

MMA Workshop Meeting May 2, 2023

Present: Don, Brian, Louie, Karen

Brad S. from EADS

Bri and Terry

Atty. Valentine via phone.

Meeting begins at 6:03 pm.

Marc says we need to make a motion regarding the Gnagey litigation. The matter is settled, and the parties have agreed to the modified terms as discussed prior. Marc says we need to make a motion to accept.

Louie makes a motion stating that the Meyersdale Municipal Authority withdraws the written warning issued to Tina Gnagey on August 11, 2020, and the minutes shall reflect that the written warning is withdrawn and not a part of her employment file. Second by Don. Motion passes 4-0.

Brad – Broadway Street project. Right of way items have been settled. Material submittals is being reviewed. At the redevelopment office is where this will take place. May 4th at 1pm is the meeting. Brad says that Wally will handle meeting. Terry and Bri potentially will attend.

Brad has been trying to contact Shyanne Crawford regarding this. Due to the income survey the property owners have been identified. There is no wiggle room due to the framing of the grant. Therefore, we will not be able to connect at her property. She will need an inch and a half line and grinder pump to connect. Brad gives some suggestions and particulars regarding the bid prices and manhole additions.

Marc will send correspondence to property owners regarding project and recommends we invite them to the June MMA workshop for the discussion.

BUDGET

Karen mentions Meyersdale Windpower income. Bri will check into the amounts and provide board an update.

Open discussion regarding overall fiscal health with the subtraction of the timber revenue is close to balancing things. However, in the near future we should be considering rate increase etc. Don recommends we adjust budget by 10% due to inflation and costs associated with MMA operations.

Don asks Terry what suggestions he may have regarding MMA operations. Terry does mention an electric sewage snake would be something to consider. Terry will do some research on this and get information back to board. The backhoe is an item we are pursuing. Our current backhoe is at the Amish getting repaired. The lack of power is contributed to a bad injector. We suggest that gets repaired since it is out getting serviced.

Regarding salary information for MMA employees considered 4-5 %

Regarding insurance information. Bri mentions we maybe looking at 12% increase from provider. We will have information presented at this month's MMA meeting.

Brad mentions the following for consideration for next fiscal year. We were fortunate that the Broadway project came in under budget by a little more than \$70,000.

Brad feels we would be about \$25,000 in completing the Broadway project with additional tie ins. Tap fee wavier needs to be a motion at our next meeting for consideration. Marc says that typically there is a limit when tap fee wavier is applicable.

Clean and TV project is close to getting done. Brad suggests that we consider not completing this since we got all the ends covered. We can do the ones that we are not doing in the future with a project. It seems all stakeholders are in agreement with this.

Dye Testing - Brad mentions this project is manpower driven. He plans to utilize interns, can send three. This needs done and is a priority.

Flo monitoring - We will need 2 or 3 new meters to be purchased this year in order to have things ready for January 2024. Cost estimate from Brad will be coming. This is for a two-year project in monitoring flows. Based on data it will lead us to line replacement. This is all sewage related.

Brad mentions USDA Rural Development for potential grant funding source. Gives summary of Pennvest and how they review grant process. USDA drawbacks are time to secure funding. Pennvest is quicker on funding projects, however our rates are low with what they require.

We suggest that we have a project priority list generated in order to direct the mandated work and fiscal planning on these. Potentially project planning with official designs being generated would be beneficial to be prepared. The costs of drafting plans would be eligible to costs associated with grants.

Brad & Water Project considerations - Need to research old water lines, mentions old records, etc. regarding water lines. This will help in planning.

Brad's summary – Dye testing will start ASAP. More help from MMA is better. Possibly utilizing our summer helper would be beneficial to assist EADS. Brad will provide financial forecast on projects etc.

Permit for water intake was discussed.

Don asks if board would review rate increase for next board meeting. Also, board is good with 10% adjustment for inflation. Terry will talk to Dennis regarding the water end.

Karen left meeting 7:31

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:37 pm by Brian second by Louie, motion passes 3-0.

Sandy G Miller

Sandy Miller MMA Secretary

7-10-23

Date