

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

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ted Ventre.

In attendance were 3 Authority members as follows: Ted Ventre, Robin Cadwallader, and Brendan Peterson. (Edward Silveti and Mary Bolt were absent.)

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

VISITORS: Pat Fanelli

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of July 5, 2023. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 3 Yes.

Brendan Peterson asked if there were any unusual purchases in July. Katie called his attention to a disbursement from the Capital Improvement account for a concrete/ductile iron saw that we purchased as a new tool. Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for July 2023. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 3 Yes.

Ted Ventre made the motion to terminate Matt Gieg as our solicitor. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 3 Yes.

Robin Cadwallader made the motion to hire Pat Fanelli of Fanelli-Willett Law Offices as our new solicitor. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 3 Yes. Pat thanked the Board for their confidence in him, noting that municipal work is a significant part of his practice.

Dave Cunningham stated that Keller Engineers is still working through the Income Surveys with Trina Illig and that Keller is wrapping up the Environmental Permitting on the Reservoir Road Wastewater Expansion Project.

Dave presented a copy of the Maintenance Bond for Snyder Excavating, LLC. They have not submitted the As-Built drawings for the 2023 Capital Improvement Project on Country View Drive, so Keller is still holding \$2000.00 dollars.

Dave also reported that there were no decisions made regarding the H2O PA and the PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant applications, at the Commonwealth Financing Authority's July 18 meeting. No one was awarded any money, and no one was denied any money. The CFA's next meeting is on 9/19/2023.

At last month's meeting, when Paul Link presented the 2022 Audit Report, Robin Cadwallader pointed out that the Audit Report shows we are operating at a loss in the Water category, yet our engineers feel we are not operating at a loss. Since last month's meeting, Dave spoke with Paul and shared budget information with him. They are going

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to merge their information and make the audit figures more consistent with the budget figures for 2023.

Tim McGaw stated that BTWSA was able to assist the resident at 416-R 1st Avenue in applying for LIHWAP money through the Blair County Assistance Office. BCA made a pledge to pay for his water & sewer arrearage with LIHWAP money. The water is back on at this address. Another resident who received a Water Shut Off Notice was also helped with LIHWAP money.

Tim reported that our Maintenance Personnel completed a Valve Replacement Project at the intersection of Hamer Drive/Ted's Way. BTWSA dug up 4 valves, reconfigured the jointure, and put in 2 new valves. This improvement allows us to better isolate our system. Since then, the guys have worked on the valves that were removed and have gotten 3 out of 4 to work again. A few minor parts are needed to repair the 4th. These valves will be able to be reused again.

Tim was pleased to report that BTWSA received a check for \$2,648.00 dollars from Hollidaysburg for overpayment of sewer treatment in 2022. We also received a check for \$15,455.79 dollars from Freedom Township for overpayment of sewer treatment in 2022.

Tim called the Board's attention to a Handout in their folders regarding the purchase of a 2022 Ford F-350 Truck. This truck is a 2022 leftover with a full 3-year bumper-to-bumper warranty from the date of purchase. Our 2015 Ford F-350 Truck is in need of some major repairs to the Heating & Cooling system. Stuckey Ford has offered BTWSA a trade in allowance of \$23,000.00 dollars on the 2015 truck and a COSTARS savings of \$8,300.00 dollars on the 2022 truck. BTWSA's "Out the Door" price for the brand-new 2022 Ford F-350 Truck is \$35,410.00 dollars. After discussion, motion was made to purchase the 2022 Ford F-350 4x4 SD Super Cab from Stuckey Ford, using the 2015 Ford F-350 as a trade in, at a total cost of \$35,410.00 dollars. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 3 Yes.

At the June 7 BTWSA Meeting, a motion was made to rescind the Hummingbird Daycare Developer's Agreement contingent upon the Blair Township Supervisors rescinding its Permits. Tim checked with the Township and found that the Supervisors did vote to rescind the Township's permits. Pat confirmed that this action had taken place. If the Withdrawal document was signed by Kaitlyn Tomlinson, Developer, this matter is closed.

Ted announced the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on September 6, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 7:31 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 3 Yes.



Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,

Edward M. Silvetti