

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020.  
PRESENT WERE MR. KAVITSKI, MR. FISHER, MR. LINDSEY, CHUCK MADISON, STEWART SMITH, JR., THE SOLICITOR, THE ENGINEER AND THE SECRETARY.

#### SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of silence for Carlene's brother-in-law, Joseph Troell, Jr., who just recently passed away.

#### DAVID J. KURANOVICH, CPA OF SNYDER & CLEMENTE-PMRS PENSION REINSTATEMENT

Mr. Kuranovich informed the Board of Directors Joshua Vecchio of Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS), Carlene Troell, John Nonnemacher, and himself were all on a conference phone call to discuss the reinstatement of the pension plan.

Mr. Kuranovich stated this was done just to ratify the plan and it is just a formality. The plan provision does not allow in-service distributions.

Mr. Fisher made the motion to approve the reinstatement of the pension plan and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 3-0. (Reference 2239-A).

#### CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Thomas Capozzelli of 170 Alvin Street was present at the meeting. He stated his complaint about the FMA employees "playing" with the hydrant. Mr. Madison tried to explain to Mr. Capozzelli, the FMA employees were doing leak detection and the hydrant by his home was not turned off completely.

Mr. Capozzelli got very loud at this point stating he pays FMA employee wages and they need to stop playing with the hydrant. Mr. Fisher asked Mr. Capozzelli to lower his voice. Mr. Capozzelli said even during regular flushing employees flush hydrant for an hour turn it off then come back two hours or so and open the hydrant all over again. He has all of this on film and the "playing" with the system needs to stop.

Mr. Thomas arrived at the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Mr. Kavitski stated to Mr. Capozzelli if he has filters on the water lines in his house, he should not be getting sediment in his screens and lines in his home. Mr. Capozzelli stated he demands to be notified by a phone call or a knock on his door every time FMA is going to touch the hydrant by his home. Mr. Kavitski stated FMA will honor his request.

Mr. Manuel DeBrito of 1011 Birkbeck Street was present at the meeting to discuss several addresses of his relatives.

The first address is 934 Birkbeck Street-a relative only is there a few times a month and the bill she receives is too high. Mr. Kavitski explained to Mr. DeBrito how the meters in the homes are read and if the water goes through the meter it is customer's responsibility. Mr. Kavitski explained the water meters do not speed up when older they slow down and eventually stop registering readings.

The second address is 1011 Birkbeck Street he complained the bill is too high. This property is 6 apartments with one water meter and the bill reflects 6 units. Mr. DeBrito thinks they should only have to pay for 1 sewer bill. It was explained to him about the number of units and how the billing is compiled. Mr. DeBrito also inquired about moving the hydrant that is by this property. He wants to make a bigger parking area but the hydrant blocks enlarging the area. Mr. Thomas stated the cost to move the hydrant is very expensive and FMA was not going to pay for such a request.

The third address is 829 Walnut Street, which he owns himself. The property was just bought January 14<sup>th</sup> of 2020. The first bill he received was very high water usage. He stated the house is empty and no one is there to use water. The meter reading is wrong, and something needs to be done with the bill. Mr. Kavitski stated regardless if the house is occupied or vacant, water went through the meter and the customer is responsible for paying the bill. FMA will send an employee tomorrow to recheck the meter reading and if it is the same reading, the bill will remain.

#### APPROVE JANUARY MINUTES

Mr. Kavitski made the motion and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 4-0.

## APPROVE JANUARY PAID INVOICES

Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the January paid invoices for the Water Division totaling \$ 215,336.26 and the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 80,429.33 and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2240-A).

## CURRENT INVOICES

Mr. Lindsey made a motion to approve payment of the current Water Division invoices totaling \$ 164,150.05, the Sewer Division invoices totaling \$ 74,004.08 and the Sandy Run invoices totaling \$ 193.18 and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2240-B).

## FINANCIAL STATUS

The Secretary reviewed the Financial Status as outlined in Reference 2240-C.

## SEWER &amp; WATER ENGINEERING REPORT

See Engineering Report Reference 2240-D.

Items not covered in the engineering report are as follows:

Square D representative on site at wells and the VFD's were cleared with no error reports. PPL did adjustments on the power which was having power spikes. The pump stops and does not come back on – there is a cause which FMA needs to find what is creating this issue. A programming glitch is possible per Martin at Keystone Engineering. Are different set points needed?

Mr. Kavitski asked Ms. Albert of Borton Lawson to contact Hayden for a proposal for electrical monitoring Well 10.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve Hayden Payment Application #12 for \$ 16,806.45 and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 4-0.

Mr. Kavitski made the motion to approve Leib Drilling Payment Application #2 CO #1 for \$10,974.10 and Mr. Thomas second. Vote 4-0.

Mr. Thomas made the motion to purchase the Generac generator for \$29,100 through COSTARS and Hayden to install with pad for \$ 13,675.00 and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0.

Ms. Albert of Borton Lawson Engineering stated she is awaiting more testing results to forward to Herb Spencer for Well 12 to obtain the Corrosion Control Permit Amendment with DEP. Mr. Madison stated he will get the results to her tomorrow.

PADEP Act 537 Special Study - Mr. Kavitski asked Ms. Albert to inform Brittany which meters are Foster Townships to watch the flow and the metering data.

Industrial Pre-Treatment - Mr. Kavitski informed Ms. Albert to eliminate the waste surcharge for PGA Inc., because they are not running now.

POTW Pretreatment Program Development & Implementation – Citterio returned the samples results to Ms. Albert. Some parameters were detected at very low-level concentrations. And there were no detects five years ago, when tested. Ms. Albert talked to Hawk Mountain Labs about the results and they stated the results are 99% accurate. Mr. Kavitski stated Citterio should do a resample in 6 months.

Ms. Albert stated she is researching sludge presses. Two companies offer trailer site for trial run. She also stated Butler Township has a newer sludge press and FMA should go see their press in operation.

Foster Township Sewer Bills are running a month behind. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fisher both agree not to apply penalties and to keep a watch on the accounts.

## WATER DIVISION

Mr. Kavitski made a motion to approve the RUS Reimbursement Request #23 for \$ 255,389.41 and Mr. Lindsey second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2241-A).

Rules and Regulations of the Water Division need to be updated. The updates are concerning I & I issues with sump pumps, floor drains, roof laterals and roof gutters entering the sewer system.

Mr. Kavitski requests the Board to review the highlighted areas for next months meeting to give input on the requested changes.

Attorney Fagan needs to look at the ordinances of Freeland Borough, Butler and Foster Townships so FMA completes everything properly and legally per Mr. Thomas. Mr. Kavitski stated things need to progress along and not be moved to the side.

Mr. Fisher inquired if FMA is using the flow metering data and if FMA is aware which areas give FMA the problems. Mr. Kavitski stated the data absolutely gives FMA that information.

Mr. Kavitski and Chuck Madison met with a company for information on new customer water meters. The replacements would have built in antennae. They would be read one of two ways: driving by or automatically with the placement of large antennae. The information would download into the computer system every 3 hours. No need for sending employees out to read meters for final bills or end of month reads. The meters are ultrasonic with no moving parts. The new meters would give warnings such as dry pipe or freezing pipe warnings real time. Approximate cost \$500,000 to \$600,000 to replace all meters. They are a COSTARS vendor. The company would need to do a study first and then FMA will be given a price quote.

## BORTON LAWSON INVOICES

Mr. Lindsey made the motion to pay Borton Lawson Invoice #08 for \$350.00 and Invoice #09 for \$942.20 Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0. (Reference 2241-B).

## ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Fagan inquired about the Lead Water & Sewer Operator positions that were created last year. His inquiry concerned if the position were offered with increased pay, which they were not. Attorney Fagan also inquired about the Lead Man position that is in the contract, but no one has been named to that position and there is no job description for this position yet.

Attorney Fagan asking about the procedure for obtaining a water or sewer license. When an employee passes the test, they still must have training time to obtain their license from PADEP.

Mr. Fisher stated everything is based on licenses during contract negotiations.

Attorney Fagan stated he will be speaking with Scott Kucharski at the Teamsters Union so things are clarified for the union employees.

## MANAGER REPORT

Asked Freeland Borough to obtain a warrant to enter PGA to look at fire suppression system. Freeland Borough Codes Department could not obtain a warrant so FMA asked Attorney Fagan to start the process for FMA to obtain one. While doing leak detection, FMA equipment detects noise from water running within PGA. Need to gain access to building to investigate the water system. PGA shut off valve is now complete.

Mr. Kavitski stated FMA needs to document what needs to be completed within PGA prior to the building starting operations again or prior to someone else buying the building to start up a new business.

Employees have been completing soffit work at well houses.

Computer Server room is complete.

Mobile fuel tank purchased for diesel fuel.

HAVC work has been done.

UL tank has another leak on a seam approximate leak size is 1 gallon per minute.

Employees are on a rotating schedule for shutting down the sludge press.

Mr. Kavitski stated to create a list to prioritize what needs to be completed first.

OPEN/OTHER ACTIONS

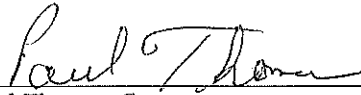
Start the process to find a cleaning person.

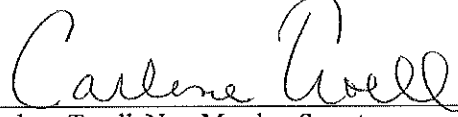
Dempsey Uniform & Linen Supply Company dropped off the renewal contract for the mats. The Board all agreed not to renew the contract. (Reference 2242-A).

ADJOURN

Mr. Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Fisher second. Vote 4-0.

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

  
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Paul Thomas, Secretary

  
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Carlene Troell, Non-Member Secretary