

BIRDSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING 11/14/16

Kevin Orman – Chairman  
Tony Tucci – Vice Chairman  
Deborah Murphy – Treasurer  
Theodore Morse – Secretary  
Kevin Shelton – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Douglas P. Rauch, Esquire – Solicitor  
Daryl Jenkins – Engineer  
Aaron Durso – Borough Manager  
Bambi Dinsdale – Recording Secretary

6:30 **Meeting called to order.**

**Pledge of Allegiance done.**

**Birdsboro Power Presentation** – Presented by Mr. Steve Lusky and Jim Palumbo with power point.

The Birdsboro Power, LLC (“BP”) approximate construction time line was discussed. On November 1, 2016, demolition begins. On February 1, 2017, the building construction begins. In January of 2019, it is hoped the project will achieve substantial completion.

The Authority will receive a \$200,000.00 per year accommodation fee for the first three years from BP.

A discussion was had regarding water and sewer service to the new building.

**Motion made** by Mr. Tucci to approve the waste water treatment service agreement with BP, seconded by Ms. Murphy and passed.

In addition, the Authority the Water Authority will supply water to BP on an emergency basis and will bill them directly.

A discussion was held on the dissolved solids exclusion set forth at section 2 of the waste water treatment service agreement. The power plant's discharge will test over the limits that the Borough otherwise allows based upon projected peak usage but BP's discharge won't affect the overall treatment limits at the plant when combined and treated with all other sewage. The discharge will still be within the parameters set by DEP and DRBC.

Based on information received from BP, the Authority sewer plant can handle the worst case scenario.

It was observed that there is no provision in the agreements that prevents BP from constructing its own waste water treatment plant on its site. It was stated that this was not likely to happen, mainly because DEP would likely not approve it.

**Motion made** by Mr. Tucci to approve the Water Supplemental Extension and Backup Water Supply Agreement, seconded by Ms. Murphy and passed.

BP will pay for emergency backup use and also for the use of potable water during construction.

There will be an interconnect valve that will allow the Authority to draw water from the RAWA line if needed in an emergency.

A pressure regulator will be needed at the interconnect because RAWA uses higher pressure.

Fire officials will be able to tap into the RAWA line if needed for fire extinguishing.

**Public Comment** – Mr. Jeff Kaufman requested an update on Birdsboro Fitness & Splash. Updates were to be given at a later time in the meeting.

Mr. Myers had questions on the water and sewer agreements with BP. These questions and answers were discussed during the presentation by Mr. Lusky.

**Review of the minutes from August meeting** – Motion made by Mr. Tucci to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Morse, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Motion made by Mr. Tucci to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay invoices, seconded by Ms. Murphy and passed.

**Manager's Report** – Presented by Mr. Durso. Reports on file.

The Borough worked on billing issues.

Hydrant flushing was done.

There are a few valves that need to be repaired before winter that the employees will be working on. The employees will replace the valves in question if they can.

The new sewer lateral works well.

The employees flushed the race with the vacuum truck.

Mr. Durso is checking into a low interest loan for relocating the raw water line at the reservoir.

**Engineering report for the Indian Run Reservoir Dam project** –

presented by Brian Boyer and report on file.

Geotechnical borings are complete and the results should be back in 4-6 weeks.

It has not been decided if there will be a need to dewater the reservoir.

There was discussion on Fitness & Splash parking area expansion.

The Authority would like pricing for excavation only, together with pricing

for excavation and paving. Depending on the pricing, the Borough employees could possibly do the paving.

A discussion was had on an elevated sign and curbing for Birdsboro Fitness & Splash.

**Monthly report for Fitness & Splash:**

The Birdsboro Fitness & Splash financial report is on file.

There was discussion on Fitness & Splash personnel matters and financial information. The cost of the use of electricity at the facility is a huge expense. The Authority will be researching ways to lower this expense.

The Seresco unit installed at Birdsboro Fitness & Splash has been having issues. Mr. Durso will try to work with the contractor to rectify the problems, however, if the parties cannot come to a satisfactory solution, Mr. Durso should contact Mr. Rauch to send a certified letter outlining the Authority's concerns and needs.

**Engineer's Report** – Presented by Mr. Jenkins and on file.

Discussion was had on the industrial pretreatment program.

The Authority would like to coordinate some valve replacements and/or other work that is needed with the RAWA line installation.

**Solicitor's Report** – Presented by Mr. Rauch.

Mr. Rauch worked on customer matters.

A meeting is set with Dallas Data to discuss McGloughlin's bill balance

The border marking project is complete. This expense came in under budget.

Mr. Rauch worked on the BP, agreements. The Authority members should review and be ready to take action next month on the agreement with the Borough pertaining to the three year payment and the agreement with RAWA.

Mr. Rauch worked on Birdsboro Fitness & Splash matters.

RAWA officially terminated their service with the Authority in regards to the water treatment plant. This service is no longer necessary.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – There were additional questions and discussion on the three year pay out from BP, and on user rates.

**Motion made** by Mr. Morse to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Tucci, passed.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.