

Meyersdale Municipal Authority Regular Meeting Minutes
June 21st, 2022

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The Meeting opened with an executive session at 6:02 p.m. and ended at 7:21 p.m. Open session began at 7:25 p.m. Board Members in attendance were Don Anderson, Karan Gnagey, Sandy Miller, and Pat Murray. Brian Witherite was present via speaker phone. Solicitor Valentine was also present.

Executive Session:

Chair Anderson informed the public that was in attendance of the items that were discussed in the executive session. The items discussed were Gnagey Litigation and discussion of the bids for the cleaning and televising of the sewer lines.

Public Comment:

Chair Anderson opened the floor up to public comment. Mr. Darren Gnagey had a question on pressure testing and the Board stated they will look into it.

Old Business:

A. Approval of the May 17th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

It was discussed that these minutes would be voted on at another meeting once a few errors were fixed.

B. Approval of the June 6th, 2022 Workshop Minutes

A motion was made to accept the June 6th, 2022 Workshop minutes by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Mrs. K. Gnagey, and duly passed.

New Business:

A. Mark Sechler passed his test

A discussion was had on the next steps that need to be taken in the pay matter for Mark passing his last water licensing test. The board decided to wait until they get approval from the Water Board.

B. Bills paid report

The Board reviewed the bills paid report.

A motion to accept the bills paid in the amount of \$54,709.82 was made by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Ms. Murray, and duly passed.

C. Zero Turn Mower for the Field Employees

A discussion was had on allowing the Field Employees to get a new mower because the old one is having issues. A discussion was also had on how to go about getting quotes for a new mower.

A motion was made to allow the Field Employees to obtain quotes for a new mower by Mr. Witherite, 2nd by Ms. Murray and duly passed.

D. Placing the 1985 Chevrolet Pickup with another Pickup

A discussion was had on getting another Pickup to replace the Chevy pickup that is out of service. It was decided to collect more information about the options that the Board has and then have a discussion after that.

E. Resolution Letters for Capital One and AT&T

A discussion was had on Solicitor Valentine's Resolution Letter to Capital One Credit Card and AT&T for the former employees' names can be taken off and new names can be added.

A motion was made to accept the Resolution Letters to Capital One and AT&T by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Mr. Witherite, and duly passed.

F. Question about Board Member Residency

Solicitor Valentine stated that it was up to the Board how they wanted to carry this out.

A motion was made to table the issue and move it to the Borough Council was made by Ms. Murray, 2nd by Mr. Anderson, with Mrs. K. Gnagey, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Witherite abstaining. Because of the three Board Members Abstaining the motion failed.

G. Escrowing funds for pressure test

A discussion was had on how to escrow the funds for the pressure testing so that it gets paid for one way or another. It was decided to have Solicitor Valentine look into this so that it could be discussed and possibly approved at the next meeting.

H. Talen Energy

It was discussed whether or not to drop this service. The item needs to be looked into a little bit more than a decision can be made on the matter.

I. USTIF

Brad from The EADS group is still looking into this matter and will get back to the Board once he knows more.

J. Roof Proposal

A discussion was had on the Roof Proposal and it was decided to put it out for bid, have the bids due by July 19th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and open them at the July 19th, 2022 Regular meeting.

A motion was made to put the proposal for the Roof on the Water Treatment Plant out to bid by Mrs. K. Gnagey, 2nd by Ms. Murray, and duly passed.

K. DoxoPay

A discussion was had on whether or not to allow Doxopay to send ACH payments.

L. Proposal for the cleaning and televising of the sewage lines.

A discussion was had on the proposals that were received for the cleaning and televising of the sewage lines. Solicitor Valentine advised the Board to move forward in accepting the bid upon receipt of the supplemental documents. Chair Anderson informed the public that this is a big step towards the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that is required by the DEP.

A motion was made to accept the Proposal from Snyder Environmental Services, INC for the cleaning and televising of the sewage line with the contingency of the receipt of the supplemental documents by Mrs. K. Gnagey, 2nd by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.

M. Ford Office Tech automatic meter reading on the copier.

A discussion was had on this matter and it was decided to go forward with allowing this.

N. Other Items for Discussion

No other items were brought up for discussion.

Water Report:

Terry informed the Board of how things were going on at the Water Plant. He stated that they fixed two water leaks. The backwash tanks at the water plant were cleaned out and next week they will be putting the service wash pump back in that was removed back in September of last year. Lead and Copper samples will be done in the next couple of weeks. On the 27th of June, a representative from Sensus will be coming to help get a little more familiar with the meter readings.

Sewer Report:

Terry informed the Board of how things were going at the Sewer Plant. He stated that they have done around six pressure tests this month. There were two blocked sewers that needed repairing. Also, they have been assisting Columbia Gas when they have nicked a few lines during the gas line replacement. Nothing major though. Salisbury Borough contacted Terry and asked if they could go up and bore a line under some black top for them with our equipment to fix a leak under the state road. It was discussed and decided that it would be ok to do this but just make sure with the insurance company if we are covered or not.

Engineers Report:

Items that were discussed in the Engineers Report were.

1. C: items 3 and 4
2. J: Item 1
3. K
4. M
5. N: Water report information that wasn't discussed in the actual water report from Terry. Items 1, 2, and 3

The Engineer report is available in the MMA office for review.

Solicitor Report:

Solicitor Valentine stated that the Human Relation Commission has contacted him about mediation for the Gnagey Case. A discussion was had on how to handle the matter.

A motion was made to enter mediation with the Human Relation Commission regarding the Gnagey case by Mrs. Miller, 2nd by Mr. Anderson, and duly passed

The next matter discussed was the Revised and Final Draft of the new employee Handbook.

A motion was made to expect the New Handbook effective immediately and void the old employee handbook was made by Mrs. K. Gnagey, 2nd by Ms. Murray, and duly passed

Solicitor Valentine Discussed the D&M complaint. He did talk to the bonding company and they are in control and would like to see where this is at as soon as they can.

Solicitor Valentine and Secretary Bri have drawn up a preliminary budget for the Board to look at. A discussion was had on what was in it and the Board will decide on it at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. by Ms. Murray, 2nd by Mrs. Miller, and duly passed.

Bri Knieriem

Minutes Prepared by Bri Knieriem Office Manager

10/12/22
Date