

BIRDSBORO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MEETING 6/13/18

Anthony Tucci – Chairman
Kevin Orman – Vice Chairman
Deborah Murphy – Treasurer - absent
Kevin Shelton – Secretary - absent
Jeffrey Kauffman – 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.

Public Comment – None.

Report on Indian Run Dam Project – Presented by Mr. Boyer.

Mr. Boyer presented a timeline for the project.

Motion made by Mr. Orman to authorize items 3 and 4 on the scope of work presented by Boyer Engineering. This will provide for upgrading the design and provide for the acquisition of required permits, and will advance the project to the bidding phase. The cost for the design upgrade is \$374,000.00, and the cost to complete the permitting is \$29,900.00. Seconded by Mr. Kauffman and passed.

Review of the minutes from the May meeting – Motion made by

Mr. Kauffman to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Orman, and passed.

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

Treasurer's Report for April and pay the bills for April, seconded by Mr. Orman and passed.

Manager's Report – Presented by Mr. Durso.

Motion made by Mr. Orman to authorize the release of the bid bond and release the final payment for Barasso Construction for the Mill Street project, seconded by Mr. Kauffman and passed.

Reading Area Water Authority has completed the installation of its water line to the Borough border line.

RAWA will continue installation of the water line on Jackson Street and First Street.

Mr. Durso will confirm how much of Jackson Street will be repaved.

The pump station on Cocalico Road is under construction and the River Road pump station should be completed by end of next week.

There was a high sludge level reported at the clarifier. With help from Spotts Stevens & McCoy, this seems to be fixed.

The consumer confidence report for the water system is complete.

M&A Excavating, LLC, provided a proposal to replace the galvanized line on School Street with a 4" ductile line from Route 724 to School Street. The galvanized line will be abandoned in place. Mr. Rauch will consult with Ms. Crawford on the bid requirements for such a project.

Motion made by Mr. Orman to purchase "man down" alarm equipment for the waste water treatment plant, not to exceed \$8,020.00, seconded by Mr. Kauffman and passed. The alarm will be connected to the SCADA system and will call 911 automatically if needed.

John Baker from the PA Department of Agriculture will work with Rick Hartlieb to remove 90% of the Tree of Heaven located in the watershed to help prevent the spread of the spotted lantern fly.

Mr. Durso and Mr. Rauch will be meeting with Dallas Data to discuss payment plans and how to handle non-payments. Discussion will be had on usage of a collection agency. There are approximately 10-14 customers on payment plans.

The water turn off/turn on fee is \$35 now. The Board felt that this needs to be increased.

Motion made by Mr. Kauffman to purchase a Polaris Ranger 570 full size 2 seater with a bed in the back and a hard top, at a cost not to exceed \$8,600.00, seconded by Mr. Orman and passed. Safety lighting will be put on at a later time.

Mr. Durso described a certain course of study being offered at Reading Area Community College relating to the operation of collection systems.

Motion made by Mr. Orman to authorize payment for Mr. Durso to attend this course and become licensed, seconded by Mr. Kauffman and passed.

The Community Center is having a fundraiser on July 14, 2018 and has requested a donation from the Authority. Motion made by Mr. Kauffman to authorize a \$300.00 donation, seconded by Mr. Orman and passed.

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

National Water Main Company is requesting \$4,500.00 extra for down time it experienced when it was prevented from working pursuant to its contract due to excessive infiltration. However, their

machinery was not working that day so they would not have been able to do the work.

Motion made by Mr. Orman to authorize Mr. Jenkins to negotiate up to a \$1,000.00 payment, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, passed.

Solicitor's Report – Presented by Mr. Rauch.

Mr. Rauch worked on customer matters.

Mr. Rauch is arranging a meeting with DCNR and H&K regarding a proposed land swap with H&K which would affect the Authority watershed property which is subject to a forest legacy easement.

Mr. Rauch worked with SSM on the Industrial Pretreatment Plan.

Mr. Rauch is waiting for a mediation date for the McLaughlin case.

Briefs must be filed by June 11, 2018.

The meeting with Borough Council members and Authority members on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, went well.

Mr. Rauch will work on setting up a facilities tour for Borough Council and Authority members on an upcoming Saturday.

In response to an earlier inquiry, Mr. Rauch reported that the Maple Springs pool loan matures on June 2, 2020.

Mr. Rauch responded to the auditors regarding litigation matters.

Mr. Rauch is requesting an executive session to discuss personnel matters following the public meeting tonight. No action will be required.

Birdsboro Fitness & Splash Report – Presented by Mr. Durso.

As of June 8, 2018, the facility has 1,153 members.

There needs to be a construction meeting with Mr. Boyer for the new parking area. Mr. Orman would like to attend this meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Kauffman to transfer \$7,500.00 from the Authority to the Birdsboro Fitness & Splash account, seconded by Mr. Orman and passed.

The Authority may need to revisit this amount in July.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Motion was made by Mr. Kauffman to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Orman and passed.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall.