

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M. on November 18, 2019 in the Council Chambers on North Delaware Ave and East Carbon St.

Mr. Michael Andruchek presided and opened the meeting with the Flag Ceremony.

Attendance:

The following Authority members attended: Mr. Michael Andruchek, Chairman; Mr. James Kimmel, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Edward Butler, Treasurer; Mr. Kevin Wigoda and Mr. Allen Reber. Also, in attendance were: Solicitor Albert Evans; Melanie Spittler, Manager; Jenn Hossler, Secretary; Don Cuff, Entech Engineering; Donald Troutman, Authority Laborer; Robert Kane Jr, Authority Laborer; Mr. Steven Darosh, Councilman; numerous guests; 2 cameramen, Ed Kehler of WBRE and Matt Haslam of MHP.

Five authority members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion for an executive session for legal & personnel matters. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented. The executive session started at 7:02pm, it ended at 7:12pm.

Minutes:

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to accept the October's meeting minutes. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented.

Guests

Attorney Evans addressed the guests as he handed out the Q&A packets. He asked that they review the questions and answers before asking follow-up questions.

Mr. Murphy stated he took a tour of the filtration plant with Mrs. Spittler and would be happy to answer any questions the group would have regarding the plant.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Cuff distributed Water System Improvement Plan-Project List packets to the board.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to approve the resolution for the Authority requests a PA Small Water Sewer grant of \$300,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Water Storage Tank Mixer and SCADA Upgrade Project. Mr. Allen Reber seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. James Kimmel-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes and Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion was passed as presented.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to approve the resolution to request PA H2O grant of \$527,500.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Water Main Replacement Projects. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. James Kimmel-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes and Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion was passed as presented.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to pass a resolution to accept the proposal from Keystone Engineering dated November 12, 2019 in the amount of \$37,100.00. Mr. James Kimmel seconded it. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. James Kimmel-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes and Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion was passed as presented.

Solicitors Report:

Mr. Butler made a motion to amend the articles to extend the term of the Water Authority so that the bond can be issued. Mr. James Kimmel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. James Kimmel-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes and Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion was passed as presented.

Mr. Allen made a motion to allow M&T Bank to serve as the register and transfer agent for the funds being borrowed for the project. Mr. James Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to properly maintain insurance for the bonds. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Attorney Evans stated the closing will probably occur the last week in November or first week in December.

Managers' Report:

Mrs. Spittler stated the timeline of improvements is 3 years. Replacing the main on the Minersville/Pottsville Highway will be the first project. Surveying has been started.

Mrs. Spittler reported the Authority has a leak detection program in place. There will be an outside company that will come in overnight and listen to all the lines throughout the entire system to find leaks.

Mrs. Spittler reported the Authority received \$919.90 from S&J Coal Co. for 7 loads totaling 183.98 tons.

The first of 2 auto-flushers were installed on Thursday. It ran for 6 hours and the water was much clearer.

The second is going on the other side of the breaker. They will do a survey on the water lines in that area.

Filtration Plant Report:

Nothing to report

Treasurers Report:

Mr. Kevin Wigoda made a motion to accept the September's treasurer's report. Mr. Edward Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Presentation of Bills:

With no questions, Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to approve the November's bills properly presented and signed. Mr. James Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Correspondence:

Nothing to report

Unfinished Business:

Mrs. Spittler reported there was a meeting with the Borough and the Sewer to discuss the Blue Cross and discuss any changes that may help with the rates. The anticipated rate increase for this year is 1.3%. The Borough is recommending option 6, which has changes to prescription and emergency room copays to save 2.3%.

Mr. Kevin Wigoda made a motion to accept the Blue Cross change of option 6. Allen Reber seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mrs. Spittler reported the Borough is looking to make some changes to the drug and alcohol policy in the handbook. Council member Ms. Milbrandt supplied the county's drug and alcohol policy for the board to look over.

Mr. Andruchek thanked the guests for attending and being involved.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kevin Wigoda made a motion to adjourn. Mr. James Kimmel seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenn Hossler