

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M. on January 20, 2020 in the Council Chambers on North Delaware Ave and East Carbon St.

Mr. Michael Andruchek presided and opened the meeting with the Flag Ceremony.

Attendance:

The following Authority members attended: Mr. Michael Andruchek, Chairman; Mr. Kevin Wigoda and Mr. Allen Reber. Also, in attendance were: Solicitor Albert Evans; Melanie Spittler, Manager; Jenn Hossler, Secretary; Don Cuff, Entech Engineering; Donald Troutman, Authority Laborer; Mr. Steven Darosh, Councilman; Mr. Michael Firestine, Councilman; and numerous guests. Mr. James Kimmel, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Edward Butler, Treasurer were absent.

Three Authority members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Reorganization:

Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to nominate all positions to remain the same. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to appoint all positions to remain the same. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Chairman: Michael Andruchek

Vice-Chairman: James Kimmel

Treasurer: Edward Butler

Secretary: Jennifer Hossler

Solicitor: Attorney Albert Evans

Engineering Firm: Entech Engineering Inc.

Accounting Firm: Jones & Co.

Financial Institution: First Bank of Minersville

Minutes:

Mr. Kevin Wigoda made a motion to accept the December's meeting minutes. Mr. Allen Reber seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented.

Guests

Mr. Marlin Beach questioned why it says failure to report on the water quality report for January 2019. Mrs. Spittler stated, it was invalidated by DEP because it was at the time testing was switched from quarterly to monthly. Mr. Beach also questioned the high aluminum levels in the water. Mrs. Spittler stated aluminum sulfate is added and is part of the coagulation process. Mr. Beach questioned why the Authority Chairman was so upset after a question was brought up about the bonds. Mr. Andruchek responded that he was upset over the video posted to the Facebook group that was incorrect. Mr. Beach stated he removed the video as soon as he could and that the group does not have affiliation with the person who made the video.

Mr. Gene Haslam asked if Mrs. Spittler was able to get the number of lost gallons from the Q&A sheet from last month's meetings. Mrs. Spittler stated the number is 7,050,000 gallons.

Mrs. Monica Raczka asked what the aluminum sulfate coagulates. Mrs. Spittler responded that it helps the dirt clump together. Mrs. Raczka also asked if they are any current grants for projects. Mr. Cuff stated they have applications in for the H2O program and the PA Small Water grants through DEP. Mrs. Raczka asked if the project done on Church St or Middle St was a sewer or water project. Mr. Cuff stated he believes it was a CDBG project through the Borough because the roadways and sidewalks were also

done. Mrs. Raczka asked what happens with the leftover funds from projects. Mr. Cuff explained CDBG is a reimbursable grant, the entity only gets reimbursed for what they use.

Mrs. Yeager asked who wrote the grant. Mr. Cuff replied that Entech Engineering wrote the grant application. Mr. Cuff also explained there have been multiple grants that have been applied for but they have not been successful at being awarded them.

Mrs. Jaime Zimerofsky stated the aluminum level recorded in an independent test done on the water was .78, they say the standard is .05-.20. Mrs. Spittler stated that might be their standard but there is no mcl for aluminum. Mrs. Spittler also stated the Authority has a new company coming to do jar testing and if it is successful, they could be switching from aluminum to DelPACc. Mrs. Zimerofsky also asked if our water has ever been tested for PFO's or PFOA's. Mr. Cuff is not sure if they will do the test on an "as needed" basis but he will look into it.

Engineers Report:

Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to approve Requisition #2 of the 2019 project funds in the amount of \$23,097.17. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Andruchek-yes, Mr. Wigoda-yes and Mr. Reber-yes. With all in favor the motion passed as presented.

Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to accept the work order in the amount of \$36,100.00 from Entech Engineering, Inc. for the design, bid and oversee the replacement of the media in the filter units. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Andruchek-yes, Mr. Wigoda-yes and Mr. Reber-yes. With all in favor the motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cuff stated the highway design is almost completed and will be submitted to PennDot.

Solicitors Report:

Attorney Evans reported they closed on the bonds in December and the financing is complete. He also reported he sent a letter to the deep mining lessee confirming the Authority is giving them an extension as long as they are paid up to current by April.

Managers' Report:

Mrs. Spittler reported the Authority received \$1,010.00 from S&J Coal Co. for 9 loads totaling 202 tons. Mrs. Spittler also reported the leak detection survey is now completed. He only found 10 small leaks throughout the system. Half of the leaks are already fixed, 2 were service lines.

Filtration Plant Report:

Mrs. Spittler reported they will be replacing all of the media in the filter units at the filtration plant. She also reported there was a filtration expert who looked at the filter units. He stated the air system in the filter units were installed upside down. This will be fixed when the media is replaced.

Treasurers Report:

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Presentation of Bills:

With no questions, Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to approve the January's bills properly presented and signed. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Correspondence:

Mrs. Spittler stated The Authority received a letter stating Entech Engineering Inc. donated to the Minersville Food Bank in the name of the Minersville Water Authority.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to accept the 2020 Budget. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Andruchek-yes, Mr. Wigoda-yes, and Mr. Reber-yes. With all in favor the motion passed as presented.

New Business:

Mrs. Spittler reported she, along with Mr. Mahalchick, Borough Manager met with PSDLAF.

Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to approve the resolution to join PSDLAF. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Spittler stated M&T Bank is where the bond finance is through.

Mr. Kevin Wigoda made a motion to open an account at M&T Bank for the project funds. Mr. Allen Reber seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Allen Reber stated the timberer will be coming back to chip more trees. He also stated people are getting in near the dam with motorized Jeeps and suggested putting in another gate. He will ask the timberer to put in another gate.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Allen Reber made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenn Hossler