

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, September 18, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 o'clock, p.m. with the following members answering the Roll Call: Mr. Fredrick D. Goodman, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Richard K. Thomas, Secretary; 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. Mr. Peter A. Checca, Chairman and Mr. Daniel D. Chaney, Treasurer were absent from tonight's meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Goodman the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2019 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.

Visitors

Next Barbara Phillips of 241 West Owens Ave again asked why the 15" combined sewer that ran down Owens Ave was removed and replaced with an 8" line. Mr. Gera stated that the 15" line was combined and carried both storm and sanitary water and during the project in 2008 the storm was separated out from the sanitary and that an 8" line should have enough capacity. Mr. Gera said the focus needs to be on identifying sources of inflow and how it is getting into the system instead of upsizing the line. Mrs. Forsha stated that the smoke testing done so far is revealing cracked laterals as the main source of infiltration. Mrs. Forsha stated that letters were sent to those with cracked laterals and the Authority offered to televise their laterals free of charge. Mrs. Forsha stated that lateral repair is only being required during point of sale inspections. Mrs. Phillips also asked if there were any updates on what was being done about the flooding on Owens Ave. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is looking to install a sensor in the manhole to alert her so that the Authority knows when to begin bypass pumping to prevent the sewage from entering into basements. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that the survey crew shot measurements along Wineman Way and the Authority is waiting to hear back from the engineer as to if a sewer overflow line along Wineman Way is feasible. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that she met with Drnash Environmental and she is looking to install 11 flow meters within the sewer system to work on identifying problem areas and to comply with the DEP's Corrective Action Plan response. Mrs. Forsha stated that for the flow metering program she will be using 4 of the Authority's flow meters and renting additional meters as well as installing a new rain gauge that records time of rainfall.

Nick Cammuso of the Latrobe Bulletin was also in attendance.

Correspondence

Mrs. Forsha presented the correspondence. First, she read a letter from Mrs. Richardson's insurance company which stated that Mrs. Richardson had a \$3,592 deductible for the water leak that occurred. Mr. Nicely voted to grant Mrs. Richardson of 390 Traction Ave a 50% credit on her leak and Mr. Thomas seconded with all member voting in favor of the credit. Next, Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from June Sloan of 125 E. Second Street who requested relief for a high water bill due to a leaking toilet. After discussion, Mr. Thomas made a motion to grant Mrs. Sloan of 125 E Second Street a 50% credit and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor. Lastly, Mrs. Forsha presented a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelly of 116 Fannie Lane who requested assistance for a \$1,022.60

water bill they received due to a leaking commode. After discussion, the Board decided to offer the Kelly's a payment plan on the leak provided that they keep their account current.

Water Bills for August 2019 in the amount of \$111,441.60, Sewer Bills in the amount of \$43,896.46, and Storm Bills in the amount of \$4,979.46 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Nicely, all members voted to pay the bills

The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on July 31, 2019 of \$52,519.43 with deposits of \$129,465.50 and less expenses of \$111,441.60 leaving a reconciled balance of \$70,543.33 for August 31, 2019 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Thomas 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 July 31 of \$633.93 with deposits of \$9,920.20 and less expenses of \$4,979.46 leaving a reconciled balance of \$5,574.67 for August 31, 2019. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Thomas 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 July 31 of \$127,183.64 with deposits of \$63,839.92 and less expenses of \$43,896.46 leaving a reconciled balance of \$147,127.10 for August 31, 2019. Mr. Thomas 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 .024 NTU was also announced. Mrs. Forsha mentioned that the new pumps for the water treatment plant were received and noted that they will be installed within the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Forsha stated that the water treatment plant was having issues treating the excess algae and that an algaecide (Earthtec) will be applied to Ethel Lake on Saturday morning. Mrs. Forsha said that the pumphouse is not using more power and she stated that that multiplier on the meter is now 40 and no longer 80.

The Engineer's Report

Mrs. Gera presented Pay Estimate #2 from Ligonier Construction in the amount of \$292,961.63 for the North Chestnut Street Waterline Extension Contract 1/2019. Mrs. Forsha stated that a final project walkthrough was done today and that a final punch list was made and most of the items are restoration. On a motion by Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Thomas the pay estimate was approved with all members voting in favor. Mr. Gera also presented Change Order #1 from Ligonier Construction for 91 LF of 15" Storm Pipe in the amount of \$5,195.00 and one a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Nicely all members voted in favor of the change order. Next, Mr. Gera presented Change Order #2

from Ligonier Construction in the amount of \$1,000 for a hydrant extension. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Nicely all members approved Change Order #2. Lastly, Mr. Gera presented Pay Estimate #4 from Bob Biter Electric for the Water Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrade Contract 1/2018 in the amount of \$219,563.13. On a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Nicely. Mr. Gera also announced that the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Program was now accepting new applications. Mrs. Forsha stated that she contacted Dominic at Gibson-Thomas and that she would like to submit the sludge press building for grant funding.

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 informed the Board that the intake screen in the lake must have fallen off because 2 36" catfish got stuck in the screen over at the treatment plant. Mrs. Forsha stated that on Friday divers would be in to repair the screen in the lake. Next, Mrs. Forsha presented a request from TSI Titanium to exchange property off of Y Street for the access for Mowry Way Pump Station. After review Mr. Thomas made a motion to grant manager Forsha authority to negotiate new access to Mowry Way pump station, and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor.

Sewer Old Business

Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the new parts were not able to be installed on the Biotower because of the condition of the center column. Mrs. Forsha stated that she received a quote from Envirodyne to rehab the center column at a price of approximately \$26,000 but that Envirodyne was not willing to remove and reinstall the center column. After discussion, the Engineer agreed to declare the project and emergency and instructed the manager to write up a scope of work and have each contractor submit and estimate based on the scope. Mr. Thomas made a motion to permit the manager to prepare a scope and grant the manager the Authority to hire a contractor to make necessary repairs of the biotower and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting in favor.

Stormwater Department

Mrs. Forsha stated her and Lori Latta had a meeting with Doug Silar of Gibson-Thomas Engineering and that the Pollutant Reduction Plan must be revised because stream bank stabilization requires at permanent 35' riparian buffer zone and 100' of continuous project. Mrs. Forsha stated that none of the projects outlined in the original pollutant reduction plan have enough area to have a 35' riparian buffer. Mr. Gera suggested that Doug look at the stream behind St. Joseph's cemetery to determine if any projects can be done there. Mr. Gera stated that he would further discuss this with Doug Silar. Mrs. Forsha said the Borough is very limited on projects because there is not enough property to do projects on within the Borough. Mrs. Forsha stated that she originally wanted the

Borough to put in a permeable parking lot when they were improving the Derry Community Park, which would have counted toward the pollutant reduction plan. The Borough however did not want to change their parking lot plans and went with pavement. Next, Mr. Thomas mentioned that he has had discussion with a couple of non-profits within the Borough and that he has received some concerns over the storm water fee. Mrs. Forsha said that she has not received any complaints from non-profits. Mr. Nicely suggested looking to see if other communities are giving a discount to non-profits. In addition, Mrs. Forsha stated that she heard from Matt Merlin who stated that he would be closing his parking lot next to the lake unless something happens with his stormwater bill. Mrs. Forsha stated that she also received a complaint from Mastrocco's Meats who stated that they are looking to move outside of the Borough due to the stormwater fee.

Mr. Thomas made to motion to enter into executive session at 8:17pm, and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members entering into executive session.

The Board exited executive session at 8:40pm.

On a motion by Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Thomas, all members agreed to adjourn for the evening at 8:40pm.

*Mr. Richard K. Thomas
Secretary*