

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

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., was called to order by Chairman Ted Ventre.

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

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

VISITORS: Paul Link, CPA
Brooke Beauchamp-Yaudes
Hunter Link

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of June 8, 2022. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 3 Yes.

Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for June 2022. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 3 Yes.

Mary Bolt entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Ted Ventre, Chairman, called upon the Visitors and asked them if they wished to speak. Hunter Link stated that his family's homestead is located on Reservoir Road, and he wishes to build a new home on the property. Hunter knows that BTWSA is in the Planning Stage of a Sewer Expansion to this area, but since this property is only a short distance from Frankstown Township (and Frankstown Township's sewer main), he wanted to ask if he could hook onto Frankstown Township's sewer line as a stopgap measure until BTWSA's Sewer Expansion is completed, at which point he would disconnect from Frankstown's line and connect to BTWSA's line. Matt Gieg stated that he is the Solicitor for both Frankstown and BTWSA, and feels this is a viable temporary option. After discussion, it was decided to develop an Agreement between Frankstown, BTWSA, and Hunter Link for a temporary stopgap connection with Frankstown's sewer line that would be abandoned upon the completion of BTWSA's sewer expansion to the Reservoir Road area, whereby Mr. Link would then hook onto BTWSA's sewer line. Mr. Link would be responsible to pay all costs related to both hook-ups.

Paul Link of Link & Associates, P. C. presented the 2021 Audit Report. BTWSA's Net Position is a 9.75:1 ratio, which is excellent. Motion was made to accept the 2021 Audit Report as presented. MOTION: Bolt SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 4 Yes.

Matt Gieg stated that BTWSA currently has everything under control and there are no legal issues to report.

Dave Cunningham said the Pre-Bid Conference for BTWSA's 2022 Capital Improvement Project was held on Wed., June 29 and the Bid Opening was on Wed., July 6. BTWSA received 6 sealed bids. Low bidder was Diehl Contracting LLC of Glen Hope, PA at

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\$154,210.00. Keller Engineers has worked with Diehl Contracting on multiple projects. After reviewing the bid to make sure everything was in order, Dave recommended that BTWSA award the bid to Diehl Contracting. Motion was made to award the 2022 Capital Improvement Project (Applewood Phase I Sewer Replacement and Wye Switches Waterline Replacement) to Diehl Contracting LLC for \$154,210.00. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Ventre Vote: 4 Yes.

Dave stated that Field Work is finished in the Reservoir Road Project area. Dave hasn't received an update from Trina Illig regarding the Income Survey results.

Dave provided the Board with a Water & Sewer Revenue and Expense Analysis. After receiving a copy of the 2021 Audit Report, Dave wants to check his figures against the Audit and will make a recommendation at the July meeting about our water and sewer rates.

Tim McGaw reported that he met with Jacob Defibaugh (9215 Charger Highway) on June 10 and has a signed Agreement stating he will pay \$339.77 per month in addition to his \$55.00 Sewer payment until \$6,115.90 (Legal Fees & Fines) is paid in full. Payment is due on/before the 15th each month.

After last month's meeting Tim contacted Dave Worthing of M & T Bank and asked him to modify our Loan Repayment Agreement to reflect the new, lower fixed interest rate of 3.76%, at no cost to the Authority. Up to that point, we were paying a fixed rate of 4.57%.

Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on August 3, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 7:46 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 4 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Edward M. Silvetti

