

**A REGULAR MEETING
BERKS-MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

A Regular Meeting was held at the Administration Building on February 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM, EST, with the following members present:

S. Carpenter	P. Donovan
D. Biehl	K. Corson
M. Toepel	A. Stauffer

Also present:

M. Doll	L. Christy
K. Showalter	C. Leister
G. Moser	

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Toepel and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 28, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Smeland, engineer from Lenape Valley Engineering and Wayne Rosen from Danny Jake Corp. were present at the meeting to address the exclusive easement BMMA requested for Zern Tract. Mr. Smeland recommended a blanket easement with a width of 5 feet on either side of BMMA sewer lines. After further discussion with the Board, it was decided that a blanket easement would be acceptable along with 3 separate easements for the sewer lines that are not in the street. Mr. Smeland requested language from BMMA for the easement agreement. A resolution is required.

Mr. Smeland also reviewed placement of the vent and cleanout pipes for homes with one and two car driveways.

The Board stated they previously agreed to payment of EDU's for Zern Tract by phase instead of payment for all EDU's up front. The Board told Mr. Rosen BMMA expects payment for Phase 1 EDU's (74 @ \$7,500 = \$555,000) prior to executing the Sewer Service Agreement. Payment for Phase 2 EDU's (80) and Phase 3 EDU's (82) would have to be made prior to starting construction of the respective phase.

Mr. Showalter reported he received the estimated construction costs needed for the Zern Tract Sewer Service Agreement.

PLANT REPORT:

Mr. Christy presented the Plant Report.

Mr. Christy reported new RAS piping was installed January 25, 2019 for the possible use of MLSS addition with the CoMag process.

Mr. Christy reported Evoqua was on site February 12, 2019 to correct the alum dosing calculation in CoMag PLC.

Mr. Christy reviewed a report prepared by Mr. Greg Unger that describes his recommendations and the changes being implemented as a result of the CoMag review by Evoqua.

Mr. Christy reported the next WET test is scheduled for the week of March 11, 2019.

Mr. Moser reported we have started flow monitoring at Morysville due to consistent high flow levels over the past several months.

OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report.

AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser reported on the 2014 Bond refinancing options discussed with Doug Rauch. Currently the 2014 Bond has \$2,830,000 of bonds with an interest rate over 3.1%. Those bonds could be paid down through a bank loan or by using BMMA cash reserve funds. A proposal was received from VIST Bank for a loan at 4%; therefore it does not appear to be practical to refinance through a bank loan. The most practical approach would be to call the higher interest rate Bonds in the 2014 offering to reduce the Annual Debt Service Cost. The bonds are callable June 1, 2019 and notification to the investors is required at least 30 days prior. Mr. Moser will prepare a recommendation.

Mr. Moser reported Stanley Richard will complete 30 years of service on March 27, 2019. Mr. Moser is recommending a service award to recognize the event. The Board agreed and suggested a \$500 net wage bonus. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser provided an update on I & I activities. 6 major leaks on Oak Street were identified, 2 are BMMA's responsibility. Letters will be sent to the 4 property owners in the next several weeks as details are outlined.

Mr. Moser reviewed the annual I & I report for 2018. Several lateral repair/replacement projects are planned for 2019. A lateral replacement project for 10 "large leak" laterals in Montgomery County is recommended. This project would require SDE to prepare specifications and bid documents. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reported that the annual usage review for commercial properties was completed. 6 properties received notification that additional EDUs were required for their 2018 consumption levels. 2 customers have responded and requested monitoring. A resolution is required for the customers requesting monitoring.

Account BE156 – Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville needs 1 EDU – requested monitoring.

Account Z030 – Doc Watson's, 1080 E. Philadelphia Avenue needs 1 EDU – transferred 1 EDU from Minister Creek.

Account Z080 – Gilbertsville Shopping Center (Pet Value) needs 1 EDU – transferred 1 EDU from other store.

Account Z254 – The Clothesline laundromat (Ted Panaccion) needs 1 EDU – requested monitoring.

Account Z281 – WAWA, 1111 Grosser Rd. needs 2 EDU's – no response.

Account Z283 – Kencrest Services, 397 Estate Rd. needs 1 EDU – no response.

Note – Account Z199, Adam's Royal Car Wash 80 Bartman Ave. – currently being monitored, results for the last quarter indicate they are within their EDU limits.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

SECRETARY:

Mr. Toepel reviewed the list of correspondence.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Doll reported there were 70 collection letters mailed.

TREASURER:

No report.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Showalter presented the Engineers report.

Mr. Showalter reported the Highland Avenue (Harner) subdivision should qualify for a DEP Planning Module Exemption. SDE prepared a Written Certification form for attachment to the planning module mailer. Mr. Showalter requested approval and a signature on the certification form. A resolution is required.

Mr. Showalter reported a draft NPDES Permit for Morysville was published in the PA Bulletin on February 2, 2019. SDE prepared a draft response to DEP, the Board approved the draft and gave authorization to proceed.

Mr. Showalter reviewed the 2018 Chapter 94 Reports for Swamp Creek and Morysville. Morysville exceeded the Hydraulic Design Capacity of 0.38 during October, November and December 2018. Mr. Corson suggested adding language that there were no effluent violations at Morysville. A resolution is required.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Mr. Hunter asked for an update on the BSD Coalition. Mr. Moser reported that BMMA authorized BSD to discharge but we have not received the discharge.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Corson, and adopted by a majority vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the Solicitor and SDE to develop language for the Zern Tract easements agreement as discussed.

5 Aye (Carpenter, Biehl, Toepel, Corson, Stauffer)

1 Nay (Donovan)

Upon a motion by Mr. Biehl, seconded by Mr. Stauffer and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes a wage bonus of \$500 net to be paid to Stanley Richard for 30 years of service along with the resolution recognizing the accomplishment.

Upon a motion by Mr. Donovan, seconded by Mr. Stauffer, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes SDE to prepare specifications and bid documents for the 2019 lateral replacement project.

Upon a motion by Mr. Corson, seconded by Mr. Stauffer, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes monitoring for customers that exceeded their 2018 consumption levels and requested monitoring 1) Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville and 2) The Clothesline laundromat (Ted Panaccion).

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Toepel, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board approves signing the certification form SDE prepared for the Harner subdivision.

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Corson, and unanimously adopted, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Board approves, with revised language, the 2018 Chapter 94 Reports SDE prepared for Swamp Creek and Morysville and authorizes submission of the reports to DEP.

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Toepel, and unanimously adopted, it was:
RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the payment of the bills as listed in these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister