

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 4:30pm in Council Chambers of Town Hall, Bloomsburg, PA.

Thomas Evans presided. Those present included: Board Members Claude Renninger, Lawrence Mack, Carey Howell and Andrew Barton; Alvin Luschas, Derr, Pursel, Luschas and Naparsteck LLP; Plant Superintendent Daniel Murphy and Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney. Absent were Engineer Brian Book, Rettew: Public Works Superintendent John Barton and Assistant Secretary Carol Mas.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD—DWAYNE HEISLER AND JAMES PARKER, REMIT CORPORATION

Dwayne Heisler, Vice-President and Director of Operations, and James Parker, Manager Advanced Recovery Department of Remit Corporation were present to review suggestions for streamlining the sewer account shut-off process. Mr. Heisler explained that the Authority's Resolution requiring receipts for certified mailings to inform customers of a potential shut-off is slowing the recovery process. He questioned if this practice was necessary, citing other utility clients who shut off utilities and do not require proof of receipt of a certified notice. Solicitor Al Luschas suggested a meeting between Remit Corporation representatives, Staff and himself to review the current shut off process in an attempt to simplify it.

#### CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – RICH KISNER

Rich Kisner, Executive Director of the Columbia County Housing Authority, questioned the board regarding a motion made at the December meeting permitting the Housing Authority to pay the connection fee for their Bloom Mills project on West 6<sup>th</sup> Street at a rate per EDU that was effective at the time the building permit for the project was granted. At the December meeting that fee was thought to be \$724.00 per EDU. Since the December meeting, it was discovered that the building permit for the project was issued on July 16, 2015 and at that time the connection fee per EDU was \$1,998.00. On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a correction to the motion made at the December 13, 2016 meeting to read that a fee of \$1,998.00 per EDU ( $\$1,998.00 \times 41$  EDU's = \$81,918.00) would be charged for this project with \$30,000.00 to be paid at the time the sewer permit is issued and the balance paid within 120 days of issuance of the sewer permit.

#### APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2016 MINUTES

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by A. Barton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the December 13, 2016 minutes with the correction to the Columbia County Housing Authority fee per EDU noted.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR DECEMBER

On a motion by A. Barton, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for December in the amount of \$204,959.50.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR DECEMBER

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for December in the amount of \$34,932.19.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE FOR DECEMBER

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by A. Barton and voted on Four (4) (T. Evans, L. Mack, C. Howell and A. Barton voting "Yes") to One (1) abstention (C. Renninger "Abstaining"), the Board approved the payment of bills from Renco Ace Hardware for December in the amount of \$168.17.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM DERR, PURSEL, LUSCHAS & NAPERSTECK**

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by A. Barton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of invoice from Derr, Pursel, Luschas & Naparsteck in the amount of \$112.50 for December legal services.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM KEGEL, KELIN, ALMY & LORD LLP**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by L. Mach and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of invoice from Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Lord LLP in the amount of \$147.50 for December legal services.

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP FLOWS**

Scott Township flows averaged 358,161 gallons during the month of December, up 2% from last December, with the maximum flows of 448,000 gallons occurring on December 1 and December 18.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF 2017 FORD F-250 PICK UP TRUCK**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the purchase of a Ford F-250 XL pickup truck from Sunbury Motor Company at a cost of \$33,977.00 through PA COSTAR. This purchase was included in the 2017 budget.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO GHD, INC.**

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by A. Barton and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of an invoice in the amount of \$1,987.32 to GHD, Inc. for value engineering services during the period of November 14-December 18, 2016.

**APPROVAL PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO RETTEW INC.**

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by A. Barton and voted on unanimously, the Board payment of an invoice to Rettew, Inc. in the amount of \$45,900.00 for continued preliminary design work during the period of November 26-December 23, 2016.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

**AMBER KENNEY**  
Secretary/Office Manager