

BIRDSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING 2/9/16

Kevin Orman – Chairman
Tony Tucci – Vice Chairman
Deborah Murphy – Treasurer
Theodore Morse – Secretary
Kevin Shelton – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - absent
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.

Public Comment – Mr. Jeff Kaufman had concerns on the cost of the Aqua Facility that was presented at the Borough Council meeting. Mr. Orman is going to check the related costs with Ms. Yanos and Mr. Durso and get back to Mr. Kaufman.

Review of the minutes from the January meeting – **Motion made** by Mr. Tucci to accept the minutes with the changes recommended by Mr. Rauch, seconded by Mr. Morse, and passed.

Aqua Facility presentation by Mr. Jim Burkman

There was a slide show presentation (on file) and discussion after. The Authority discussed the different options presented and how the projected revenues and expenses. Ms. Kaufman questioned the use of the building to house Authority records and an office for the Authority. This is a possibility.

Treasurer's Report – Motion made by Mr. Tucci to accept the

Treasurer's Report and pay the bills, seconded by Ms. Murphy, and passed.

Manager's Report – Presented by Mr. Durso.

Samples have been taken for HAA5s. There was one sample just submitted yesterday. The previous sample was taken and the results were very good.

The mini FPPE transformed into a full inspection of the water treatment plant. The Authority should be receiving the operating permit soon for the plant. John did a wonderful job during the inspection.

The SCADA system was working and able to produce reports and information as needed.

Memcore wants to ship the membranes. The Authority still needs to confirm the permit is approved.

Discussion was had on the Partnership for Safe Drinking Water program.

Discussion was had on the moratoriums on connections to the wastewater treatment plant.

There needs to be two years of good data for the moratorium to be lifted. That should happen after this year.

The industrial customers have helped in resolving issues that were originating with their businesses.

There was an issue at the aqua facility where the operator's thought there was a leak at the facility but it was just a maintenance issue.

Mr. Morse will give the operators Mr. Durso's cell phone number in case this happens again.

Reading Water Authority Report – Presented by Mr. Miller

Discussion was had on the recent DEP inspection.

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

The Authority needs to finalize the industrial pretreatment program. Discussion was had on the headworks project and the bidding process. The contractor will need to design the electrical system and minor structural modifications.

Motion was made by Mr. Tucci to authorize SSM to execute task 4 and task 5 of their proposal for the headworks project, not to exceed \$14,871.00, seconded by Mr. Morse and passed.

The Authority considered replacing the pumps at the Cocalico and River Road pump stations.

Proposals were distributed for review and action to be taken in March.

Solicitor's Report – Presented by Mr. Rauch.

Mr. Rauch worked on customer matters.

Motion made by Mr. Tucci to accept the amendments to the by laws as presented by Mr. Rauch, seconded by Mr. Morse and passed

Motion made by Mr. Tucci to excuse Mr. Shelton's absence due to work, seconded by Mr. Morse and passed.

Mr. Orman presented a report on the aqua facility as a member of the

Ad Hoc Committee. Discussion was had following the report on the options that were considered regarding operations. The facility is not being opened to be in competition with other community entities in Birdsboro, but to work together to make a better community.

Mr. Blank questioned how long the Authority will accept a loss from the facility before closing it. Mr. Morse feels a three year time frame will be needed. Members of the Ad Hoc Committee agree.

Motion made by Mr. Tucci to except and proceed with Phase 1 of the business plan for the aqua facility presented to the Authority, not to exceed \$100,000.00 in the first quarter, seconded by Ms. Murphy and passed. Mr. Morse abstained.

A note was made to remember health insurance coverage for employees of the facility.

Old Business – **Motion made** by Mr. Tucci to move the Municipal Authority meeting to the second Monday of every month, seconded by Ms. Murphy and passed.

New Business – The members of the Authority feel there needs to be an alarm system at the Authority facilities in case of injury to operators. The cost of this will researched.

Motion was made by Mr. Morse to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ms. Murphy, and passed.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.