

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the:

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

The Regular Monthly Meeting, held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., was called to order by Chairman Ted Ventre. Tonight's meeting was conducted through Conference Calling, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In attendance were 5 Authority members as follows: Ted Ventre, Robin Cadwallader, Lowell Kirk, Brendan Peterson, and Mary Bolt.

Also, in attendance were Tim M<sup>c</sup>Gaw, Manager; Katie M<sup>c</sup>Gaw, Administrative Assistant; Matt and Mike Gieg, Solicitors; Dan Carbaugh, Engineer.

VISITORS: Kay Stephens, *Altoona Mirror*

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of July 1, 2020. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Kirk VOTE: 5 Yes.

Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for July 2020. MOTION: Kirk SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 5 Yes.

Matt Gieg announced that there was a brief Executive Session held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Dan Carbaugh reported that the sewer main in Barneywood Phase II was installed by Claycomb Excavating. It was completed and passed inspection on August 4, 2020.

Dan stated that Keller Engineers has been in contact with Ron Leach, owner of Haven Ridge Excavating, for Vicki Claar's project at 646 Patrick Lane in Newry. Mr. Leach needs to provide Keller with a design of the sewer extension, showing slope of pipe and depth of manhole.

Dan contacted Senator Judy Ward's office for Grant and Loan Funding information. Unfortunately, there is no grant money available other than the H2O money, for which BTWSA has applied.

Upon the request of Robin Cadwallader and Brendan Peterson, Dan divided the Reservoir Road Wastewater Project into three Stand Alone Sections: Option 1: Eastview Street, Option 2: Middle Section, and Option 3: Pump Service #3 Service Area. A copy of each option was provided to each board member. Dividing the Project into three Stand Alone Sections presents significant design challenges, such as diameter of force main and horsepower of pumps, both of which are dependent upon whether each section is a steppingstone to the next section or not. Ted Ventre said that having the design and engineering done for the project as a whole (all three options) makes the most sense, and if the funding isn't sufficient, the project could be scaled back. After a couple more questions were answered, motion was made to have Keller Engineers proceed with the design and engineering work for the Reservoir Road Wastewater Expansion Project

(Phase I, II, and III) at a cost of \$302,500.00 dollars. MOTION: Bolt SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 2 Yes; 3 No. (Cadwallader, Kirk, and Peterson). Motion did not pass.

Brendan Peterson and Robin Cadwallader exited the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Tim McGaw stated that a CoStar quote from Stuckey Ford for a 2020 Ford F-550 Crew Cab Dual-Wheeled Truck is in each Board Member's folder. This price is on a 2020 truck and the more expensive 2021 models are coming out. The List Price of the Chassis w/options plus the Upfitting by Keith's Truck Service comes to \$56,680.00. After deducting the \$20,000.00 Trade-In of the 2013 Ford F-350 and the \$11,580.00 CoStar/Dealer Discounts, the Total Cost comes to \$43,545.00 (including WeatherTech floor mats). Motion was made to purchase the 2020 Ford F-550 Crew Cab Dual-Wheeled Truck from Stuckey Ford (with a trade in of the 2013 Ford F-350 truck) for \$43,545.00, as presented by Tim. MOTION: Kirk SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 2 Yes; 1 No (Bolt).

Tim told the Board that he had to replace the Gas Hot Water Heater at the Office. The cost of the new water heater and installation was \$975.00.

Tim reported that the 6-inch Omni Water Meter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Meter Vault must be replaced. A new one has been ordered from L/B Water Service for \$1,946.69.

Katie McGaw reported that Freedom Township refunded BTWSA \$13,042.68 based upon their 2019 Audit of operating costs at their Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ted called upon the tele-conference visitors to see if anyone had any questions or comments. Kay Stephens from the *Altoona Mirror* asked for clarification on the Reservoir Road Wastewater Project vote.

Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held via Conference Call on September 2, 2020, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 7:41 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Bolt SECOND: Kirk VOTE: 3 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Lowell H. Kirk

