

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 5:00pm in Council Chambers of Town Hall, Bloomsburg, PA.

Thomas Evans presided. Those present included: Board Members Andrew Keister (leaving at 6:00pm), Claude Renninger and Carey Howell; Alvin Luschas, Derr, Pursel, Luschas and Naparsteck LLP; Plant Superintendent Daniel Murphy; Secretary/Office Manager Amber Kenney and Assistant Secretary Carol Mas. Absent were Board Member Lawrence Mack, Assistant Plant Superintendent Mark Tappe and Public Works Superintendent John Barton.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – PAUL KRIZAN, LARSON DESIGN GROUP

Paul Krizan, Larson Design Group, provided a handout listing some of the suggested changes to the rate structure for the Board to review. He has compared Bloomsburg's rates to those of surrounding communities and discovered that ours is next to the lowest for an average consumption of 3,000 gallons per month. Mr. Krizan outlined the proposed Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) classifications and developers agreement. A work session will be held to go over the proposal.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL CONSULTING ENGINEER

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Hazen & Sawyer, PC as the General Consulting Engineer. Board Member Andrew Keister stepped out of the meeting from 5:34pm until 5:37pm and did not vote on the appointment.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12, 2014 MINUTES

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the August 12, 2014 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2014 MINUTES

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the August 20, 2014 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR AUGUST

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by A. Keister and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for August in the amount of \$172,591.78.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR AUGUST

On a motion by A. Keister, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for August in the amount of \$1,202.22.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE FOR AUGUST

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by L. Mack and voted on Three (3) (T. Evans, A. Keister and C. Howell voting "Yes") to One (1) abstention (C. Renninger "Abstaining"), the Board approved the payment of bills from Renco Ace Hardware for August in the amount of \$264.16.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM HRG, INC.

On a motion by A. Keister, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the payment of the invoice from HRG, Inc. in the amount of \$1,055.76 for the coordination of the United Water treatment issues.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM LARSON DESIGN GROUP FOR SEWER RATE STUDY

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Three (3) (T. Evans, C. Renninger and C. Howell voting “Yes”) to One (1) abstention (A. Keister “Abstaining”), the Board approved the payment of invoice from Larson Design Group in the amount of \$1,282.50 for the sewer rate study.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM KEGEL, KELIN, ALMY & LORD

On a motion by A. Keister, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of invoice from Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Lord in the amount of \$10,195.00 for August legal services.

The Board adjourned into an Executive Session at 5:45pm to discuss personnel matters and reconvened at 6:15pm.

APPROVAL TO END DANIEL MURPHY’S PROBATIONARY PERIOD

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved ending the probationary period of Plant Superintendent Daniel Murphy.

APPROVAL TO TABLE HIRING OF LAB TECH/OPERATOR

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on Two (2) (C. Renninger and C. Howell voting “Yes”) to One (1) (T. Evans voting “No”), the Board approved tabling the hiring of the Lab Tech/Operator.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE OPERATOR POSITION

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved advertising for an Operator at the wastewater treatment plant.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP FLOWS

Scott Township flows averaged 348,839 gallons during the month of August with the maximum flow of 541,000 gallons occurring on August 23rd.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS UPDATE

Remit Corporation tagged two (2) properties for nonpayment of sewer fees. Water will be shutoff if satisfaction is not received within the designated timeframe.

APPROVAL OF 2015 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$27,071.00.

APPROVAL OF BID FROM BIROS TEMPORARY SLUDGE HAULING BID

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the bid from Biros in the amount of \$ 59,400.00 total for the temporary hauling of liquid sludge to the Greater Hazelton Municipal Authority with Milton Municipal Authority as the alternate location should Hazleton not be available.

APPROVAL OF FLOOD INSURANCE QUOTE FOR THE CONTROL BUILDING

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the flood insurance quote to protect the control building in the amount of \$58,683.00 with a \$50,000.00 deductible.

APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH PETITION AGAINST GEORGE COHO

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved proceeding with the petition for injunctive relief and per-diem damages against George Coho.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager

CAROL L. MAS
Assistant Secretary