

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the:

Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority
377 Cedarcrest Drive
Duncansville, PA 16635

The Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ted Ventre, held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 7:06 PM.

In attendance were 4 Authority members as follows: Ted Ventre, Robin Cadwallader, Lowell Kirk, and Brendan Peterson. (Mary Bolt arrived late to the meeting as noted below.)

Also in attendance were Tim M^cGaw, Manager; Katie M^cGaw, Administrative Assistant; Matt and Mike Gieg, Solicitors; Dan Carbaugh, Engineer.

VISITORS: Connie Heininger Jim Jackson

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of December 4, 2019. MOTION: Kirk SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for December 2019. MOTION: Kirk SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Mary Bolt entered the meeting 7:07 PM.

Gieg stated the Release of the Security Agreement and the Bill of Sale for Pleasant View Estates, Phase VI have both been signed by Jeff Holtzinger. The money being held by Gieg Law Offices as security (\$8,712.00) has been returned to Mr. Holtzinger. Motion was made to authorize Ted Ventre, Chairman, to sign the Release of Security Agreement and Bill of Sale for Pleasant View Estates, Phase VI. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 5 Yes.

Dan Carbaugh reported that Keller Engineers has submitted to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) our application for the Small Water & Sewer Program H2O Grant for the Reservoir Road Sanitary Sewer Project. This is a \$7.5 million dollar project with a 50% grant by the CFA - 50% match by BTWSA. Dan explained this is a highly competitive grant program that is politically driven. We must try to impress upon our State Representative and State Senator that this project needs priority for the Blair County region.

Dan stated that Keller Engineers will be submitting the Chapter 94 reports by the end of this month.

A PennDOT coordinator contacted Dan to find out how much of an impact our Reservoir Road Sanitary Sewer Project will have on the PennDOT Right-of-Way's. Dan intends to keep his response generic since our project is only in the planning stages. Motion was made to authorize Dan Carbaugh to respond to PennDOT's inquiry about the impact our Reservoir Road Sanitary Sewer Project will have on PennDOT Right-of-Way's. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Kirk VOTE: 5 Yes.

Tim informed the Board that we are experiencing Meter Reading problems in the Fort Fetter area again. The Hollidaysburg water meters have converted from Drive-By Mode to Tower Mode and we cannot read their meters anymore. Tim explained that there are two possibilities to consider for billing our customers who have Hollidaysburg water meters: getting meter readings each month from Hollidaysburg at a cost of \$1.55 per customer or billing these customers our flat rate of \$55.00 dollars. After discussion, motion was made to get monthly water meter readings from Hollidaysburg for our customers with Hollidaysburg water meters, at a cost of \$1.55 per customer, and to bill these customers for metered sewer at the same metered sewer rate as all our other customers. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 5 Yes. We will monitor this process for 1 year and reopen this discussion at a later date.

A revised version of the draft letter from Luke Helsel (Sewage Enforcement Officer) to our Reservoir Road residents was discussed. A couple more minor changes were made. Motion was made to send this revised version to Luke Helsel of Blair County Sanitary Administration to see if he would be willing to put it on his letterhead and sign it. If so, we will include copies of this letter with our letter to the residents living within our Reservoir Road Sanitary Sewer Project area. The BTWSA wants to be sure that our potential customers have been informed about their problem or their neighbor's problem and understand that BTWSA is offering a solution. These residents need to know the costs involved in sanitary sewer being brought to their area. Motion was made to send this revised version of Luke Helsel's letter back to Luke Helsel to see if he finds it acceptable and if he will put it on his letterhead and sign it. MOTION: Kirk SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 5 Yes.

Tim told the Board he checked the flow in our 10-inch wastewater main from Brentwood to the Stowell Flow Meter after a 0.3" rain and it was running 75% full. This wastewater main has reached its lifespan. As an alternative to excavation, Tim contacted Guyer Brothers, Inc. of New Enterprise who install Fold & Form Lining for wastewater main rehabilitation. They charge \$43/foot. This stretch of pipe is 2,840 feet long. Tim thinks this would be an excellent wastewater rehab future project.

There was a house fire at 706 Hillsdale Drive this past Sunday, January 5 that was a total loss. The fire departments used 450,000 gallons of water to fight this fire.

There was a water break at 731 Orchard Drive that we repaired. Tim estimated the water loss was around 20,000 gallons per day.

We received a letter from Freedom Township regarding their wastewater treatment rates for 2020. Tim said these rates are within the parameter of what we have budgeted.

Katie told the Board that the Blair Township Supervisors re-appointed Brendan Peterson to a 5-year term on the Water and Sewer Authority at their December 10 meeting.

The 2020 Sewer Rate Increase letters went out to all our customers by mid-December.

Katie informed the Board that Kevin Kneezle paid his two accounts in full on December 6. This amounted to \$1,238.82.

Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on February 5, 2020, at 7 PM.

Motion was made (at 8:11 PM) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Cadwallader
SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 5 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Lowell H. Kirk



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