

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:07 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

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of April 6, 2022. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 3 Yes.

Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for April 2022. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Bolt VOTE: 3 Yes. Katie stated that BTWSA made an Interest Only payment to BNY Mellon on 4/8 for \$29,720.01.

Matt Gieg updated the Authority on the Jacob Defibaugh (9215 Charger Highway) matter. As you will recall, Jacob has a constant flow of excess water coming out of his house and into our sanitary sewer system. Gieg Law Offices filed a Complaint in Equity and petitioned the judge for an Ex Parte Injunction. On 4/21, Judge Doyle signed the proposed Order. There was a Hearing on 4/26, at which Mr. Defibaugh made no appearance. A Blair Township Police Officer visited the residence on 4/27 to get a current phone number from Mr. Defibaugh and to urge him to contact the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority. To date, he has yet to contact the Authority, despite many efforts by BTWSA to contact him. Today, 5/4, Gieg Law Offices filed another Petition for Further Emergency Ex Parte Equitable Relief asking the Judge to authorize BTWSA employees to plug and cap the sewer lateral, which will stop all flow in the lateral to the sewer main. This Order also protects BTWSA from any/all damage claims resulting from the capping. Matt expects this Hearing to be within 5 days. If the Judge signs this Order, BTWSA will need the cooperation of Blair Township Police Department to Red Tag the home, because once the sewer lateral is capped, the home will be uninhabitable.

Dave Cunningham reported that Keller Engineers has surveyed the Wye Switches area and Cedarcrest Drive area in preparation of BTWSA's Capital Improvement Project. Due to supply issues, Dave recommends that BTWSA pre-buy the pipe. Upon the recommendation of our engineer, motion was made to pre-buy ± 540-feet of 6-inch DR 18 water main pipe for the 1st and 2nd Avenue Water Replacement Project and ± 650-feet of 8-inch SDR 35 plastic sanitary sewer pipe for the Cedarcrest Wastewater Replacement Project so we have it on hand. MOTION: Bolt SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 3 Yes.

Dave stated that Trina Illig sent out the second Income Survey with a deadline of 4/29. She is preparing to go door-to-door to get enough responses to the Income Survey. Ed Silvetti stated that Reservoir Road residents are offering to speak to their non-respondent neighbors to

urge them to complete the Income Survey, if Trina Illig would provide them with names. Paul Amigh stated that Trina has 46%, but needs to have a minimum of 51%.

Dave said the Longshadow Subdivision in Brooks Mills is going nowhere. They have yet to establish an escrow account with BTWSA. Dave stated that he is going to strike them from future BTWSA Agendas unless something progresses.

Tim McGaw stated he has begun looking for water leaks again. A small water leak was located at/near 1110 Newry Lane. It is scheduled for repair tomorrow.

Katie McGaw stated that a copy of the Annual Water Quality Report was provided to each Board Member. This Report can also be viewed on the BTWSA.org website. The URL link was provided to each water customer on April's bill.

Katie reported we have a Sewer-only customer named Nancy Wineland (106 Snyder Lane) who has fallen into the 90+Day Past Due category. Katie was going to ask the Board for a vote to pursue Equitable Relief, but today she got word that a local agency is pledging money to help Nancy, so her account will soon be paid in full.

Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on June 8, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 7:38 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Bolt SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 3 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Edward M. Silvetti

