

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

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Robin Cadwallader.

In attendance were 4 Authority Members as follows: Robin Cadwallader, Ted Ventre, and Brendan Peterson. Rodney Patterson was in attendance via telephone. (Edward Silvetti was absent.)

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

VISITORS: Paul Amigh Jacob Wible

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of November 6, 2024. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 3 Yes; 1 Abstain (Peterson).

While the Board Members reviewed the Disbursements for November, Katie told the Board we received a Tax Notice for the former Hickey property on East View Street. BTWSA has not been granted Tax Exempt status for this property yet, so Katie paid the taxes. Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for November 2024. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Robin called upon the visitors to speak. Jacob Wible inquired as to who transcribes the Minutes for our meetings. Robin Cadwallader stated Katie McGaw types the Minutes. Jacob stated that he is interested in reading our Minutes, and Katie explained that he is more than welcome to read the official Minute Book at our Office, but that this book cannot leave the premises. If he wants copies of the Minutes, he will need to give her a date range. There is a charge for photocopies.

Pat Fanelli stated that a Board of View has been designated regarding the condemnation of Thomas Hickey's land on East View Street. Pat expects a Hearing to be scheduled in the spring.

Dave Cunningham presented the revised 2025 Budget. The revised Budget reflects a \$10,000 Capital Contribution to Duncansville. At Tim's request, Dave also increased the Payroll & FICA category in anticipation of hiring a full-time secretary. Motion was made to adopt the 2025 BTWSA Budget. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Dave stated that the Railroad Crossing Contracts with Everett Railroad are progressing. Katie has provided the checks necessary for Engineering and Contract Preparation to Railway Auditing and Management.

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Keller Engineers has been working on the updated 537 Plan for DEP. This will need to be reviewed and approved by the Blair Township Supervisors. Once approved, it will need to be advertised and available for the public to view for a 30-day comment period.

Dave reported that there has been a new development regarding the Reservoir Road Sewer Expansion Project. On 11/18, there was a conference call with Dave Cunningham, Pat Fanelli, Tim McGaw, Katie McGaw, and Trina Illig to address a few new requirements for Contract 2. A certified Land Assessor must be hired to determine the value of a square foot of land in the Reservoir Road area. A letter informing each resident of their rights and the value of the square footage of their easement must be offered in exchange for their agreeing to the easement.

Dave feels the Hollidaysburg Metering Manhole Replacement Project will be ready to be put out for bid in February.

Dave stated the application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for the Local Share Allocations (LSA) Grant for upgrading the Stowell Farm Interceptor was submitted last month. This application requests an LSA Grant of \$713,000. This Project would help to reduce sewer backups during flooding events.

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss a Legal matter.

Robin Cadwallader reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Motion was made (at 8:18 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Cadwallader VOTE: 4 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,

Robin L. Cadwallader

~~Rodney A. Patterson~~

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