

*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 16, 2020.*

*Prior to the meeting the Authority held an executive session meeting from 6:30pm to 7pm to discuss labor negotiations.*

*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. Grant A. Nicely, Secretary; Mr. Peter A. Checca, Treasurer; and Mr. Joseph V. Serrao, Jr. Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Daniel D. Chaney, Vice Chairman resigned from the Board of Directors on September 3, 2020. Also, in attendance were Authority Manager, Amy Forsha, Solicitor Samuel Dalfonso Esq., of Dodaro, Matta, and Cambest, and Engineer, Mark Gera of Gibson-Thomas Engineering.*

*On a motion by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Checca the minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2020 were presented for approval and all members voted in favor.*

#### *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 and Melanie Smail of 209 West Owens Ave.*

*Nick Cammuso of the Latrobe Bulletin was present.*

#### *Correspondence*

*Mrs. Forsha read two questions from Barbara Phillips of 241 West Owens Ave. Mrs. Phillips wanted to know what plan was developed to present to the DEP after the 8/25 meeting? Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority was to submit the flow metering results within two weeks of the meeting and completed the task. Mrs. Forsha said that there is no formal plan but that she told the DEP that the Authority will begin dye testing of all homes within the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward to determine stormwater connections. Mrs. Forsha said that approximately 280 people were notified that their stormwater connections will be dye tested. Mrs. Forsha said that after dye testing is complete, she also plans to resmoke test the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward. Mrs. Phillips also asked why the Authority is smoke testing the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward again. Mrs. Forsha said the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward is being resmoke tested so that the Authority can have a complete set of results for the DEP. The Authority tested two years ago and only the homes that have violations were noted but Mrs. Forsha would like to have results for each home. In addition, Mrs. Forsha said that smoke testing in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward was one of the Authorities first testing projects and she would like to experiment with condensing the smoke to see if the Authority finds more broken lines and stormwater connections. Next, Mrs. Forsha read a letter from Christopher Vought of 702 Coles Way who requested relief for sewage due to him installing a sprinkler system. After discussion the Board granted Mrs. Forsha permission to adjust the extra sewage of his bill since the water was used for irrigation. Lastly, Mrs. Forsha read a letter for Keith and Michell Reffo of 203 16<sup>th</sup> Street who requested that the authority investigate a high water bill that they received. The Reffo's suspect that a neighbor used their water while they weren't home to fill a pool. After discussion the Board suggested that the Reffo's file a police report if they feel that their neighbor stole their water.*

*Water Bills for August 2020 in the amount of \$83,045.51 and Sewer Bills in the amount of \$64,079.58 and Storm Bills in the amount of \$3,732.00 were presented for payment. On a motion put forth by Mr. Nicely and seconded by Mr. Thomas, all members voted to pay the bills.*

*The Water Treasurer's Report showing a checking account balance on July 31, 2020 of \$103,411.64 with deposits of \$122,086.68 and less expenses of \$83,045.51 leaving a reconciled balance of \$142,452.81 for August 31, 2020 was presented by Mrs. Forsha. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Serrao 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, 2020 of \$94,384.77 with deposits of \$11,722.45 and less expenses of \$6,166.89 leaving a reconciled balance of \$99,940.33 for August 31, 2020. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was offered by Mr. Serrao 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, 2020 of \$168,726.36 with deposits of \$68,683.20 and less expenses of \$64,402.15 leaving a reconciled balance of \$173,007.41 for August 31, 2020. Mr. Serrao 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 .029 NTU was also announced.*

#### *The Engineer's Report*

*Mr. Gera informed the Board that that the scope of the automatic shutdown procedure needs to be defined by management. Mrs. Forsha stated that the new automatic valves are overheating and that she believes this is being caused by them "hunting" for a position as they are receiving a digital signal and not an analog signal. Mrs. Forsha questioned why the electrician was not instructed to set the valves up for analog controls when they were installed. Biter Electric submitted a proposal to change the effluent and rewash valve controls from digital to analog controls, by furnishing and installing and integrating 4 potentiometers into the existing control systems to allow analog positioning of the effluent and rewash valves. After discussion the Board decided to table the proposal pending further discussion.*

#### *The Solicitor's Report*

*Mr. Dalfonso presented his report in executive session.*

#### *Water New Business*

*The Board received quote on the annual paving project. Mr. Checca made a motion and Mr. Nicely seconded with all members voting to accept Pro 1 Paving's estimate in the amount of \$3,600 for water, \$10,400 for sewer, and \$4,850 for stormwater patches. Next Mrs. Forsha presented an estimate from Schultheis Electric to install a new manual transfer switch with generator hookups at the Mowry Way Pump Station. Mr. Checca made a motion, and Mr. Checca seconded with all members voting to accept Schultheis Electric's quote for \$9,060. Next, Mrs. Forsha announced that a private open house/award ceremony will take place on October 15, 2020 to honor Chairman, Richard K. Thomas for his 30 years of service to The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Derry.*

#### *Sewer Department Old Business*

*Mrs. Forsha informed the Board that the sewer flow metering has been completed and that Gibson-Thomas completed a QA/QC flow monitoring report and submitted it to the DEP as required. In addition, Mrs. Forsha said that Gibson-Thomas is nearing completion with the manhole inspections. After the manhole inspection is completed Mrs. Forsha said that cleaning and televising of the sewer lines will begin.*

#### *Sewer Department New Business*

*Mrs. Forsha stated that approximately 280 letters were sent out to residents with in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward and downspout and stormwater connection dye testing has begun. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that a meeting with DEP was held on August 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the basement flooding on West Owens Ave. Mrs. Forsha said that she is waiting to hear back from the DEP to see if the Authority would be permitted to reinstate the sanitary sewer overflow. Mrs. Forsha also mentioned that she plans to work with the Borough's sewer ordinance committee to update the sewer ordinance.*

#### *Stormwater Department Old Business*

*Mrs. Forsha said that the Authority has been conducting extensive dye testing within the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward after sewage has been discovered in two outfalls of Garland Mills near 314 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Mrs. Forsha said that she recently discovered two homes that had their sanitary sewer laterals connected into the storm sewer instead of the sanitary.*

#### *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. Mrs. Forsha stated that she is waiting for cost estimates for the project and that Derry Borough is looking to CDBG funding to assist with the project costs.*

*Mr. Nicely made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm o'clock and Mr. Serrao seconded with all members voting in favor of retiring for the evening.*

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*Mr. Grant Nicely  
Secretary*