

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019.
PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. LINDSEY, MR. SPOCK,
CHUCK MADISON, STEWART SMITH, JR., THE SOLICITOR, THE ENGINEER AND THE
SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Lisa Rodzewich 207 Adams St., Freeland was present with her daughter, Alyssa and her fiancé, Brent. Lisa explained to the Board of Directors that she has a crack in her sewer lateral located at 207 Adams Street property. She also owns the empty lot adjacent to her property. She is requesting permission to use the sewer lateral located on the 201-203 empty lot because her sewer lateral at 207 Adams goes under her porch and sidewalk, which would incur more cost to repair. Attorney Fagan explained to Ms. Rodzewich, the storm water fee she pays is not the sewer bill and if in the future she would combine all the lots to one deed, she no longer would incur two storm water bills. The Board of Directors gave her the approval to connect to the lateral at the 201 Adams Street address and to cap the 207 Adams Street sewer lateral.

APPROVE FEBRUARY MINUTES

Mr. Thomas made the motion and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 5-0.

APPROVE FEBRUARY PAID INVOICES

Mr. Spock made a motion to approve the February paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$ 91,928.99 and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 49,616.03, and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2183-A).

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Fisher made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$ 46,333.38 also includes Mark's Wholesale Invoice #10467651 & George J Hayden Invoice # 001-2, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 34,705.92 also includes George J Hayden Invoice #001-3 and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$257.49. Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2183-B).

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2183-C.

SEWER DIVISION REPORT

See Engineering Report Reference 2183-D.

Birkbeck St Reservoir Project

Contract #1 – LB Industries

Site restoration & Sampling Stations – Needs to be completed and set up for 1st week of April

LB needs to turn over red line drawings because of some changes on site restoration.

No open change orders on the reservoir project.

Total remaining unbilled on Contract is \$13,437 for sampling stations.

Change Order #7 – Fencing around the Pump Building \$30,515.10 was approved by USDA Judith Tutino. Additions to Well House 9 & 10 cannot be submitted to USDA at this time.

Contract #2 – George J Hayden, Inc.

100% completion

No change orders

FMA requested CAD file as-builts for the RTU Panels.

Well House Improvements – Scope of the work will be requested as change orders from LB Industries and Hayden contracts.

A letter is being drafted from Samantha Albert of Borton Lawson with input from Attorney Fagan requesting all well house improvements to be submitted to the Birkbeck St Reservoir/Well Project and ask for approval from USDA Judith Tutino.

The letter will include:

- Rehabilitation of Well 12 & Well 4 (including chemical treatment system if needed)-Public Bid
- Replacement of VFD's on Well 6, 9, 10, 11 & 12
- Addition of Diesel Generators at Well 6, 9 & 10-Public Bid
- RTU Panels at Well 4, 6, 11, 9, 10, 12, 17 & Harding and Upper Lehigh Tanks
- Installation of ATS at Well 17 Generator
- Building Additions at Well Houses 9 & 10 with Perimeter Security Fencing
- Perimeter Security Fencing at Well Houses 4, 6, 11 & 17
- New Submersible Well Pump at Well 4 to be purchased through Co-Stars from Kohl Bros.
- Equipment Purchase F-350 with Dump Body to be purchased through Co-Stars from Kovach Ford

The Board would like the rehabilitation of Well 12 & 4 to take the place of the drilling of a new well, which was never found and to look to replacing the F-350 with a F-550 truck.

PA DEP Annual Wasteload Management Report (Chapter 94) & Annual CSO Report to be finalized this week.

PA DEP Act 537 – FMA will graph and tabulate all flow metering data from Scada system flow meters. Samantha will be working with Brittany for the information gathering of the data.

Industrial Pretreatment – High Strength Surcharge for Citterio was received.

POTW Pretreatment Program – The Board approved the local limits and forward to EPA. The Board of Directors also want Foster Township to agree to the Pre-Treatment Ordinance that mirrors Freeland Boroughs.

WATER DIVISION REPORT

Centre Street Water Line Replacement – Survey is completed. The base plan sent to FMA for review. Construction Plans/Bidding documents to be finalized in 2 – 3 weeks.

Kohl Bros. submitted a quote for Sandy Run Well House Pump for \$ 6,450.00 which includes pump, motor, adapter with clamps, check valve, cable (if required) and labor to remove existing and install new items with freight not to exceed \$6,450.00. The Board wants to investigate this further before a decision. (Reference 2184-A).

The Board was informed about the Bredbenner property that also borders the Freeland Fire Department property. Both parcels contain approximately 20 acres of ground with a well. FMA will investigate the condition of the well along with the price of the properties.

Aveen LLC, who approached FMA about a possible solar farm project in Upper Lehigh needs to submit a signed letter of intent from FMA, in order to submit a plan to PPL. The Board of Directors wants to inform Freeland Borough of the possible project prior to signing the letter of intent. Freeland Borough has their monthly meeting on Tuesday March 26th Mr. Kavitski will inform Freeland Borough Council at that time. Motion to sign the letter of intent after Freeland Borough Council is informed of the proposed project made by Mr. Kavitski and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2184-B).

Mr. Kavitski informed the Board Members that Fred Rose resigned his position with the Authority and Ryan Gerlach was hired in his place. (Reference 2184-C).

BORTON LAWSON INVOICES

Mr. Spock made the motion for approval and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2184-D).

Mr. Fisher left the meeting at 7:25 PM.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Peter Fagan informed the board Mr. Yefchak will be returning to the WWTP. Fred Rose requested unemployment compensation, but Attorney Fagan stated Fred Rose left his employment here on his own free will and FMA should deny his request if he chooses to try and file a claim.

Filed several liens at Luzerne County Courthouse for delinquent properties.

Attorney Fagan and Samantha Albert of Borton Lawson have been working together on a letter to be submitted to USDA Judith Tutino. Attorney Fagan agrees with the change orders for the system to bring everything up to code and compliance with PA DEP, but the generators cannot fall under a change order and they should be publicly bidded.

MANAGERS REPORT

Well #10 pump & motor

Light project for the garage – switching to LED lights.

Pressure reducer valve in be installed in the water building.

WWTP the sewer press will be running longer hours so the employees will be in at different times.

OPEN/OTHER ACTIONS

Discussion of the Employee Handbook took place and it is still being revised.

ADJOURN

Mr. Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spock second. Vote 4-0.

These minutes are certified true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Paul Thomas, Secretary


Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary