water New Business

Mrs. Forsha presented the water 2020 draft budget. After review, Mr. Thomas made a motion to accept the tentative budget, and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor. The budget shows \$88,345 available for capital improvements, \$67,345 for depreciation, with an operating surplus of \$11,055. Next, Mrs. Forsha presented Resolution #197 to request a grant from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program in the amount of \$378,287 for a water line replacement of Ruby Street and 1,400 feet of the raw water line. On a motion, by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Goodman, all members voted in favor of the resolution. Mrs. Forsha also presented Resolution #198 to request a PA H2O Grant of \$607,842.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a waterline & raw waterline replacement project. On a motion by Mr. Chaney, seconded

by Mr. Goodman the Board all voted in favor of requesting the grant. Next, Mr. Thomas made a motion to renew the water purchase contract with Campbell Oil and Gas and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor.

Sewer Old Business

Mrs. Forsha presented revised Resolution#194 to request a grant from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program in the amount of \$296,629 for the sludge press building. Mr. Chaney made a motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Thomas seconded with all members voting in favor. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the Biotower center column was removed by Daman Industrial and repairs are in progress

Sewer New Business

Next, Mrs. Forsha presented Resolution #195 to request a PA H2O Grant of \$430,572.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the infrastructure study project to be used to assist the Authority with the sewer corrective action plan. On a motion, by Mr. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Chaney, all members voted in favor of requesting the grant. Mrs. Forsha also presented Resolution #196 to request a PA Small Water and Sewer grant of \$325,748.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for I & I Studies of the sewer system. On a motion by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Thomas all members voted in favor of applying for the grant. Mrs. Forsha said that she has been emailing back and forth with the DEP to finalize the details of the corrective action plan. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that she met with three companies to get quotes on televising the sanitary sewer system. Mrs. Forsha said that she also discussed slip lining of pipes on North Chestnut Street with Insight pipe and that she will need to install a manhole and also do a few spot repairs before the lining on North Chestnut. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that two sewer spot repairs were made this past month on S. Ligonier Street. Mrs. Forsha presented the Sewer 2020 Draft Budget. After discussion Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the sewer 2020 tentative budget, and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor. The budget shows \$92,316 available for capital improvements with an operating surplus of \$15,954. The sewer budget does not show any funding towards depreciation.

Stormwater Department

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she plans to meet with the Westmoreland Conservation District to review the office parking lot and determine if a stormwater BMP would fit into the parking lot design for the growing greener grant application. Mrs. Forsha also stated that two more homes were discovered to have their sanitary sewer laterals connected into the storm system. Mrs. Forsha stated that repairs of those two lines are to be scheduled. Mrs. Forsha presented the draft 2020 Stormwater budget and the Board decided to table the budget until they decide what they plan to do with the stormwater fee for churches.

On a motion by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Thomas, all members agreed to adjourn for the evening at 8:37pm.

Mr. Richard K. Thomas
Secretary