THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. THOMAS, MR. LINDSEY, CHARLES MADISON, STEWART SMITH, GENE ZYNEL, THE SOLICITOR, ENGINEER AND SECRETARY.

SALUTE THE FLAG

**ROLL CALL** 

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizens were present.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Mr. Thomas made the motion and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 3-0.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER PAID INVOICES

Mr. Lindsey made a motion to approve the September paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$ 61,788.99 and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 77,547.27. Mr. Thomas second. Vote 3-0. (Reference 2106-A).

#### CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$43,399.58, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$25,378.28, and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$67.92. Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 3-0. (Reference 2106-B).

# FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2106-C.

## GHD ENGINEERING

John Garges and Jonathan Morris were present to discuss the Test Well #4 Results. See Reference 2106-D. The Test Well #4 did not produce the gallons per minute that was expected and there was a potential of impact to the nearby residential wells. The water quality test was okay with the water being a little acidic. Mr. Kavitski asked why GHD Engineering does not use fracturing technology.

The Authority at this point does not know if they will drill anymore test wells toward the North End of town because that is a long way for laying of pipework.

Mr. Kavitski wants to share the information with Judith Tutino of USDA Rural Development before the Authority makes a decision to move forward with more potential test sites.

APPROVE RUS PAYMENT REQUEST # 11 - \$16,095.36

Mr. Thomas made a motion and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 3-0. Reference 2106-E.

## WATER DIVISION REPORT

Mr. Madison contacted Niclaus Engineering Company for a quote on filing DEP applications and modules for the corrosion control. The Authority did review the quote and asked Mr. Madison to obtain more quotes from other engineering firms before a decision is granted. Reference 2106-F.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the quote from AC Miller Concrete Products Inc. for the Freeland Village meter vault and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 3-0. Reference 2106-G.

Pre-construction meeting for the Birkbeck Street Reservoir Project is set for October 19th at 1:30PM.

Borton Lawson Engineering was also inquiring about the water system maps and there are changes that need to be made, which we are in the process of working on the changes.

#### MANAGERS REPORT

North Street project is now completed and the Burton Street project has just begun. The Authority will get the paving done after both projects are completed. The sewer manhole at 930 Centre Street work and the sidewalk at 605 Front Street were completed.

Mr. Fisher arrived at the meeting @ 6:35 PM.

Mr. Madison and Mr. Paul Anthony of PGA Inc. spoke earlier in the week. They had a decision about the invoices and Mr. Anthony was inquiring about lab testing and hydrant prices. Mr. Madison will be obtaining the spec information about testing and will forward the information to Mr. Anthony of PGA Inc.

Mr. Madison is planning to service the analyzers at the wells with our staff instead of hiring a firm to complete the work.

Mr. Madison is starting to compile information to input it into an asset management program and the water maps that the Authority has will be used for house to house detection of services lines to listen for leaks. Mr. Madison also discussed the advantages of radio frequency meters to detect leaks faster than once a month reading of meters that we have now.

#### SEWER DIVISION REPORT

Engineering Report – Reference 2107-A.

Samantha Albert and Dave Wieller of Borton Lawson will be meeting to review the Act 537 and to discuss possible locations for the flow meters.

Attorney Nicholas Haros is working on information pertaining to Citterio and their industrial waste discharge.

Samantha Albert of Borton Lawson Engineering and Gene Zynel are working on the quotes for POTW pretreatment sampling tests.

Mr. Zynel reported that the treatment plant is on dumpster #59 for the year with 73.47 dry tons compared to last year the plant was at dumpster #60 with 78.99 dry tons, on budget for dumpsters. BOD removal was at 99% for September. Heater for rain gauge will need to be installed.

## BORTON/LAWSON INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve invoices. Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2107-B).

# ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Fagan informed the Board the draft ordinance for the elimination of combined water service lines is almost complete for Freeland Borough and will move on to draft one for Foster Township and Butler Township respectively.

#### OTHER/OPEN ACTIONS

Mr. Thomas made a motion to accept Highmark for the health coverage for the employees and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 4-0. Reference 2107-C.

Discussion for a full system water/hydrant line flushing which may take over a week to complete and may be scheduled to be done twice a year. To inform our customers, we will put ads in newspaper, put it on our website and put message on the customer bills for two months in advance.

Mr. Thomas gave Mr. Stewart Smith the boards' condolences on the passing of his father-in-law.

# **ADJOURN**

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

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

James Fisher, Secretary

Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary