

## **October 25, 2017**

A general meeting of the Sewer Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held Wednesday, October 25, 2017 in Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street. Chairman Thomas Eltringham opened the meeting with the flag ceremony at 7:00PM.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members attended the October meeting- Jeremy Olenick, Santino Angelo, Thomas Eltringham, Richard DiBiase, Albert Bobinas; Authority Solicitor Tim Pellish, Authority Engineer, Don Cuff, Plant Manager, Ray Sukeena, Sewer Authority Manager, Robert Mahalchick Borough Councilmen William Angelo, Paul Vuksta and Ian Mahal.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve the September 2017 minutes. Mr. Angelo seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the September 2017 Financial Report. Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

### **VISITORS**

Mr. Eltringham thanked Council members for attending the meeting. Mr. Olenick reported that he once again had to hire Roto Rooter, who will camera his line tomorrow. He reported that neighboring properties had problems as well. Mr. Sukeena will meet with Mr. Olenick at the site.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

The Solicitor had nothing new to report.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Don Cuff reported on the NIFTY Renewal cost of \$8500 with lab work. This is done every five years. Don Cuff reported that for the Long Term Control Plan, DEP would now be looking at an extensive study of CSO's. An updated plan on the collection system was done five years ago. There will be an "investigative phase" which will need to identify areas of concern, manholes and videotaping. If the sewage is not going to the plant the Department will be looking for a corrective plan. This investigative phase will incur costs of from \$50,000 to possibly \$100,00. This cost

alone will exceed the General Fund. Thomas Eltringham said this is a new line item that will need to be included in the 2018 Budget. Mr. Mahalchick stated that on the current draft of the 2018 only a portion of that amount has been budgeted. The Authority does not currently charge its' customers an average of 2% of the Borough median household income, so grant money is not available. The 10% rate increase the Authority is requesting will only generate approximate additional revenue of \$40,000. Mr. Angelo made a motion, second by Mr. DiBiase to authorize quotes for televising the CSO's. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Vuksta asked how many accounts were delinquent. Mr. Mahalchick will look into that. Mr. Eltringham stated these expenses would require a 20% rate increase. Mr. Olenick questioned the fees for apartment buildings. Mr. Eltringham stated that the disputed line items for Borough related expenses needs to be eliminated from the Authority's budget. Mr. Mahal stated that a \$50,000 decrease from the Authority to the Borough would be a hard sell. Mr. Eltringham questioned Solicitor Pellish if the \$35,000 the Authority is currently paying the Borough to operate is commonplace. Solicitor Pellish stated that the Sewer Authority is a lease back Authority. The Authority's agreement with the Borough does not address finances. But this is common in oehr communities. Representatives of the Borough Council and the Sewer Authority will meet before first reading of the 2018 budgets.

### **SEWER OPERATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sukeena shared a written report with Authority members. Additionally, Mr. Sukeena reported that an inlet wall collapsed at the Chapman residence on Front and Lewis Streets. The Authority workers will be at the site tomorrow. Mr. Sukeena reported that Beer City, has been televised and the jet machine run. The backhoe has transmission problems. Mr. Mahalchick said the Authority and the Borough would share the cost.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A review of the Norwegian Township customer list will wait until after the November election.

The red pickup truck will be sold "as is" as soon as the title is found.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no new correspondence.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The 2018 budget will be discussed following the Authority's meeting with Borough Council.

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Olenick seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary