

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority
377 Cedarcrest Drive
Duncansville, PA 16635

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., was called to order by Chairman Ted Ventre.

In attendance were three Authority members as follows: Ted Ventre, Edward Silvetti, and Mary Bolt. (Robin Cadwallader and Brendan Peterson were absent.)

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

VISITORS: Paul Amigh Richard Heininger

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of March 2, 2022. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 3 Yes.

Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for March 2022. MOTION: Bolt, SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 3 Yes. Katie stated that BTWSA received a Peak Flow Exceedance bill from Hollidaysburg for the period of July 1 – December 31 for \$1500.00. Given the amount of rain we got during that period, Katie felt this was very reasonable.

Matt Gieg stated that the Tracey Snowberger-Maurer matter has been resolved. An Agreement and General Mutual Release was signed on 3/15/2022 and \$112.50 was paid by Tracey. Later that day, four of our Maintenance staff and Tim McGaw met with Tracey at 248 Snowberger Lane. They pulled the Grinder Pump out of the Wet Well and emptied the Wet Well by sucking out the waste and debris. There was 1-1/2 inches of sewer grease build-up, and a plastic Q-Tip was found, clinging to the Pump. This was shown to Tracey. After cleaning the Pump, it was returned to the Wet Well. At this point, Tracey stated she was satisfied. Tim suggested to Tracey that she may want to consider getting someone like Ken Wertz to come once/year to suck the contents out of the Wet Well. This could prolong the life of the Pump.

Matt reported that the Authority has a customer who has been contacted repeatedly about a sewer issue but is doing nothing to resolve the problem. During routine inspection, it was discovered the sewer lateral at Jacob Defibaugh's (9215 Charger Highway) is running half-full of water. Initially, he was contacted by phone, but since then, attempts at contacting him (notes on door, phone calls, and letters) have gone unanswered. We have started fining him \$50/day as per our Rules and Regulations, but even that has elicited no response. Matt stated that there is a legal remedy for this by filing action with the court for Equitable Relief. After discussion, motion was made to authorize Gieg Law Offices to file an Emergency Preliminary Injunction for a Complaint in Equity against Jacob Defibaugh of 9215 Charger Highway and to add \$1500.00 to his account to cover legal costs associated with the Complaint. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 3 Yes.

Matt presented Resolution 2022-7 which amends the BTWSA Rules and Regulations, Water Section 6, subsection 6.05 to read "Service lines and/or connections shall not be installed when the water service line passes through property which at the time may be the property

owned by Persons other than the Owner of the Building to be supplied.” Motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-7. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Bolt VOTE:-3 Yes.

Matt presented Resolution 2022-8 which amends the BTWSA Rules and Regulations, Wastewater Section 6, subsection 6.05 to read “Laterals and/or Wastewater Tap connections shall not be installed when the lateral would pass through property which at the time may be the property owned by Persons other than the Owner of the Building to be served.” Motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-8. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 3 Yes.

Dave Cunningham reported that Keller Engineers prepared a Capital Improvement Project Proposal for replacing approximately 525 feet of water line in the Wye Switches area. Tim McGaw stated that there have been 8 repairs to this line, the most recent of which we lost 500,000 gallons of water. Tim said this repair goes to the top of his list for Capital Improvements. Ted Ventre is familiar with the water lines in that area and agrees that an upgrade is necessary. Ted also stated the Board had discussed replacing 890 feet of Sanitary Sewer lines on Cedarcrest Drive between Applevue Lane and Peachview Lane at the February meeting. If BTWSA has a target budget of \$250,000 for Capital Improvement Projects in 2022, he feels we should combine the two projects and bid them together instead of separately. Dave pointed out if the Authority merged the two projects into one, it would save approximately \$18,000 dollars. Motion was made to combine the Wye Switches Waterline Replacement Project with the Cedarcrest Drive Sanitary Sewer Replacement and to authorize Keller Engineers to proceed with the combined Project for 2022 construction target. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 3 Yes.

Dave stated that Survey work continues in the Reservoir Road Wastewater Extension Project Area. He spoke with Trina Illig today to see how many Income Surveys have been returned. Out of 217 surveys, only 102 have been returned. Trina is going to have to send out a Second Notice to those who haven't responded. It was discussed that BTWSA should send a letter explaining the importance of completing the Survey. Matt Gieg suggested that if BTWSA drafted a letter, he could ask Trina to include BTWSA's letter with her Second Notice. Ed Silvetti offered to draft the letter.

Dave said that Keller Engineers submitted the Chapter 110 Report for BTWSA last week.

Dave said the Longshadow Subdivision in Brooks Mills is on hold until they submit the required \$5,000.00 in Review Fees to BTWSA.

Tim McGaw stated that he got estimates to resurface the BTWSA parking lot. The estimates from New Enterprise Stone & Lime (\$18,647.30) and JW Fleming (\$21,324.00) involve milling, paving, and re-striping the lot. The estimate from Mattas Asphalt (\$4,425.00) involves filling cracks, sealcoating, and striping. Tim contacted Grannas Brothers to give him an estimate, but when they saw the size of the lot, they stated they don't do smaller projects anymore. Tim asked if he needed to get a third estimate for milling, paving, and striping. Ed Silvetti stated that because Tim attempted to get three quotes, this fulfilled the Borough Code for Bidding. Motion was made to accept the New Enterprise Stone & Lime proposal to mill, pave, and stripe the BTWSA lot at a cost of \$18,647.30. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 3 Yes. Paul Amigh stated this would be a good time to redirect the traffic flow through the Township lot from the front of their building to the rear of their building, with traffic exiting past the Police entrance. He will bring it up at the next Township meeting.

Katie McGaw reported that there is a temporary emergency program called the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) that helps low-income families pay overdue water and wastewater bills. BTWSA participates in the LIHWAP Program and has received \$3,146.46 in pledges thus far.

Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on May 4, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 8:03 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Bolt SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 3 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Edward M. Silvetti



RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 7

RESOLUTION OF THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY AMENDING SECTION 6, SUBSECTION 6.05 OF THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO WATER SERVICE LINES

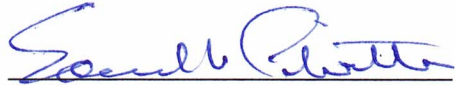
Be it hereby resolved and enacted by the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority of Blair Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the rules and regulations of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 6 (Specifications and Standards), subsection 6.05 of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority Rules and Regulations relating to water service lines is hereby amended and shall contain the following language:
“Service lines and/or connections shall not be installed when the water service line passes through property which at the time may be the property owned by Persons other than the Owner of the Building to be supplied.”
2. The above quoted language shall replace and supersede in all respects the language contained in section 6 (Specifications and Standards), subsection 6.05 of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority Rules and Regulations relating to water service lines and shall hereafter govern said section.
3. This Resolution shall become effective and shall be enforceable as of the date on which this Resolution is adopted by the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority at a public meeting.

This Resolution was duly adopted this 6 day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND
SEWER AUTHORITY


Edward Silveti, Secretary


Ted Ventre, Chairman



RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 8

RESOLUTION OF THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY AMENDING SECTION 6, SUBSECTION 6.05 OF THE BLAIR TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO LATERALS AND WASTEWATER TAP CONNECTIONS

Be it hereby resolved and enacted by the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority of Blair Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, that the rules and regulations of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority are hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 6 (Specifications and Standards), subsection 6.05 of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority Rules and Regulations relating to Laterals and Wastewater Tap connections is hereby amended and shall contain the following language:

“Laterals and/or Wastewater Tap connections shall not be installed when the lateral would pass through property which at the time may be the property owned by Persons other than the Owner of the Building to be served.”
2. The above quoted language shall replace and supersede in all respects the language contained in section 6 (Specifications and Standards), subsection 6.05 of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority Rules and Regulations relating to laterals and wastewater tap connections and shall hereafter govern said section.

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