

October 18th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Meyersdale Municipal Authority was called to order by Chair Anderson at 6:01 p.m. with executive session. Mrs. Miller and Mr. Witherite were present. Solicitor Valentine was also present. Mrs. K. Gnagey and Ms. Murray were absent. Chair Anderson opened the public meeting at 7:04 p.m. He informed the public of the missing Board members but informed them that there was a quorum so the meeting was able to take place.

Executive Session:

Chair Anderson turned over the meeting to Solicitor Valentine to discuss what took place in the executive session. Solicitor Valentine told the public that the Gnagey litigation was discussed and also discussed Act 531 issues that we are correct on. Once we get that solidified information will become available.

Public Comment:

Kerry Miller lives at 12 High Street his hot water tank had a leak they did not know about until there was water everywhere a month or so later. Kerry asked the Board if there was any way they could help him out since it did not go into the sewer. A discussion was held on this matter. The matter was tabled until the Board discussed items F & G on new business.

Old Business:

- A. Approval of the September 20th, 2022 Meeting Minutes
The Boards reviewed the Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made to approve the September 20th, 2022 Meeting Minutes by Mr. Witherite, 2nd by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.

New Business:

- A. Bills Paid Report/ Bank Accounts

The Board reviewed the bills paid report. Chair Anderson asked if any Board Member had any questions about the report and there were none.

A motion was made to accept the bill paid report by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Mr. Witherite, and duly passed.

- F. Clarification on the forgiving of sewage bills

- G. Questions about a few properties' bills

The Board held a discussion on how to properly forgive the sewage bills. A discussion was also held on a few properties that had leaks that did not run into the sewage system. Board Member Miller read a letter given to her from Sue Broadwater at 415 High St. about a leak she had. Chair Anderson read a letter sent in by Marcia Mostoller regarding a leak at her mother, Marie Weimer, the house at 237 Lincoln Ave. Eugene Mishler asked if he could ask a question about forgiving water bills. He stated that when he had a leak, he was told that there was nothing the Board could do about it and that he would just have to pay. Solicitor Valentine discussed the issue of forgiving that actual water bill and the legal

aspect of the matter with the DEP. Solicitor Valentine stated that maybe this should be added to the Rules and Regulations. Terry brought up the matter of someone filling their swimming pool. A discussion was held on this matter and it was decided to let it as it is.

A motion was made to forgive the 5 customers and any future sewage bills if they can prove it did not go into the sewer and have Secretary Bri look back at three previous bills to determine the sewage price and to also add a process for forgiving the sewage bills to the rule and regulations by Chair Anderson, 2nd by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.

B. Winter Attire for the field employees

A discussion was held on the Field Employees allowing Bri and the Field Employees to go to APEX and look at the options they can provide us the information we need to get the jackets order and Meyersdale Municipal Authority embroidered on them.

A motion was made to allow Bri, Terry, and Mark to go to APEX and gather information about winter jackets for the employees by Chair Anderson, 2nd by Witherite, and duly passed.

C. Letter from Dan Parisi requesting water and sewer hookups

Chair Anderson read a letter to the Board that was sent in by Dan Parisi requesting water and sewer hookups for his newly purchased property at 115 Spruce Hill Rd. A discussion was held on this matter. Chair Anderson asked Terry if both could be hooked up and Terry stated that it was possible for both.

A motion was made to accept Dan Parisi request for water and sewer hookups at his property on Spruce Hill Rd by Mr. Witherite, 2nd by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.

D. Maple Festival and other community organizations question about water for light up night.

Secretary Bri stated that she was contacted by Missy Bloucher about using a fire hydrate to help make snow for light-up night in Meyersdale. A discussion was held on the matter. Solicitor Valentine discussed the issues that it would cause with the water if they used the hydrate and then calculating the water uses would be hard.

A motion was made not to allow the use of the fire hydrate for water for light-up night at the advice of the Solicitor by Chair Anderson, 2nd by Miller, and duly passed.

After the motion, Solicitor Valentine asked Terry about the hydrate training with the fire department and it is common practice not to allow them to do the training because of stirring up the water. He also asked if the fire department could help flush the lines but it was stated they would need to do it at night.

- E. Update on new field employee truck.

Chair Anderson gave an update on where the new truck is. A discussion was held on this matter.

H. Grant Options (Engineers Report)

I. Broadway Street Project (Engineers Report)

Engineer Report:

Brad discussed items C (3 & 4), H (task order #3), J (5&6), K, L (1 & 2), M, P, & Q.

- C: The next CAP report is due on January 31st, 2023. One of the overflow meters is not working again and will need to be repaired.
- 3. Smoke testing of the whole town is now complete. A discussion was held on the Dye process.
- 4. Snyder's submitted their first payment request. 25% of the sewer system is televised and clean. A discussion was held on the project and its process.

A motion was made to pay \$53,873.67 to Snyder Environmental Services contingent on the verification from Brad on the process by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Mr. Witherite, and duly passed.

- H: The Broadway St. project is ready to be sent out for bid. The Board reviewed Task Order No. 3. A discussion was had on Task Order No. 3. Solicitor Valentine had a few questions and those questions were discussed.

A brief recess was taken at 8:15 p.m.

Meeting came back into session at 8:17 p.m.

A motion was made to move forward with Task Order No. 3 by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Mr. Witherite, and duly passed.

- L: Grants available to the Authority. A discussion was held on the two different Grants available and what the responsibility of the Authority would be. Also, a discussion was held on grants available for the water.

A motion was made to move forward with trying to get a grant for Sherman St. with a match of 15% by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Mr. Witherite, and duly passed.

- Engineers Report is available at the MMA office for review.

Water Report & Sewer Report: Giving by Terry Gnagey

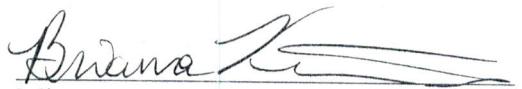
- There will be an energy audit of the water system on October 25th, 2022

- Tyler passed two more tests.
- The backhoe broke down but now is fixed and it is going to need rear tires soon.
- Overhead Garage Door is coming to fix one of the garage doors at the shop on Thomas St.
- RAM Industry came and pulled the grinding pump at the new pump station
- A box of flares did come. There is an option for LED Flares. A discussion was held on that option.
- There will be One call will be placed to repair the crushed line Brad talked about on Dale St.
- The water usage for Snyder Environmental should we bill them
The Board agreed that we should get a bill out for the water usage

Solicitors Report:

Solicitor Valentine stated that he discussed all that he needed to discuss at the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. by Mr. Witherite, 2nd by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.


Minutes Prepared by Brianna Knieriem

12/6/22
Date