

The Regular Meeting of the Bloomsburg Municipal Authority Board was held Tuesday, November 11, 2014, 5:03pm in Council Chambers of Town Hall, Bloomsburg, PA.

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

An Executive Session was held at 4:30pm to discuss with legal counsel pending litigation with Galway Bay Corporation regarding the plant upgrade.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – WILLIAM SEIGEL, SEDA-COG

William Seigel, SEDA-COG, asked the Board if they would deed their half of West 11th Street vacated by the town to Windsor Foods. Solicitor Luschas explained that the Authority cannot give public land to a private company without bidding. Mr. Seigel stated it was the intent of Windsor Foods to lease the property to Columbia County for 100 years. On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved deeding the land to Windsor Foods providing the Authority receive written certification from Columbia County that they are entering into a 100 year lease with Windsor Foods without consideration to utilize the property for flood control purposes.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD – RAY SOKOL, SOKOL, INC.

Ray Sokol inquired as to the outstanding issue of a sewer backup due to a broken line that occurred while Sokol, Inc. was replacing water lines on West Third Street. Solicitor Luschas stated up front that he had a conflict of interest since he represents both the Authority and Mr. Sokol. Atty Luschas spoke to the homeowner's attorney about a settlement. On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the Authority settle the property damage claim of Robert and Mary Kountz for the sum of \$714.56. Payment will be made by way of a credit against the current amount due to the Authority for unpaid sewer services provided to the properties owned by Robert and Mary Kountz located at 319 and 323 West Fourth Street in Bloomsburg. This settlement is contingent upon the payment of all outstanding sewer obligations due to the Authority for the above properties within thirty (30) days of this date less the credit as stated herein. In the event that Robert and Mary Kountz fail to pay outstanding obligations due to the Authority within thirty (30) days of this date, November 11, 2014, the \$714.56 credit and the settlement offered by way of this resolution will be null and void. The Authority staff and/or agents will prepare an invoice showing a total amount due less the credit set forth herein which will be provided to legal counsel of Robert and Mary Kountz for review and acceptance.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2014 MINUTES

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the October 14, 2014 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 30, 2014 MINUTES

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Renninger and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the October 30, 2014 minutes without any additions or corrections.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR OCTOBER

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly operating and maintenance bills for October in the amount of \$959,012.32.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS FOR OCTOBER

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by L. Mack and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of the monthly sewer maintenance bills for October in the amount of \$1,618.89.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILL TO RENCO ACE HARDWARE FOR OCTOBER

On a motion by C. Howell, seconded by L. Mack and voted on Three (3) (T. Evans, L. Mack and C. Howell voting “Yes”) to One (1) abstention (C. Renninger “Abstaining”), the Board approved the payment of bills from Renco Ace Hardware for October in the amount of \$218.48.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM KEGEL, KELIN, ALMY & LORD

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of invoice from Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Lord in the amount of \$6,950.98 for October legal services.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM HAY GROUP, INC. FROM PENSION FUNDS

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved payment of invoice from Hay Group, Inc. in the amount of \$995.00 from the pension fund for the fourth quarter 2014 actuarial fees.

APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH HAZEN AND SAWYER

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved the Continuing Services Agreement – Retained Engineer with Hazen and Sawyer as modified.

SCOTT TOWNSHIP FLOWS

Scott Township flows averaged 344,387 gallons during the month of October with the maximum flow of 478,000 gallons occurring on October 16th after 1.75” of rain.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS UPDATE

Solicitor Luschas and A. Kenney attended the hearing for George Coho on November 3, 2014. Judge James ruled that Mr. Coho was to provide the Authority with a list of his tenants, pay his delinquent fees by March 15, 2015 and keep current. Should the accounts not be paid in full by March 15, 2015 he shall be charged an additional \$6,000.00.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-14.01

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted unanimously, the Board approved Resolution No. 11-11-14.01 amending Article 307(A)(B) of the Wastewater Facilities Use Resolution increasing tapping fees.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-14.02

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Renninger and voted unanimously, the Board approved Resolution No. 11-11-14.02 amending Article 304(D) of the Wastewater Facilities Use Resolution instituting fees for discontinuing and reestablishing service on vacant/unoccupied properties.

APPROVAL OF 2015 CHEMICAL BIDS

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved awarding the chemical bids for 2015 to Thatcher Company of NY for aluminum sulfate in the amount of \$52,560.00, Carmeuse Lime Inc. for quicklime in the amount of \$35,928.20 and Coyne Chemical Company, Inc. for calcium nitrate in the amount of \$31,428.00.

APPROVAL TO REJECT AND REBID SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE CHEMICAL BIDS

On a motion by L. Mack, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved rejecting the bids for sodium hypochlorite and rebidding.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE FINAL PAYMENT TO MASTER MECHANICAL CORPORATION

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved releasing the final payment to Master Mechanical Corporation pending an approved and signed Change Order to correct duct work at the treatment plant.

APPROVAL OF GIFT CARDS

On a motion by C. Renninger, seconded by C. Howell and voted on unanimously, the Board approved distributing holiday gift cards from Weis Markets to employees in the amount of \$30.00 each.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

AMBER KENNEY
Secretary/Office Manager

CAROL L. MAS
Assistant Secretary