

September 25, 2019

A general meeting of the Sewer Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held Wednesday, September 25, 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 September meeting- Jeremy Olenick, Thomas Eltringham, Richard DiBiase, Al Bobinas, Councilman Steven Darosh and Paul Vuksta, Don Cuff, Authority Engineer, Ray Sukeena, Sewer Plant Manager and Borough Manager, Robert Mahalchick.

MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. DiBiase made a motion to approve the August Financial Report. Mr. Olenick seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

VISITORS

A resident of 201 North Second Street reported that the sewer smell is so bad outside of her home that is making her sick. Mr. Sukeena reported it is a sewer gas smell from lack of rain. He has flushed the line and put in deodorizers. The resident stated that this has not helped. Mr. Olenick suggested asking a fire company to dump a tanker into the line. Mr. Sukeena stated they would flush the line again. Mr. Sukeena stated he can put a rubber cover over it but the cover needs to be removed when it rains so the rain can get into the line to flush it out.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Don Cuff reported Scott Kramer has set up the financing plan at 3.1 million dollars. Should the Authority elect to add an additional 1 million dollars it would add an additional payment of \$48,000 per year. Mr. Bobinas questioned if the Water Authority is scheduling any projects that match the streets for our future projects. Mr. Cuff replied that they are not. Mr. Mahalchick stated that Borough Council would like some of the money set aside for a rainy day fund. Don cuff responded that the funds need to be disbursed within three years. The Authority discussed the ability to afford the additional one million of financing. Mr. Mahalchick stated that this is the year for the scheduled 5% rate increase. Mr. Eltringham requested Mr. Mahalchick start the budget to determine if the additional amount of financing is feasible. Don Cuff stated that this financing is a great opportunity to get projects done as grants are typically being awarded for economic development, which would not include our Sewer Authority. Don Cuff stated that in the future replacement of ten million dollars of equipment at the plant would be needed. Don Cuff will contact Scott Kramer to check the timeline for the purpose of adding an additional one million dollars to the financing. A special meeting for the sole purpose of the financing can be advertised if needed.

SEWER OPERATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sukeena presented members with a written report. Mr. Sukeena reported that Quality Street would be completed tomorrow. Mr. Sukeena reported that the grit collector is down. The chains have stretched again. Mr. Sukeena reported that he has once again tried to fire up the press with no success. He is at a loss as what to do next. Mr. Sukeena is going to research the difference between purchasing a new press and continuing to haul the sludge with a yearly contract. He will

figure the cost of electric for running the press. Mr. Sukeena reported inspections are continuing. Several required repair work, mostly with lids being black topped over. Mr. Eltringham stated inspections are almost at 50%.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Don Cuff met with Mr. Al Reber and Mr. Reber does not agree with the Authority's decision that his water runoff is not the fault of the Sewer Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bobinas made a motion, second by Mr. Olenick authorizing Mr. Mahalchick to advertise for a special meeting regarding the financing, if necessary. The motion passed as presented.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary