

A regular meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 4:00pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Authority Office, 1000 Market Street, Suite 9, Bloomsburg, PA.

Thomas Evans presided. Those present included: Board Members, Claude Renninger, Lawrence Mack, Carey Howell (arriving at 4:13pm) and Vince DeMelfi; Alvin Luschas, Derr, Pursel, Luschas and Naparsteck LLP; Steven Siegfried, P.E., Rettew; Interim Plant Superintendent Mark Tappe; George Myers, Myers Environmental Services; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Billing and Collections Director Amy Seamans. Absent was Carol Mas, Assistant Secretary.

The Board adjourned into an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue and reconvened at 4:10pm.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2019 AND JANUARY 23, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the January 8, 2019 and January 23, 2019 meeting minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR JANUARY

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for January in the amount of \$292,030.44.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR JANUARY

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for January in the amount of \$4,495.87.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO RETTEW, INC.

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of an invoice to Rettew, Inc. in the amount of \$12,019.75 from the Construction account.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GHD, INC.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of an invoice to GHD, Inc. in the amount of \$19,128.91 from the Construction account.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE FOR JANUARY INVOICES

On a motion by V. DeMelfi, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Four (4) (V. DeMelfi, C. Howell, T. Evans and L. Mack voting "Yes") to One (1) Abstention (C. Renninger "Abstaining"), the Board approved payment to Renco Ace Hardware in the amount of \$531.55 for January invoices.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP FLOWS

Scott Township flows averaged 584,387 gallons during the month of January with the maximum flow of 1,295,000 gallons on January 24th. Staff contributed the high flow to excessive rain.

APPROVAL OF HIRING JOSEPH MARSHALL AS AN OPERATOR/MAINTENANCE AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved hiring Joseph Marshall as an Operator/Maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant effective February 19, 2019, pending a successful background check. This position is part of the collective bargaining unit and pay will be according to the provisions of the union agreement.

AUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR THE BLOOMSBURG FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by Larry Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board authorized granting a temporary and permanent easement for the Bloomsburg Flood Risk Management Project subject to the solicitor's approval of form and verification of the identity of the proper grantee and the approval of the engineer with regard to coordination of construction between our building trades and the building trades assigned to this project to construct the levee. The easements are described in plans prepared by Borton Lawson Engineers dated 10/3/18, amended 12/6/18, and revised 2/7/19. A copy of the plans will be made a part of these minutes.

APPROVAL OF DISMISSING PENDING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST GANNETT FLEMING, INC.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved dismissing the pending legal action against Gannett Fleming, Inc.

APPROVAL OF RETTEW PROVIDING A PROPOSAL FOR A DESIGN EVALUATION OF EXISTING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WATER SYSTEM

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved Rettew providing a proposal at the March Board meeting to conduct a design evaluation and recommendation for the existing wastewater treatment plant's water system.

APPROVAL OF RETTEW PROVIDING AN OPINION ON MANHOLE REPAIRS AND FOR STAFF TO CONTRACT THE REPAIRS

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board authorized Steven Siegfried of Rettew to evaluate and prepare his opinion on the condition of three manholes (MH123, MH124 and MH27B) and for staff to contract the manhole repairs, if necessary, if the cost does not exceed the bidding requirement limits.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEY WORK FOR THE PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved a proposal from Kaylor, Allwein & Hartman, Inc. in the amount of \$2,840.00 for additional survey work necessary for the ongoing construction project design at the treatment plant.

APPROVAL OF RETAINING MCNERNEY, PAGE, VANDERLIN & HALL FOR GENERAL LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved engaging the firm of McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall for legal matters pertaining to general labor and employment matters. Chairman Evans instructed staff to contact the firm currently handling these matters to notify them that their services would no longer be needed.

APPROVAL OF ADJUSTING CONSUMPTION FOR BILLING PURPOSES FOR DILLON FLORAL CORPORATION

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved adjusting the water consumption for billing purposes (December) for Dillon Floral Corporation to reflect the 3-year average monthly flow of 41,860 gallons. Dillon Floral Corp. has been experiencing equipment malfunctions which has led to excessive consumption being released to the ground. This water did not enter the sanitary sewer system.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager