

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M. on October 21, 2019 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. Edward Butler, Treasurer; Mr. Kevin Wigoda and Mr. Allen Reber. Also, in attendance were: Solicitor Albert Evans; Melanie Spittler, Manager; Jenn Hossler, Secretary; Don Cuff, Entech Engineering; Attorney Paul Datte; Donald Troutman, Authority Laborer; Robert Kane Jr, Authority Laborer; Mr. Steven Darosh, Councilman; and numerous guests. Mr. James Kimmel, Vice-Chairman was absent.

Four Authority members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion for an executive session for a legal matter. Mr. Allen Reber seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented. The executive session started at 7:02pm, it ended at 7:11pm.

**Minutes:**

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

**Guests**

Concerns were expressed from many guests regarding the frequent dirty water, communications from Authority, the water quality at the Minersville Elementary Center, the color of the stream and timbering being done on the Authority property in Heckscherville, the cause of the dirty water, possible comparison with other Municipalities, alternate forms of revenue and a chlorine smell from the water.

Mrs. Spittler, Mr. Andruchek, Mr. Reber & Mr. Cuff addressed each of the concerns.

**Engineers Report:**

Mr. Cuff referred to Attorney Evans & Attorney Datte to report on the bond refinance. Attorney Evans explained they can refinance the old bond and make sure there is money for new projects.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to pass a resolution to allow the Municipal Authority to borrow up to \$15,000,000.00 to refinance and fund new projects. Mr. Allen Reber seconded it. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes, Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion passed as presented.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to pass a resolution to extend the life of the Municipal Authority by 50 years from the date it is filed with the state. Mr. Allen Reber seconded it. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes, Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion passed as presented.

Attorney Datte explained that this is a parameters resolution. They will likely be borrowing closer to \$12,000,000.00. The resolution is for up to \$15,000,000 to allow RBC Capital Markets, the underwriter to negotiate the best deal possible. They will have 2 separate bond issues. 1 for the old debt and 1 for the new money. Both will close in December.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to accept the Entech Engineering work order for the design of the main water line replacement on Rt 209. Mr. Allen Reber seconded the motion. roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes, Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion passed as presented.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to accept the Entech Engineering work order for the inspections of Dam 3 & 4 and submit the results to DEP. Mr. Allen Reber seconded the motion. roll call vote was taken; Mr. Michael Andruchek-yes, Mr. Edward Butler-yes, Mr. Kevin Wigoda-yes, Mr. Allen Reber-yes. With all in favor, the motion passed as presented.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to allow Mr. Cuff to work with Mrs. Spittler to identify projects that may meet requirements for 2 grant programs being offered by DCED. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

**Solicitors Report:**

Attorney Evans reported that he worked together with the bond council to be able to get the bonds closed by the beginning of December.

He also reported that he will be working with Mrs. Spittler on an issue with the coal royalties.

**Managers' Report:**

Mrs. Spittler reported the Authority received \$1,298.00 from S&J Coal Co. for 259.62 tons.

The first of 2 auto-flushers were installed on Thursday. It ran for 6 hours and the water was much clearer.

The second is going on the other side of the breaker. They will do a survey on the water lines in that area.

**Filtration Plant Report:**

Nothing to report

**Treasurers Report:**

Nothing to report

**Presentation of Bills:**

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

**Correspondence:**

Nothing to report

**Unfinished Business:**

Mrs. Spittler reported she and Ms. Paul attended the Benecon meeting regarding health insurance. The renewal rate is 1.3%.

Mrs. Spittler also reported the 2019 total surplus for all Borough, Water, Sewer & Police as of July 31, 2019 is \$121, 805.00. The water's portion is 25%. The Authority is receiving a refund of \$30,450.00.

Robert E. Reedy & Sons was the only bid received for the heating oil. The bid is for the delivery of heating oil from October 22, 2019- September 30, 2020 with approximate usage of 9000 gallons. They offer automatic delivery at a discount of \$0.10 off the street price with a price cap of \$2.649 per gallon.

Mr. Edward Butler made a motion to accept and award Robert E. Reedy & Sons heating oil bid. Mr. Kevin Wigoda seconded the motion. The motion was passed as presented.

Mrs. Spittler submitted preliminary responses to questions submitted by the Facebook group Clean Water for Minersville Residents to the Authority Board.

**New Business:**

Mrs. Spittler reported there was a leak on Linden St today. When it was opened for repair, they noticed the ground was heavily saturated and because it was shale it was not surfacing. She is hoping by fixing the leak it helps with the dirty water issues in New Minersville. Phone notification were sent for the auto-flusher & for the leak on Linden St.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenn Hossler