

May 27, 2020

A general meeting of the Sewer Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held Wednesday, May 27, in Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street and by telephone conference call due to the social distancing restrictions caused by the Corona virus. Chairman Thomas Eltringham opened the meeting with the flag ceremony at 7:00PM.

ATTENDANCE

The following members attended the May meeting-Jeremy Olenick, Jeff Enders, Thomas Eltringham, Richard DiBiase, Al Bobinas, Authority Engineer Don Cuff, Councilman Steve Darosh, Sewer Manager Robert Mahalchick and Sewer Plant Manager Ray Sukeena.

MINUTES

Mr. Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Olenick to approve the minutes from April 2020. The motion passed as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Olenick made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Mr. DiBiase seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

VISITORS

There were no visitors to the May meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Don Cuff reported on the Laurel Street Separation Project, which is ready to go out for bid pending the Authority's review. Jeff Enders made a motion to authorize the project being put out to bid, following the Authority's review. Mr. DiBiase seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Ray Sukeena reported that the Wolf Creek culvert was televised, revealing it is a 60-inch pipe. Upon inspection of the pipe from the baseball field to the 400 block of Carbon Street, the pipe is in good condition and there is nothing blocking the pipe. Don Cuff reported that the chamber in the area of the HI Rise building would be inspected to see if any debris washed down to that area. The chamber is huge but will be cleaned of debris. The road issue on Carbon Street therefore, is not due to the Wolf Street culvert.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The Solicitor was not present at the May meeting.

SEWER OPERATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sukeena presented members with a written report. Mr. Sukeena informed the Authority that The line that supplies Quandels Concrete and flows to Jones Street was full of silt. The line was cleaned but will have to be monitored. Mr. Sukeena reported the Briar city property was televised. The owner's lateral is failing. A large piece of terra cotta was discovered in the pipe. When Mr. Bowers fixes his lateral, Mr. Sukeena would like to put a manhole in the driveway for access, which will allow televising more of the pipe. The existing manhole at the bottom of the street is too steep to allow televising. Dallago finished excavating on Third Street. The Milbrandt lateral does empty into the chamber, which is in good condition. The lid will be raised before the Water Company does work on Third Street. The SCADA and WIN911 systems are in place and being monitored.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ray Sukeena reported that Stephen Pangaio, 707 Maple Street, had reported issues with his sewer line going back several years. At the time the only access to the line was through his basement. A snake and camera was run at that time. Employees told the homeowner there were most likely roots in the line. Recently the problem was reported again. They replaced their lateral and a root ball was found at the connection. Biros ran their root cutter the entire way down the block. The homeowner has asked for his expenses to be reimbursed, enclosing pictures. Mr. Sukeena reported that workers were not at the site when the new lateral was run and the pictures only show the new pvc pipe, so he has no idea if the problem was not in their lateral. The owner is mainining that the problem was on the street. Ray Sukeena reported that the Authority is always called for lines being installed, which they were not. Mr. Sukeena does not know if the owner had a permit for the work being done. Years ago trees caused an issue on that block. The trees are no longer there. Mr. Mahalchick had informed the homeowner of this meeting and gave him the opportunity to attend. After discussion the board, instructed Mr. Mahalchick to inform the homeowner that unless he has proof of his lateral not being at fault, the board is leaning to deny his request for compensation.

NEW BUSINESS

The following bids were received by May 30th for the generator project.

Cedar Electric Inc.	\$248,000.00
North End Electric	\$253,950.00
A.N. Lynch Co. Inc.	\$268,000.00
Derstine Company LLC	\$277,000.00
Bognet Inc.	\$326,000.00

Jeff Enders made a motion, second by Mr. DiBiase on the recommendation of Entech Engineering to award the bid to Cedar Electric Inc. in the amount of \$248,000.00. The motion passed as presented.

Jeremy Olenick made a motion to pay Entech Engineering in the amount of \$38,700. Mr. Enders seconded the motion, the motion passed as presented.

Jeremy Olenick made a motion, second by Jeff Enders to pay Requisition #4 to Entech Engineering for expenses associated with the design of the Laurel Street Separation and Generator Project and costs of publication. The motion passed as presented.

Jeff Enders made a motion, second by Mr. Olenick to approve work order to Entech engineering in the amount of \$33,600 for design, permitting and bidding of the Second and Sunbury Streets Storm Sewer Project, which will be bid in two parts-one portion for Penn Dot right of way and one for the borough. The motion passed as presented.

On the recommendation of Mr. Sukeena, Mr. DiBiase made a motion to accept the quote from Melbourne Electric for the purchase of a Chlorine Analyzer at a cost of \$8,535. Mr. Enders seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

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Mr. Mahalchick presented the monthly Income/Expense Report to date for members to study and contact him with any questions or concerns.

Mr. Sukeena reported that the office had received a letter from a lawyer for the employee of Strouse who had fallen at the plant several months ago, requesting our report and surveillance of the incident. Mr. Enders reported that his company has insurance for that. A new piece of catwalk has been installed where the piece broke and fell.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary