

November 20, 2019

A general meeting of the Sewer Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held Wednesday, November 20, 2019 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 November meeting- Jeremy Olenick, Thomas Eltringham, Richard DiBiase, Al Bobinas, Authority Engineer Don Cuff, Councilman Steven Darosh, Ray Sukeena, Sewer Plant Manager and Borough Manager, Robert Mahalchick.

NEW BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve the October 2019 minutes. Mr. Bobinas seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented

FINANCIAL REPORT

The October Financial Report was not available for the November meeting.

The Authority members met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:02. The members returned at 7:06.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to appoint Jeff Enders to the open vacancy on the Sewer Authority due to the death of Gabby Angelo. Mr. Olenick seconded the appointment. The appointment was unanimous. Mr. Enders was sworn into the Sewer Authority.

VISITORS

There were no visitors at the November meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor had no additional information to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Don Cuff presented Work Order 4154-EWO-10150 for the Emergency Generator Replacement Project for survey and design and permitting and bidding when funds are in place from the refinancing. Mr. Olenick questioned if the bid could be reviewed before it is sent out. Mr. Cuff stated there would be a pre-bid conference. Mr. Bobinas questioned if this would be another custom built design. Mr. Cuff assured the Authority that the manufacturer does maintenance. Mr. Sukeena will be able to remotely access the generator. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the work order. Mr. DiBiase seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cuff presented Work Order 4154-EWO-10151 for Phase 1 of the Laurel Street Project for survey, design, permitting and bidding. Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the work order. Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

SEWER OPERATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sukeena presented members with a written report. Mr. Sukeena reported that minimal work has been done this month on the inlets due to other projects. Mr. Sukeena reported that the line on St. Frances Street had to be dug up and repairs made. The line will have to be replaced during the Laurel Street Project. Mr. Sukeena reported that the blower needs to be replaced. A quote is being prepared. Mr. Sukeena stated that since the press is not functional, Frackville Sewer Authority would buy some of our chemicals. Mr. Cuff suggested checking what the purchase price was, and since it was purchased about eighteen months ago, they are paying more than that now.

Mr. Enders made a motion to sell the materials. Mr. DiBiase seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Sukeena stated that our agreement with WRC would be ending soon. He will review the agreement with Don Cuff and have updates for the December meeting.

Mr. Bobinas questioned how things are going with sending out our sludge. Mr. Sukeena replied that he and Don Cuff are still reviewing buying a pump or continuing to send the sludge out to be processed. Mr. Sukeena reported that Mr. Bowers has still not replaced his line from his building to the street. Mr. Bowers does not feel he should pay a sewer bill, as he has no sewage. Mr. Cuff suggested plugging the line and telling him he is not a sewer customer. Mr. DiBiase made a motion to plug the line. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mahalchick reported the Council Personnel Committee is updating the Employee Handbook. Drug testing following an accident was discussed. Mr. Bobinas suggested Mr. Mahalchick contact the Borough Association for examples of other handbooks. Mr. Mahalchick said that additionally, he would contact Schuylkill Haven's Borough Manager, Scott Graver.

Mr. DiBiase made a motion authorizing changes to employees' health insurance in alignment with the Borough Council. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Enders made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Pine Street Separation Project, Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Laurel Street Separation Project. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

The first reading of the 2020 budget, which includes a 5% rate I increase, was completed.

The December meeting will be held on the THIRD Wednesday of December the 18th.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary