

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 21, 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. Peter A. Checca, Secretary; and Mrs. Sara Cowan, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Sara Cowan was recently appointed to fill Dan Chaney's term which expires 2022. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest, and Engineer, William Glasser of Gibson-Thomas Engineering. Mr. Joseph V. Serrao, Jr. Treasurer; was absent from tonight's meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Checca and seconded by Mr. Thomas the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2020 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor. Mrs. Cowan abstained from voting.

Visitors

The following visitors attended out of concern for the sanitary sewer basement backups that are occurring on West Owens Ave, Leo Street and Ridge Ave: Barbara Phillips of 241 West Owens Ave, Jeremy Stein of 401 Leo Street, and Melanie Smail of 209 West Owens Ave. Barbara Phillips stated that she received an email from Kristin Gearhart of the PA DEP, in which she stated that the DEP cannot give approval for the Authority to legally bypass sewage when it rains. Manager Forsha informed the residents that she has reached out to the DEP a couple of times, and was told that they are still in internal discussions. Mrs. Phillips asked what has been done and stated that she has not seen anyone in her neighborhood since August. Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority is performing dye tests on every home within the 4th Ward and is 56% complete, with 140 inspections completed. Manager Forsha said letters of violation were sent to homeowners that had downspouts, sump pumps or stairwell drains connected to the sanitary. In addition, Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority forwarded requested flow meter data and reports to the DEP as requested. Mrs. Forsha also stated that she received quotes on televising the 4th Ward Sanitary System and will present them to the Board later in the meeting.

Nick Cammuso of the Latrobe Bulletin was also present.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented an invoice from Santella Excavation in the amount of \$425 for digging up a water service line connection at the curb stop to check for a leak for customer Jeffrey Smith of 304 Berry Lane. Mrs. Forsha stated that when the Authority opened the curb stop the line started to drain and water started to surface and the Authority employee thought that the customer had a leak, however the curb stop was not fully opened. After the contractor opened the curb stop the entire way the line stopped draining. After discussion, Mr. Checca made a motion to pay the bill on behalf of the customer because the Authority employee informed the customer that they had a leak when they did not. Mrs. Cowan seconded the motion with all members voting to reimburse the customer. Next, Manager Forsha presented a relief request from Rhonda Hazlett of 325 West Owens Ave who had a leaking hot water tank. After discussion, Mr. Checca made a motion to grant her a 25% credit on the leak and Mr. Thomas seconded with all members voting in favor.

Water Old Business:

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that last week she had the privilege of presenting Chairman Richard K. Thomas with the Extended Service Award from PMAA for his 30 years of service to the Authority. Mrs. Forsa mentioned that an open house was also held.

Mr. Nicely joined the meeting at 7:30 o'clock PM.

Water Bills for September 2020 in the amount of \$110,431.91 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$43,273.81 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$5,663.03 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Checca, all members voted to pay the bills.

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on August 31, 2020 of \$102,146.09 with deposits of \$23,787.21 and less expenses of \$110,431.91 leaving a reconciled balance of \$15,501.39 for September 30, 2020 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Checca 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, 2020 of \$99,940.33 with deposits of \$11,163.49 and less expenses of \$5,663.03 leaving a reconciled balance of \$105,440.79 for September 30, 2020. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Checca 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, 2020 of \$173,007.41 with deposits of \$59,625.38 and less expenses of \$43,273.81 leaving a reconciled balance of \$189,358.98 for September 30, 2020. Mr. Nicely moved and seconded by Mr. Checca 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 .028 NTU was also announced.

The Engineer's Report

Mr. Glasser stated that Mr. Bus and Mr. Reynolds met with Amy and Ronnie to discuss the DEP sanctioned automatic shutdown procedure. Cambria Systems has been contacted to provide automation programming and Biter Electric will be quoting the additional controls needed to implement effluent valve control as part of the system.

The Solicitor's Report

Mr. Dalfonso presented his report in executive session.

Water Old Business

Manager Forsha announced that Chairman, Richard K Thomas was awarded the Extended Service Award from PMAA for his 30 years of service to the Authority Board. In addition, Ms. Forsha stated that the Authority has a small open house for local officials after the award ceremony.

Water New Business

Next, on a motion by Mr. Checca, seconded by Mr. Nicely all members voted to accept the low bidders of the Chemical Bid. Univar was awarded the supply contract for Delpac 2020 and carbon, Shannon chemical was awarded the phosphate supply quote, and Barber's Chemicals were the low bidders for soda ash, chlorine, potassium permanganate and sodium bisulfite.

Sewer Department Old Business

Manager Forsha informed the Board that Gibson-Thomas Engineering has completed the manhole inspection and that the next step is to award a televising contract for the 4th Ward. Manager Forsha presented televising quotes from Robinson Pipe, Insight Pipe, and Red Zone Robotics. After review, Mrs. Cowan made a motion to accept Robinson Pipe as the low bidder at \$1.10/ft for the 4th Ward Televising project, and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor.

Sewer Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha stated the new sludge press building is in design.

Stormwater Department Old Business

Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority corrected one home on East Third Ave which had their sanitary connected into the storm system. Manager Forsha also said that plans are underway to correct a home at East Second Ave which has their sanitary connected into the stormwater system also. The Authority has been conducting extensive dye testing within the 1st Ward after sewage has been discovered in two outfalls of Garland Mills near 314 West 2nd Ave.

Stormwater Department New Business

Mrs. Forsha said that Gibson-Thomas is looking to revise the pollutant reduction plan from stream bank stabilization projects to installing end of storm sewer system treatment systems.

Mr. Checca made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:43pm to discuss the labor negotiations, and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting to enter into executive session.

Mr. Nicely exited the meeting at 7:45pm.

The Board exited executive session at 7:58pm. On a motion by Mr. Checca, seconded by Mrs. Cowan, all members voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Mr. Peter A. Checca

Secretary