

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

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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

In attendance were 3 Authority Members as follows: Robin Cadwallader, Edward Silvetti, and Rodney Patterson. (Ted Ventre was absent. Brendan Peterson arrived late to the meeting as noted below.)

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

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of July 10, 2024. MOTION: Silvetti SECOND: Patterson VOTE: 3 Yes.

Brendan Peterson entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

While the Board Members were looking over the Disbursement Report, Rodney Patterson asked why we were paying School taxes on two properties. Katie explained that BTWSA received the School Real Estate Tax Statements on the Hickey property and the Baker's Pump Station property. Katie was instructed to pay them, even though we have applied for Tax Exempt Status. Pat Fanelli stated we received notification today from the county that Tax Exempt Status was granted for the parcel of land on which Baker's Pump Station is located. We will need to contact the Tax Assessment office to request a refund. It may be too late to get a refund on taxes for the Hickey property for this year because we are still in the process of applying for tax exempt status. Motion was made to approve the Payroll & Bills for July 2024. MOTION: Patterson SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 4 Yes.

Pat Fanelli reported that he was contacted by Adam Klein, the attorney representing Thomas Hickey. Pat stated that we are obligated to pay Mr. Hickey the \$1000.00 we offered him in compensation for his parcel of land. Pat felt this should be through a motion from the Board. Motion was made to authorize the release of \$1000.00 to Thomas Hickey as just compensation for the parcel of land (Parcel 4-5-82) on East View Street, Hollidaysburg, which we acquired by eminent domain, to be the future location of a Pump Station. MOTION: Peterson SECOND: Silvetti VOTE: 4 Yes.

Dave Cunningham stated that Pat's office is working on preparing the Easement Agreements for 143 residents in Contract 1 and Contract 2 in the Reservoir Road Expansion Project area. Dave added that we still need language from Trina Illig before we can compose the letter that will accompany the Easement Agreements.

Dave said the next step in the Reservoir Road Sewer Expansion Project is a Pre-Application Planning Session with PennVEST. Tesra Schlupp, PennVEST Project Specialist, will meet with Dave Cunningham, Tim McGaw, and Katie on August 15 for a Pre-Application meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

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Dave has been in touch with Frank Hicks of Hollidaysburg to coordinate their responses to Jeff Long regarding sewer capacity for his proposed Mattern Woods Greystone facility. This retirement village is only in the planning stages, but Mr. Long is proposing a 220-unit facility, which would increase the load on the existing sewer mains from Brentwood Phase V area through the old Stowell Farm and into Hollidaysburg's Gaysport area. This is the area where we have problems with sewer backups. We will try to isolate the problem with the upcoming storm expected later this week. Keller Engineers has placed a temporary flow meter in one of our manholes so we can monitor the sewer flow during the storm.

Tim McGaw, Manager, stated that Katie McGaw was sworn in as a Notary Public on July 24. Having an in-house Notary Public will be beneficial whenever easements are signed and need to be notarized.

Katie McGaw reported that the BTWSA.org website has been updated with a new Current Rates tab on the Home Page that links users directly to our Rates Summary Sheet.

Katie stated that she received a Right-To-Know Law Request from PA Open the Books. The request asked for Employee & Board Member names, Base Salary, and Gross Wages for 2023. Katie consulted Pat Fanelli to make sure this was public information and then replied to the RTK Law Request in a timely manner.

Robin announced the next BTWSA Meeting will be held on September 4, 2024, at 7 p.m.

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

Signed as Secretary/Treasurer,



Rodney A. Patterson

