

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

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Blair Township Water and Sewer Authority, held on Wednesday, July 10, 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 Silveti, Ted Ventre, and Rodney Patterson. (Brendan Peterson arrived late to the meeting as noted below.)

Also in attendance were Tim M<sup>c</sup>Gaw, Manager; Katie M<sup>c</sup>Gaw, Administrative Assistant; Dave Cunningham, Engineer.

VISITORS: Paul Link, Link & Associates            Jacob Wible  
                 Austin Bex, Link & Associates

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of June 5, 2024. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 4 Yes.

While the Board Members were looking over the Disbursement Report, Katie pointed out that the 2024 Ford F-600 Super Duty Truck that we'd ordered came in and a check was issued to Stuckey Ford for \$78,238.00. Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for June 2024. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 4 Yes.

Robin Cadwallader, Chairperson, called upon the Visitors to speak. Jacob Wible stepped to the podium and stated that he is a resident of Reservoir Road and is in support of BTWSA bringing sanitary sewer to Reservoir Road. His concern is the placement of a Pump Station in a floodplain and its effect on adjacent properties. Dave Cunningham stated that Keller Engineers is aware of the floodplain and that part of the permitting process is to demonstrate that BTWSA will not cause an increase in flooding.

Brendan Peterson entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Paul Link of Link & Associates, P.C., presented the 2023 Audit Report. BTWSA's Net Position is a 10.38:1 ratio, which is excellent. Motion was made to accept the 2023 Audit Report as presented. MOTION: Silveti SECOND: Ventre VOTE: 5 Yes.

As an update on the Reservoir Road Sewer Expansion Project, Dave reported that Blair Township was just awarded \$3,805,316 dollars in CDBG money. Pat Fanelli is preparing the Easement Agreements for 143 residents in Contract 1 and Contract 2. Dave is hoping to schedule Community Meetings in August for these residents to ask questions and sign their Right-of-Way Easements. The next step will be to apply to PennVEST for additional funding. At this time, we need to get another \$1 million in grant money to keep Sewer Rates under \$60.00/month.

Jeff Long is in the planning stage of building a 220-unit Retirement Village in the Brentwood Phase V area (between The Winds and Brentwood). This is the area where we have problems with sewer backups because our flow cannot get into Hollidaysburg's

line. Dave has spoken with Frank Hicks of Hollidaysburg in hopes that they address this problem in their Capacity Letter.

Dave stated that Keller Engineers submitted the Water Allocation Compliance Report to DEP.

Tim McGaw, Manager, stated that when we purchased the 2024 Ford F-600 Super Duty Truck, Stuckey Ford offered him an Extended Warranty Plan. After discussion, motion was made to purchase a 10-year/75,000 mile Extended Service Plan on the 2024 Ford F-600 Super Duty Truck at a cost of \$4980.00 dollars. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 2 Yes; 3 No. (Cadwallader, Silveti, and Peterson). Motion did not pass.

Katie McGaw reported that it has been a year since Snyder Excavating reached Substantial Completion on the Country View Drive Waterline Replacement Project. Tim and Dave agreed that there are no outstanding issues that need to be addressed, so the Maintenance Bond for Snyder Excavating can be canceled.

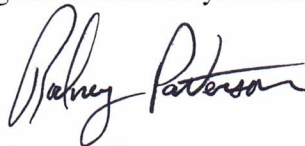
Katie requested authorization from the Board to transfer funds from our General Account to our Capital Improvement Account to cover additional Reservoir Road invoices. After discussion, motion was made to authorize Katie to transfer \$100,000.00 dollars from our General Account into our Capital Improvement Account. MOTION: Cadwallader SECOND: Peterson VOTE: 5 Yes.

Robin asked if BTWSA's Rates and Fees are posted anywhere public. Katie stated that our Rates Summary Sheet can be found on our website at BTWSA.org. Katie explained that they are in the Rules and Regulations section in two spots: once under Water, and once under Wastewater. Robin stated that she had some difficulty with links going to a dead end. Katie was not aware of that, but stated there was recently an update that may have caused a problem or two. Katie will check into this and will work at correcting the issues.

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

Motion was made (at 8:15 p.m.) to adjourn the Meeting. MOTION: Ventre SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 5 Yes.

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Rodney A. Patterson

