

## September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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The regular meeting of the Meyersdale Municipal Authority was called to order by Chair Don Anderson at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. K. Gnagey, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Murray, and Mr. Witherite were all present. Solicitor Valentine was also present. Chair Anderson opened the public meeting at 7:04 p.m.

### **Executive Session:**

Chair Anderson informed the public that they discussed the Gnagey litigation in the executive session and that no decision was made.

### **Public Comment:**

Chair Anderson opened the floor to public comment. Mr. William Ludwick requested to speak about his property at 525 Beachley Street. Mr. Ludwick stated he noticed he had two viewpoints in his yard. After investigation, he found out the neighbor's lateral at 519 Beachley Street goes into his lateral on his property. His question is when it comes time to do a pressure test or other items that need to be done whose responsibility will it be when it comes to the one viewport? A discussion was held on this matter with Solicitor Valentine and the engineer (Brad from The EADS Group). It was decided to come up with a plan to get these properties their own viewport. Terry will talk to the property owner at 519 Beachley Street. It was decided that this will be an Authority project.

Paul Thomas addressed the board about the American Legion's bill and his mother Marcia Thomas' bill. Both places had leaks and their bills were very high. Paul asked the Board if there was a way to forgive the sewage part of the bill because it did not go into the sewer. Terry stated he and Mark did go look at the legion and there was no water running into the sewer. He also stated seeing them pumping out the basement of Marica Thomas'. Solicitor Valentine stated that it has been past practice to forgive the sewage part of the bill if it is proven that there was no water going into the sewage system. Ms. Murray asked if this was common practice and Solicitor Valentine stated yes.

**A motion was made to forgive the sewage bills for 413 Grant St and 323 Beachley St. by Ms. Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.**

### **Old Business:**      *August*

- A. Approval of the ~~July~~ 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes  
The Board reviewed the Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made to approve the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes by Mr. Witherite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed**

### **New Business:**

- A. Bills paid report

The Board reviewed the bills paid report. Mrs. K. Gnagey had a question about Eckenrode's Septic Tank Cleaning bill. Terry explained it was for the backwash tanks to be cleaned at the Water Plant.

**A motion was made to accept the Bills Paid report as presented by Mr. Witherite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Murray, and duly passed.**

B. Budget Approval

The Board held a final discussion on the June 2022- July 2023 Budget.

**A motion was made to accept the June 2022- July 2023 Fiscal Budget that was posted and advertised by Ms. Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.**

C. Bid for Water Plant Roof

Only one bid was presented to the Board for the Water Plant Roof. The bid was from Wengerd Roofing of Salisbury PA. Chair Anderson opened the bid and presented the total to the Board. The total was not properly displayed on the bid so the Board totaled the amounts up and came up with a total of \$13860.00. A discussion was held on the bid and the Board decided to proceed with accepting the bid from Wengerd Roofing with the contingency of getting in writing from them the official total.

**A motion was made to accept the bid for the Water Plant Roof from Wengerd Roofing not exceeding the cost of \$13,860.00 by Mrs. K. Gnagey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.**

D. Bids for 1985 Chevy Truck

Only one bid was presented to the Board for the 1985 Chevy Truck. The bid was from Matthew Bittner of Meyersdale. Chair Anderson opened the bid and presented it to the Board. The bid was for \$526.00. The Board discussed this bid. It was decided to accept this bid.

**A motion was made to accept the 1985 Chevy Truck bid "AS IS" from Matthew Bittner in the amount of \$526.00 by Mrs. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Witherite, and duly passed.**

E. New Truck for Field Employees

A discussion was held on the new options the Authority has on a new truck for the Field Employees. Chair Anderson shared with the Board the information he received from Tri-Star in Somerset PA. He said that after the Boards meeting in August Tri-Star contacted him and stated that there would be two 2022 F-250 super cab, nap high bed work trucks would be available if the Authority was interested in one. Chair Anderson shared the specs and the price of the truck with the CoStars discount would be \$54,501.00. This is the truck with the steel bed, Chair Anderson stated that the truck with the aluminum bed would be \$2,000.00 more than the steel bed.



**A motion was made to purchase the 2022 Ford F-250 with steel bed present at the cost of 54,501.00 from Tri-Star by Mr. Witherite, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Murray, and duly passed.**

- F. Smoke and Dye testing
- G. Cleaning and televising the sewage lines

**A motion was made to include items F & G in the engineer's report by Mrs. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Murray, and duly passed.**

#### Engineer Report:

Engineer Brad informed the Board of how the Cleaning and Televising of the sewage lines is coming along. He stated that there was one incident where water was blown into a place and it is being taken care of. Brad also discussed the preliminary finding from the smoke testing on the south side of town. The EADS Group is getting the information together and once all the information is together violation letters can be sent out. The South Side is done with the smoke testing the next step is Dye testing of the South Side. Brad also stated that the North Side of the town was smoked tested a few years ago but there aren't many records that could be found of if the problems were fixed. He suggested that since the testing of the South Side didn't take real long maybe just redoing the North Side so we have up-to-date records. Solicitor Valentine stated that it might be a good idea to redo the North Side from an enforcement side. A discussion was held on redoing the smoke testing on the North Side of town. Brad also discussed items J (1,5, &6), K, M, N, O, & P. Item M was the Broadway Street Sewer Project, Grant. Don and Brad meant with Steve Spochart on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 to discuss the Grant option that the Authority had to help with this project. A discussion was held on the matter. Item O is a rule that is being revised by the U.S. EPA about lead and copper in the public water system. A discussion was held on what effects this will have on the Authority in the coming years. A discussion was held on item P of the report. This item was the removal of the underground tank at the water plant. A quote was received from the company that came and looked at the tank. Brad suggested getting two or three more quotes from different companies and then make a decision. More discussion was held on the Broadway Street Sewer Project. The Board also held more discussion on the smoke testing of the North Side. The Engineer's Report is available for review in the MMA office.

**A motion was made to move forward with the upper Broadway Street project by Mrs. K. Gnagey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed**

**A motion was made to move forward with the smoke testing of the North Side of town by Mrs. K. Gnagey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.**

#### Water Report: Given by Terry Baker

- Back wash tanks were cleaned at the beginning of the month and will be done again in three weeks
- Water system inspection took place last week. Few minor things but nothing really major.

- There is a small reservoir up at the plant that will soon need to be dredged out. Not sure if we need permits or not for that or not. Brad will look into that.
- There was an issue with the backhoe. Bobby Keefer came and looked at it and it is something in the fuel system. Once the parts are in, he will come and fix it at the shop.

Sewer Report: Given by Terry Baker.

- There is going to be a cement slab that is going to need to be replaced on the sidewalk in front of 209 Beachley Street.
- Terry presented the Board with a picture of the sidewalk in front of 103 Center St. Greg Buterbaugh was getting a pressure test done so they could sell the property. Terry explained what the picture was. The Authority only cut the portion outlined in black on the picture. The contractor had to cut the rest because it failed the pressure test. The new owner was wondering if the Authority was going to fill in the sidewalk where it was all dug up and cut. A discussion was held on this matter.

**A motion was made to approve the Authority to pave the black outlined area on the picture to the curb towards the road at 103 Center Street by Mrs. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. K. Gnagey, and duly passed.**

- Terry informed the Board that if they question some of the bigger bills it was stuff to keep the inventory stocked and the price of things is going up.
- Board told Terry to go ahead and order a box of flares so that we have them on hand

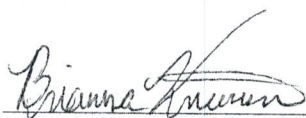
Solicitor Report.

Solicitor Valentine informed the Board that the person taking the meeting minutes by law should be the one signing the minutes. He asked the Board to make a motion to allow the person taking the meeting minutes to be the one to sign them after approval.

**A motion was made to allow the person that takes the meeting minutes to sign them after approval by Ms. Murry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. K. Gnagey, and duly passed.**

Solicitor Valentine also discussed item H on the new business portion of the agenda. He advised the Board that the packet he sent out in an email to them is the packet and the steps that he feels the board should vote on and use going forward. He also advised the Board to read over it and then have a meaningful discussion. We need to have the assurance that the proper action is taking place.

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. by Ms. Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. K. Gnagey, and duly passed.**



Minutes Prepared by Brianna Knieriem

10/19/22

Date