

January 22, 2020

A general meeting of the Sewer Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held Wednesday, January 22, 2020 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 January meeting-Jeremy Olenick, Jeff Enders, Thomas Eltringham, Richard DiBiase, Al Bobinas, Councilmen Steven Darosh and Mike Firestine, Don Cuff, Authority Engineer and Borough Manager, Robert Mahalchick.

REORGANIZATION

Mr. Bobinas nominated Mr. Eltringham as Authority Chairman, Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve, and Mr. Enders seconded the Motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders nominated Mr. Olenick as Vice Chairman, Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve, and Mr. Bobinas seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Bobinas nominated Mr. DiBiase as Treasurer of the Authority, Mr. Enders made a motion to approve, and Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders nominated Gloria Capik as Secretary of the Authority, Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve, and Mr. Bobinas seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to retain Thomas Pellish as Solicitor; Entech Engineering, Inc. as Engineering Firm; Jones and Company as Accounting Firm; The First Bank of Minersville as Financial Institution and Robert Mahalchick as Sewer Manager. Mr. Bobinas seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. The motion passed as presented.

MINUTES

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve the December 2019 minutes with the corrections of the date to December 18, 2019 on page 2. Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the November Financial Report. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve the December Financial Report. On the question, Mr. Bobinas asked for an actual 2019 budget to date. Mr. Mahalchick said he would run a report. Mr. Bobinas seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

VISITORS

There were no visitors at the January meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor was not present at the January meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Cuff thanked the Authority for his appointment. Mr. Cuff reported that the situation on St. Francis Street had become progressively worse during the Christmas holidays. After consulting the Solicitor an emergency situation, repair work was completed. Additionally, replacement of 300 feet of sewer line will be incorporated into the Laurel Street Project.

Don Cuff presented a report on purchasing a new press vs. hauling of the liquid sludge to another plant. Mr. Darosh questioned if the prices included hauling of the sludge. Mr. Cuff responded that hauling was included. Both options were presented for the Authority's review.

Mr. Cuff's recommendation is to purchase a new press. His recommendation is based on the fact that by hauling the sludge out, the plant is not in control. If the receiving plant has issues of their own, they would refuse our sludge. Mr. Bobinas questioned if parts for the new press would be customized or would be available to replace easily. Mr. Cuff stated that the manufacturing of the press would be specific to our needs. Mr. Cuff stated that currently Jim Thorpe has this type of press; it is currently the gold standard for our size of plant. Mr. Bobinas questioned if there was any salvage value in our current press. Mr. Cuff stated that Ray Sukeena is currently reaching out for salvage opportunities. Mr. Eltringham stated that the price of a new press was included in our recent refinancing.

SEWER OPERATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sukeena was not present at the January meeting. He presented members with a written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Installation of T Valves by Blooming Glen was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

Entech made a donation in the Authority's name to the Minersville Area Food Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve Requisition #1 for bond related expenses to Entech. Mr. Bobinas seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve the Invoice from Ronca for repair to the St. Francis Street line in the amount of \$7,820.33. Mr. Bobinas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Mr. Enders who abstained.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the Chapter 94 Work Order in the amount of \$2800. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to set tap in fees in the amount of \$3000 with running pipe to the curb. On the question, Mr. Cuff recommended monitoring those jobs to be sure that the above amount is a good amount. Mr. DiBiase seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve the PADLAF resolution. On the question, Mr. Bobinas questioned how safe our money would be. Mr. Mahalchick stated they came highly recommended. Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to create a new commercial deposit account with M&T Bank. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve a signature page for the M&T Bank account. On the question, Mr. Bobinas questioned if a local bank could be used for this this account. Mr. Mahalchick stated that M&T Bank does these accounts. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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Mr. Enders requested an email stating the amount reimbursed to the Borough for Street Department employee services.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary