

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD BY THE VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM PLATFORM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020. PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. THOMAS, MR. LINDSEY, MR. CLYMER JR., CHUCK MADISON, RYAN SMITH, THE ATTORNEY, THE ENGINEER AND THE SECRETARY.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence for many things going on throughout the world.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens participated in the meeting.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER MINUTES

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

APPROVE SEPTEMBER PAID INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the September paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$ 75,711.56 and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 59,839.30 and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2273-A).

CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$ 83,176.53, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 74,830.47 and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$ 71.76 and Mr. Clymer second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2273-B).

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2273-C.

Mr. Kavitski made the motion to approve the 2019 Audit which was presented at last month's meeting and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Kavitski asked the Board Members to look over the proposed 2021 Water & Sewer Division Budgets for the November meeting.

The Board Secretary informed the Board Members September Agenda needed to be corrected. The Agenda was written as Approve the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation should have read as 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation. Mr. Clymer made the motion to approve the change and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 5-0.

SEWER DIVISION

See Engineering Report Reference 2273-D.

The Water Project is 100% complete. Ms. Albert of Borton Lawson Engineering stated updated close out documents were resubmitted on 9/18/2020. The Engineers Final Project Completion Certificate needs to be issued yet. Ms. Albert suggested to the Board to approve half of the final payment to Hayden. Ms. Albert will change the final payment to reflect half of the remaining amount. Mr. Fisher made the motion and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0.

Industrial Pretreatment – Ms. Albert emailed Citterio and PGA Waste Surcharges to the Authority.

POTW Pretreatment Program Development & Implementation – Ms. Albert stated Attorney Fagan was investigating if the sampling stations are in the Pre-Treatment Ordinance. Attorney Fagan stated the Pre-Treatment Ordinance is compliant with the language and the ability to have monitoring sample stations at the users facilities. Ms. Albert and Chuck Madison will meet with both

Citterio and PGA to discuss the sampling stations. FMA will need to clear the install with the industrial users and coordinate it with them.

Sludge Press Evaluation – Awaiting the 3rd Vendor, Centrisys, for on-site demonstration scheduled for spring of 2021. Vendor #1, Alfa Laval, and Vendor #2, GEA Westfalia both have similar results in the dewatering of the sludge. New sludge press price could be around \$250,000 no decision will be made until FMA has a demonstration from the third vendor.

Ms. Albert stated Meg-Alert Motor Guards have three different types of models. All are covered in the Engineering Report. Mr. Kavitski suggested the 3rd quote because it contains a higher end model, and it would be programmable through the SCADA system with more set points for alarms. Ms. Albert will contact Hayden for installation and Martin Auman of Keystone Engineering to add the motor guards to the SCADA system through the VFD panel. Mr. Thomas made the motion and Mr. Clymer second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Kavitski informed the Board Members about the electrical situations at some of the Well Houses. FMA wanted to schedule a meeting with PPL but they do not seem willing to meet. Mr. Kavitski stated FMA should put a call into the PUC concerning the voltage issues.

Foster Township Supervisors Deferment – The Authority has not heard from Foster Township Supervisors regarding the issues discussed about their sewer system. At this point, the deferment Foster Township Supervisors requested is postponed.

Foster Township Supervisors have a request for bid proposals for their sewer system. The Authority has the paperwork and is considering putting in a proposal. The Authority, if bidding, will only be seeking the Foster Township sewage that comes to the FMA Wastewater Treatment Plant. The return date for the bid is due by November 25, 2020. The potential buyer is buying their system “as is” and seller, Foster Township Supervisors our taking no responsibility at all for their system. The Board Members discussed a lot of the options of bidding or not bidding on their system. If another company buys their system, all contracts will have to be re-negotiated with the new buyer. (Reference 2274-A).

Mr. Kavitski went over the pros and cons handout that he supplied to the Board Members. After a lengthy discussion, the Board Members were all in agreement to placing a bid. (Reference 2274-B).

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve quote from API Services for spare sewer screens at the cost of \$9364.00 and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2274-C).

Mr. Kavitski mentioned to the Board Members about the increased costs for the wastewater treatment plant and the Board should consider raising the sewer rates for 2021.

WATER DIVISION

Upper Lehigh concerning the 5” cast iron main that runs along Main Street and through the woods was discussed. Chuck Madison stated the pipe locator helped tremendously on locating the infrastructure throughout Upper Lehigh. The Board Members looked over a map from Chuck Madison on a proposed new 8-inch water line.

Nowak Bros Tree Service quote for tree removal at the Schwabe St Well House for \$1350.00 was approved by all Board Members. (Reference 2274-D).

MANAGER REPORT

Well 10 mag meter was installed.
Carone’s Market is now on the new Front St. Main.
Employees will work to connect the fire protection line next week at Carone’s.
Flushing was completed.

BORTON LAWSON INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve Borton Lawson invoice #07 dated September 9, 2020 for \$ 1,069.77 and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Kavitski made the motion to approve Borton Lawson invoice #08 dated October 6, 2020 for \$ 414.40 and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 5-0. (References 2275-A).

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Fagan will look over the bid package the Authority received from Foster Township Solicitor, Attorney Donald Karpowich. The Pre-Treatment Ordinance investigation was discussed during the Sewer Division report with Ms. Albert of Borton Lawson Engineering concerning the sampling stations for Citterio and PGA.

OPEN/OTHER ACTIONS

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve Highmark BlueCare Custom PPO Platinum 13, the same coverage the employees have currently, for the upcoming renewal and Mr. Clymer second. Vote 5-0. (Reference 2275-B).

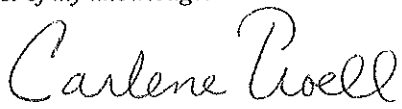
The Board Members approved the No Trespassing sign for the Authority properties. Mr. Kavitski stated the Authority needs to add more cameras to the Authority properties for security measures.

ADJOURN

Mr. Clymer made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kavitski second. Vote 5-0.

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


Paul Thomas, Secretary


Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary