

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

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Edward Silveti.

In attendance were 3 Authority Members as follows: Edward Silveti, Rodney Patterson, and Brendan Peterson. (Robin Cadwallader and Ted Ventre were absent.)

Also in attendance were Tim McGaw, Manager; Katie McGaw, Administrative Assistant; Pat Fanelli, Solicitor; and Dave Cunningham, Engineer.

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of September 4, 2024. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 3 Yes.

Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for September 2024. MOTION: Patterson SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 3 Yes.

Pat Fanelli stated that he had a legal matter to discuss.

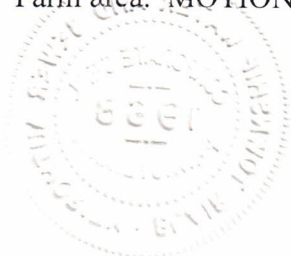
The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

Ed Silveti reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Dave Cunningham reported that Keller has begun working on the Act 537 Update and the Uniform Environmental Report, as required by the Reservoir Road Sewer Expansion Project. This work will continue for a few months. Keller is also addressing floodplain and wetland issues. There was discussion about moving forward with the railroad crossing contracts. There are three areas of impact in Contracts 1 & 2, totaling \$8000.00. Motion was made to authorize Keller Engineers to proceed with the railroad crossing contracts with Everett Railroad. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Silveti VOTE: 3 Yes.

Dave spoke to Frank Hicks from Hollidaysburg about BTWSA upgrading the Metering Manhole in the old Stowell Farm area and making other collection system improvements. Dave has prepared a Capacity Letter for Jeff Long's proposed 220-unit Mattern Woods Greystone facility, which will add 44 EDUs to our sanitary sewer collection system in the Brentwood Phase V area. Dave will have this letter reviewed by Pat Fanelli before sending it to Jeff Long.

There was discussion about the timeframe for replacing the Metering Manhole in the old Stowell Farm area. Jeff Long had stated that his permitting process will take around 2 years, so we will need to complete that project by then. Given the scope of the project, it is unclear whether this is something BTWSA can do or if it will have to be bid out. After discussion, motion was made to authorize Keller Engineers to proceed with design, specifications, and bid documents to upgrade the Metering Manhole in the old Stowell Farm area. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 3 Yes.



Dave stated that the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) won't be issuing their decision until October 30 for the Local Share Allocations (LSA) Grant that we applied for in November 2023. In addition, the CFA is accepting new applications for the next round of LSA Grants. Dave asked if BTWSA wanted him to apply for the Applewood Sewer Replacement Project again or for some other project. Tim suggested applying for a Sewer Replacement Project from the old Stowell Farm Metering Manhole upstream to near the BTWSA Office building. This improvement would help to reduce sewer backups during flooding events. The Board agreed with this, so Dave said he will bring a Resolution to our November meeting.

Dave announced that he has begun work on the 2025 Budget. Once Katie reconciles the bank accounts for September, he will plug the final numbers into his spreadsheet. Katie will email the Board Members prior to his Budget Meeting with Tim so they can attend.

Tim McGaw reported that whenever we purchased our new truck, we had it outfitted for a snowplow. At that time, snowplows weren't available, but now they are. Tim priced a 9'6" stainless plow for \$7687.00 and a 9'6" painted steel plow for \$6510.00. After discussion about stainless steel vs. painted steel, motion was made to authorize Tim McGaw to purchase a 9'6" painted steel plow for \$6510.00. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 3 Yes.

This past month BTWSA replaced 1 water valve on Newry Lane/Mountain View Lane and exercised 206 valves. This month, they will mow Rights-of-Way and flush hydrants.

Tim announced that our 2020 Ford F-550 Crew Cab Truck was involved in an accident today on Catfish Road. A vehicle was trying to pass, which forced our Maintenance Crew off the road, nearly missing a telephone pole. The vehicle that was attempting to pass sideswiped our truck, causing damage to the rear wheel and multiple dents in our toolboxes on the driver's side of the truck. We have reported the accident to our insurance company.

Katie McGaw stated that the Bi-Annual Payment to BNY Mellon will be made in mid-October. This payment is for Principal and Interest in the amount of \$107,782.51.

Katie reported that Jeff Long stopped by the office on September 10 and gave her a check for \$5000.00 to be used for Review Fees for the Mattern Woods Greystone facility.

Ed announced the next BTWSA Meeting will be held on November 6, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 8:04 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 3 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,

Rodney A. Patterson

