

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 4:30pm in Council Chambers of Town Hall, Bloomsburg, PA.

Thomas Evans presided. Those present included: Board Members Claude Renninger, Carey Howell and Andrew Barton; Alvin Luschas, Derr, Pursel, Luschas and Naparsteck LLP; Brian Book, P.E., Rettew; Plant Superintendent Daniel Murphy; Assistant Superintendent Mark Tappe; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Assistant Secretary Carol Mas. Absent were Board Member Larry Mack; Special Projects Coordinator Evan Thursby and Public Works Superintendent John Barton.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 13, 2017 MINUTES

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the June 13, 2017 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR JUNE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for June in the amount of \$364,843.10.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR JUNE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for June in the amount of \$10,875.20.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE FOR JUNE

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by A. Barton and voted on Three (3) (T. Evans, 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 June in the amount of \$218.71.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO KEGEL, KELIN, ALMY & GRIMM

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Grimm in the amount of \$1,032.50 for June legal services.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO GHD, INC.

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to GHD, Inc. in the amount of \$1,729.00 for value engineering service.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO FIRST COLUMBIA BANK AND TRUST CO. FROM THE PENSION FUND

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment to First Columbia Bank and Trust Co. from the Pension Fund in the amount of \$1,128.53 for second quarter trustee fees.

CITIZEN TO BE HEARD – PAUL REICHART, BLOOMSBURG FAIR ASSOCIATION

Paul Reichart of the Bloomsburg Fair Association requested a decrease in the number of camp sites located on the former Ernst property that the Fair Association owns which would lower the required tapping fee. It has been determined by their engineers that there are a total of 52 sites. Mr. Reichart argues that only 30 units would be used. The Board took no action to accept their request thus the tapping fee for all 52 units would be due and payable.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP FLOWS

Scott Township flows averaged 394,400 gallons during the month of June with the maximum flow of 554,000 gallons occurring on June 7th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

An explosive situation with the wet well was brought to the attention of the Superintendent. There are no safe barriers for the instruments in the wet well which is a major code violation. The devices in the wet well have the capacity to create a spark that could ignite the methane gas in the wet well. The maximum cost to repair is estimated to be \$20,000.00. Solicitor Luschas has determined that this is an emergency repair due to the extreme hazard it may cause and thereby not subject to the formal bidding requirements.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDING WITH ACT 537 PLAN

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) cancelled their meeting to approve grant proposals submitted for the Act 537 plan. If the Authority waits until the CFA convenes their next meeting in September it would put the construction project another three (3) months behind. On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted unanimously, the Board approved proceeding with the Act 537 plan and seek a waiver of the grant requirements.

APPROVAL OF WITHDRAWING ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HEARING BOARD APPEAL

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by A. Barton and voted unanimously, the Board approved withdrawing the Environmental Quality Hearing Board appeal subject to a qualified ammonia test and the visual limit regarding the plume to be eliminated by PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

APPROVAL OF SEWER CREDIT – DILLON FLORAL CORPORATION

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by A. Barton and voted unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit requested by Dillon Floral Corporation for 44,000 gallons of water due to an equipment failure with the condensate return system for the steam boilers in their heating system creating a high demand for makeup water.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH GHD, INC.

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted unanimously, the Board approved an amendment to the current GHD, Inc. value engineering services agreement in the amount of \$46,300.00.

APPROVAL OF PLANT TOUR

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted unanimously, the Board approved a plant tour for high school students on July 25, 2017.

APPROVAL OF SEWER CREDIT – JOHN KLINGER

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted unanimously, the Board approved a sewer credit in the amount of \$1,214.98 for John Klinger at 428 West Third Street due to a five (5) year meter reading discrepancy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager

CAROL L. MAS
Assistant Secretary