

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority
377 Cedarcrest Drive
Duncansville, PA 16635
Wednesday, June 5, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Robin Cadwallader.

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

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

VISITORS: Paul Amigh

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of May 1, 2024. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 4 Yes.

While the Board Members were looking over the Disbursement Report, Katie called their attention to the Currency Deposit fee of \$29.67. This is for depositing Cash in excess of \$5,000.00/month into our account. After submitting multiple complaints, Katie was told this monthly fee will be refunded if she requests a refund via email each month. Katie also pointed out disbursements to Duncansville for \$3,490.58 and Hollidaysburg for \$8,609.60 which resulted from their 2023 Reconciliations. Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for May 2024. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 4 Yes.

Pat Fanelli, Solicitor, updated the Board on two pending matters with Thomas Hickey. Mr. Hickey submitted several Right-To-Know Law (RTKL) Requests a couple of months ago, with one being appealed to the Office of Open Records (OOR). The OOR's Final Determination was that BTWSA handled the RTKL Request appropriately.

The Condemnation process of the Hickey property is continuing. This property is the future site of a Pump Station in the Reservoir Road Sewer Expansion Project Area. Pat offered \$1,000.00 dollars to Mr. Hickey's attorney, on behalf of the Authority. This amount was based upon the appraised value. We have not heard anything from Mr. Hickey, however, he has 6 years to challenge the value of the property.

Pat stated that back in 1999 whenever the deed for Baker's Pump Station was recorded, the county never created a new lot. Now the county has updated their records and has sent BTWSA a Tax Assessment. Motion was made to authorize Pat Fanelli, Solicitor, to file an appeal to the Tax Assessment office for Tax Exempt status to be assigned to this parcel of land. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 4 Yes.

As an update on the Reservoir Road Sewer Expansion Project, Dave reported that Trina Illig has not heard anything yet regarding the CDBG money we applied for. She is hoping to hear something in June or July. The work on the Kern and Robertson subdivisions is proceeding. Keller Engineers just completed the engineering portion of 145 Easements for property owners in Contract 1 and Contract 2 areas. Now Pat Fanelli needs to prepare the Easement Agreements. These Easements will be mailed to the property owners in advance of a couple Meetings during which they will be invited to ask

questions and discuss their concerns before signing the Easement. Dave would like a Notary Public to attend these Meetings.

Dave stated that Keller Engineers will be submitting the Water Allocation Compliance Report to DEP by the end of June. This report shows that BTWSA is not drawing too much water from Altoona Water Authority. BTWSA is limited to 300,000 gallons per day.

Tim McGaw, Manager, stated that BTWSA will be in need of a Notary Public as the time draws nearer for the Reservoir Road Sewer Expansion Project. He is sending Katie to "Becoming a Notary" seminar in State College next week for the 3 hours of mandatory education, offered by the PA Association of Notaries (PAN).

During his monthly update, Tim stated that John Carr from DEP conducted his 3-year inspection of our water system and concluded that there were no deficiencies.

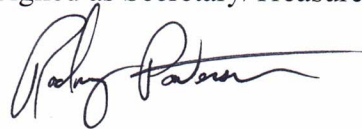
Katie McGaw requested authorization from the Board to transfer funds from our General Account to our Public Funds Money Market Account to earn more interest. Our interest rate was just increased from 4.07% to 4.25% for this account. After discussion, motion was made to authorize Katie to transfer \$150,000.00 dollars from our General Account into our Public Funds Money Market Account. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Silveti VOTE: 4 Yes.

A copy of the 2023 BTWSA Water Quality Report was given to each Board Member. All water customers received a message on their May bill directing them to our website for a copy. It is a yearly requirement to provide this report to all BTWSA water customers.

Robin announced the next BTWSA Meeting will be held on July 10, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Motion was made (at 7:35 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 4 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Rodney A. Patterson

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