

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, February 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., was called to order by Chairman Ted Ventre.

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

Also in attendance were Tim M^cGaw, Manager; Katie M^cGaw, Administrative Assistant; Matt Gieg, Solicitor; Dave Cunningham, Engineer.

VISITORS:	Tracey Snowberger	Stacy Dellape
	Lou Lusk	Brad Germaux
	Paul Amigh	Rick Detwiler

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2022. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 3 Yes. 1 Abstain (Mary Bolt).

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of January 5, 2022. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for January 2022. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Tracey Snowberger of 256 Log Cabin Lane, Hollidaysburg, spoke about her unpleasant experience when a grinder pump had to be replaced at her rental property (248 Snowberger Lane). Tracey was billed \$3,230.47 for a new Grinder Pump and Labor, even though a neighbor claims that BTWSA did not install a new pump. Rick Detwiler, Maintenance Supervisor, was one of the men who responded to the Grinder Pump Service Call on 1/10/2022. Rick gave a detailed description of the work that he and two other Maintenance Men performed on that Service Call. After the pump was replaced, BTWSA sent the old one to RAM Industries for an estimate on the repair. Tim spoke to Dave Delattre of RAM Industries today and they estimate the cost of repair will be around \$1000.00 dollars. Tracey was offered the option of having BTWSA reinstall her old pump after it has been repaired, and only be responsible for paying the Repair Bill. Tim McGaw stated he recently became aware of "sewer insurance" that a homeowner can purchase to cover the components of a sewer system, including a grinder pump. This is available through Home SERV at a monthly cost of \$8.99. The topic of Grinder Pump warranty came up. Tim stated there is a 2-year warranty on a Barnes Pump. Our supplier is Miller Supply. The warranty period starts on the date of purchase. BTWSA purchases these grinder pumps for stock, so we have a couple on hand for emergencies. Often, the warranty has expired before the pump is taken out of its shipping carton. Because of this, BTWSA cannot offer any type of warranty. Tracey stated her last Grinder Pump was installed on 11/25/2019, just 26 months ago. Ted Ventre stated that everything that goes down the drain goes into the Grinder Pump Wet Well and gets cut into small pieces before being pumped up to our sewer main. The life of a Grinder Pump depends upon what goes into the Wet Well. Tim stated he just replaced a Grinder Pump that worked perfectly for 21 years. Brendan Peterson stated that BTWSA needs to better memorialize that there is no warranty on the pumps we install. Brendan also pointed out that

a sewer customer is welcome to shop in the private sector for their own Grinder Pump and have any qualified plumber they choose install the pump.

Robin Cadwallader entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m. via conference call.

Matt Gieg presented Resolution 2022-1. Motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-1 that increases the Developer Review Fee from \$2,500.00 dollars to \$5,000.00 dollars, effective January 1, 2022. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 5 Yes.

Matt Gieg presented Resolution 2022-2. Motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-2 that increases the Place/Lift Municipal Lien fee from \$65.00 dollars to \$80.00 dollars, effective January 1, 2022. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 5 Yes.

Matt Gieg presented Resolution 2022-3. Motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-3 that adopts the Rates Summary Sheet for 2022, effective January 1, 2022. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 5 Yes.

Matt Gieg presented the Board with a Grinder Pump Repair Agreement that would be entered into by the Authority and the Owner of a property that is requesting BTWSA to Repair/Replace a Grinder Pump. After discussion, motion was made to approve the written Grinder Pump Repair Agreement, subject to redefining the provisions of a payment schedule and indication of a manufacturers warranty. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 5 Yes.

Dave Cunningham of Keller Engineers stated that he and Tim identified the Cedarcrest Drive Sanitary Sewer Replacement as an optimal Capital Improvement Project. This Project would replace approximately 890 feet of sanitary sewer between Appleview Lane and Peachview Lane. Construction Cost is estimated at \$150,000.00 dollars. As per the Proposal of Service/Contract, the outlined engineering services would include two separate 3-month monitoring periods to determine the Infiltration/Inflow into the sanitary sewer. The only caveat with this is that it would be inconclusive as to the source of the I/I being our sewer mains or our customer's sewer laterals. Motion was made to table the Cedarcrest Drive Capital Improvement Project until the next meeting. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 5 Yes.

Dave reported that Keller Engineers continues to conduct field work in the Reservoir Road Wastewater Extension Project Area.

Dave said he will be submitting the Chapter 94 Reports to Hollidaysburg, Freedom Township, and Duncansville. Dave also stated that Keller Engineers will submit the Chapter 110 Report by the end of next month.

Dave stated the Preliminary Plans for the Longshadow Subdivision in Brooks Mills have been reviewed by Keller Engineers. Several modifications have to be made. Plans have not been approved yet.

Dave said his office has not received an official submittal for the Jeff Long Subdivision along Newry Lane.

Dave stated that he and Tim were reviewing the BTWSA Rules and Regulations regarding Grinder Pumps. Some of the language was not updated regarding ownership. A Resolution will be prepared for the March meeting.

Tim McGaw received notification from Workers Compensation that our premium was being increased due to an Amended Experience Mod. We have been billed an additional \$2,996.00 dollars.

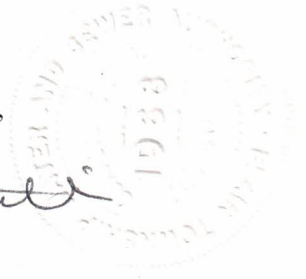
Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on March 2, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 8:31 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Bolt SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 5 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward M. Silveti".

Edward M. Silveti



RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 1

**RESOLUTION OF THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
INCREASING THE DEVELOPER REVIEW FEE FROM \$2,500.00 DOLLARS TO
\$5,000.00 DOLLARS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022**

Be it hereby resolved and enacted by the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority of Blair Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the Developer Review Fee shall be increased from \$2,500.00 dollars to \$5,000.00 dollars to be collected in advance from a Developer, effective January 1, 2022.

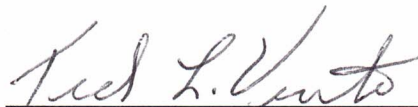
This Resolution was duly adopted this 2 day of Feb., 2022.

ATTEST:

BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND
SEWER AUTHORITY



Edward Silvetti, Secretary



Ted Ventre, Chairman



RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 2

**RESOLUTION OF THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
INCREASING THE PLACE/LIFT MUNICIPAL LIEN FEE FROM \$65.00 DOLLARS
TO \$80.00 DOLLARS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022**

Be it hereby resolved and enacted by the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority of Blair Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the Place/Lift Municipal Lien Fee shall be increased from \$65.00 dollars to \$80.00 dollars, effective January 1, 2022.

This Resolution was duly adopted this 2 day of Feb., 2022.

ATTEST:

BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY


Edward Silveti, Secretary


Ted Ventre, Chairman



RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 3

**RESOLUTION OF THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
TO ADOPT RATES SUMMARY SHEET, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022**

Be it hereby resolved and enacted by the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority of Blair Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the attached Rates Summary Sheet shall become effective January 1, 2022.

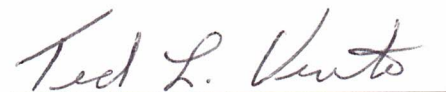
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Edward Silvetti, Secretary



Ted Ventre, Chairman



RATES SUMMARY SHEET
BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
JANUARY 2022

WATER SYSTEM

Purchased Water – Metered Usage:

Metered Area (per EDU)	\$18.00 monthly base rate + \$12.50/1000 gallons
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Domestic Water Permit fee: \$2,000.00

Fire Line Permit fee: \$2,000.00

WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Wastewater – Metered and Non-Metered:

Metered Area	\$40.35 Base Rate for the first 2000 gallons + \$9.25/1000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons. Starting at 10,001 gallons, a Consumption Charge of \$40.35 + \$9.25/1000 gallons up to 20,000 gallons. The same rate structure shall repeat for each additional 10,000 gallons. Consumption Charges do not include a 2000-gallon allocation. The Consumption Charge of \$40.35 shall be applied on gallon 10,001, gallon 20,001, etc.
Flat Rate Area (per EDU)	\$55.00
Newry Borough	\$65.00

Domestic Wastewater Permit fee: \$1,500.00 + Applicable Capacity Fee

Duncansville: Capacity Fee of \$1,500.00

Newry: Capacity Fee of \$1,500.00

ADDITIONAL FEES

Initiate New Service	\$50.00 New Customer Account
Account Balance Inquiry	\$50.00 in Advance w/request
Transfer of Ownership	\$50.00 Final Bill fee
Late Payment over 30 Days Past Due	\$50.00 Administrative fee
Late Payment over 90 Days Past Due	\$50.00 Administrative fee
Place/Lift Municipal Lien	\$80.00 Legal fee
Collection through Court System	\$1,500.00 Legal fee
Returned Check	\$50.00 Service Charge
Water Shut Off	\$50.00 Shut Off fee
Failure to Connect	\$50.00/day
Failure to Notify Transfer of Ownership	\$50.00/day
Damage to Line or Tap	\$50.00/day
Developer Review fee	\$5,000.00 in Advance