

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, October 16, 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. Richard K. Thomas, Secretary; 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 William Glasser.

On a motion by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Mr. Thomas the minutes of the regular meeting of September 18, 2019 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Nick Cammuso of the Latrobe Bulletin was also in attendance.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented the correspondence. Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from MaryAnn Ray of 433 Hill 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 Ms. Ray of 433 Hill Street a 25% credit and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor.

Mrs. Forsha also presented a letter from Mr. Edward Kuhns of 1009 Millwood Road who requested that the Authority remove and replace his two arborvitaes due to over pruning done by the Authority meter reader. The Authority Board said that the Authority has a right to access his meter reading equipment. They believe that the property owner should have been notified before the Authority employee decided to trim the tree himself. However, the Authority Board does not feel that they should be responsible for removing two overgrown larger arborvitaes and replacing them. After discussion the Board declined Mr. Kuhns request.

Lastly, Mrs. Forsha presented an email from Mr. John Murphy of the DEP who in his letter requested that the Authority submit a 5-year Corrective Action Plan to eliminate the hydraulic overloading at the sewer plant. Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she drafted a 5-year corrective action plan to submit to the DEP. In her plan Mrs. Forsha mentioned that she plans to install flow meters in 9 locations for a period of 3-6 months in early 2020. Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the cost proposed from Drnash Environmental is \$9,881/month. With a six-month estimated cost at \$60,186. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that the DEP wants to have the entire sewer system televised, smoke and dye tested and every manhole inspected. Mrs. Forsha stated that she plans to divide the sewer system into 4 sections and inspect one section each year and perform repairs as necessary. Mrs. Forsha stated that year 5 will be post flow metering, and design of equalization tanks if needed. Mrs. Forsha said that the cost of televising is estimated to cost \$1.25/ft and approximately \$110,000 for each of the four sections. Gibson-Thomas submitted a cost estimate for manhole inspection of \$27,500 for the entire system. Mrs. Forsha said that the data collected will then be utilized to do hydraulic modeling to determine if pipes need upsized or if holding tanks need installed. Mrs. Forsha also plans to get additional estimates for flow metering and televising. The smoke testing and dye testing will be conducted in house. Mrs. Forsha also stated that an additional laborer for the sewer department would likely be necessary. Mrs. Forsha is also going to check to see if any

companies do sewer/dye testing. Mr. Chaney is concerned that the cost of the investigation is going to be close to a million dollars and doesn't even include making repairs. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned the importance of educating the residents about removal of stormwater sources such as sump pumps and downspouts from the sanitary system. Mrs. Forsha also stated that she is investigating the sanitary sewer lines on North Chestnut Street and determining the best way to make needed repairs. Mrs. Forsha stated that one line is broken in several locations and she has also found one residence connected into the storm system.

Water Bills for September 2019 in the amount of \$165,940.58, Sewer Bills in the amount of \$68,835.37, and Storm Bills in the amount of \$2,973.62 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Chaney and seconded by Mr. Goodman, all members voted to pay the bills

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on August 31, 2019 of \$70,723.74 with deposits of \$185,684.34 and less expenses of \$165,940.58 leaving a reconciled balance of \$90,467.50 for September 30, 2019 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Thomas 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 August 31 of \$6074.67 with deposits of \$9,724.64 and less expenses of \$2,973.62 leaving a reconciled balance of \$12,825.69 for September 30, 2019. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Thomas 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 August 31 of \$147,127.10 with deposits of \$50,780.04 and less expenses of \$68,835.37 leaving a reconciled balance of \$129,0071.77 for September 30, 2019. Mr. Thomas 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 .024 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the new pumps for the water treatment plant were received and that the Backwash Pump was installed. Mrs. Forsha stated that Pump #1 is installed and start up is planned for next week. In addition, Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the automatic priming system was not included in the plans for the new pumps. She stated that a change order for a priming system would be forth coming.

The Engineer's Report

Mr. Glasser informed the Board that GeoMechanics returned to the ridge on October 9, 2019 to resume the drilling work needed for the stability analysis. Mrs. Forsha stated that

she is waiting for the contractor to complete the punch list for the North Chestnut Street Waterline Replacement. Mr. Glasser presented Change Order #2 from Biter Electric in the amount of \$25,968.37 to replace the broken mixer at the Water Treatment Plant. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Chaney all members approved Change order #2 for the flocculator replacement.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso requested a brief executive session.

Water Old Business

Mrs. Forsha presented Resolution #193 Authorizing the Entering into of a Consent Order and Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Nicely all members voted in favor of ratifying Resolution #193.

Water New Business

Mrs. Forsha presented a quote from AUMA to replace 6 of the automatic valves in the pumphouse in the amount of \$40,360. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Chaney the board all voted to accept the quote from AUMA. Next, Mrs. Forsha presented the results of the Chemical Bid. On a motion by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Nicely the Board all voted to award the chemical bid to the lower bidders.

Sewer Old Business

Mrs. Forsha presented Resolution#194 to request a grant from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program in the amount of \$281,117 for the sludge press building. Mr. Nicely made a motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Chaney seconded with all members voting in favor.

Stormwater Department

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that she attended a meeting with the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority to discuss the Derry Business Park plan. Mrs. Forsha stated that a stormwater retention pond to be constructed by the county in 2020 will help fulfill sediment reduction credits for the MS4 pollutant reduction plan.

Mr. Chaney made to motion to enter into executive session at 8:16pm, and Mr. Thomas seconded with all members entering into executive session.

The Board exited executive session at 8:23pm.

On a motion by Mr. Chaney, seconded by Mr. Thomas, all members agreed to adjourn for the evening at 8:24pm.

*Mr. Richard K. Thomas
Secretary*