

**A REGULAR MEETING  
BERKS-MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
JUNE 24, 2019**

A Regular Meeting was held at the Administration Building on June 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM, EDT, with the following members present:

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

Also present:	J. Karver	G. Moser
	K. Showalter	L. Christy
	G. Unger	C. Leister

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Stephen Tabakelis from All County & Associates addressed the Board regarding a property at 21 Lane Road in Bechtelsville, Washington Township. The on-lot septic system has failed and the most practical approach would be to connect a low pressure system to the manhole on Race Street. Washington Township has approved approaching BMMA for sewer service. There is only one property that wants to connect now; however, there could be as many as seven in the future. The Board agreed to service the seven properties in the area; however, Washington Township needs to determine who will maintain the lines and give direction to BMMA. A resolution is required to approve a Will Serve letter.

**PLANT REPORT:**

Mr. Christy presented the Plant Report.

The replacement Muffin Monster for Pump Station #7 was installed.

We passed the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter WET test.

Keystone Engineering was onsite to start a review of BMMA equipment for SCADA.

Mr. Christy provided an update on the Morysville I & I work. Hours in the field have been down mostly due to equipment failures and staffing issues. The goal is a minimum of 180 man hours per month dedicated to I & I. Currently 2,000 feet of joint testing has been completed but it will take at least 5 months to cover the key areas. In order to complete all joint testing in the Morysville collection system in 2019, Mr. Christy recommended that the Board consider outsourcing some of the work. Further discussion will be held during the Authority Manager Report.

**OFFICE REPORT:**

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report.

**AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser reported he will provide a recommendation for future sanitary sewer rates during the budget review process for 2020 since we have reduced our annual debt costs by about \$60,000 annually with the call request consummated in June.

Mr. Moser reported the Board requested an update in June on health insurance costs. Survey results indicate that many of the local Authorities offer traditional PPO or POS plans and have introduced cost share to control costs rather than modify plans. Mr. Moser is recommending that if future rate increases are excessive that the Authority use cost sharing as the method of controlling costs. According to our current broker, Frank Giardina, this year's health care premiums are less than last year's but the official Blue Cross fourth quarter rates will not be available until August 1. The Board directed Mr. Moser to investigate alternate health insurance plans offered by SDE's insurance source and Tower Health.

Mr. Moser reviewed plans to address infiltration in the Morysville collection system. Mr. Moser requested authorization to proceed with the following, resolutions are required.

Repair leaks in MH 77 to MH 88 on Farmington Avenue. Dig up and eliminate unused lateral at 293 feet or slip line repair and find source of leak at 45 feet.

Repair two leaking laterals on Mill Street after pressure testing of the main run.

Mr. Moser received a quote from Mr. Rehab to outsource some of the I & I work. The quote is Contract # COSTARS-016 037 dated June 20, 2019. Mr. Rehab stated they could start the work in September. The Board directed Mr. Moser to prioritize the list of problem areas and report back to the Board. Also, contact Mr. Rehab to put BMMA in their schedule for six days. The plan is to use Mr. Rehab in the more difficult areas where the I & I work is the most challenging.

Mr. Moser provided an update on the connection at Highland Ave. The property owner purchased an EDU and posted the deposit for the lateral. Construction of the home has started.

Mr. Moser reported a pre-construction meeting for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Repair Project will be held on June 26, 2019.

Mr. Moser reported the lateral at 121 Oak St. has been repaired and the building sewer at 220 Oak St. is scheduled for repair this week.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

##### SECRETARY:

Mr. Toepel reviewed the list of correspondence.

##### SOLICITOR:

Mr. Karver had no report.

##### TREASURER:

No report.

##### ENGINEER:

Mr. Showalter presented the Engineers report.

Mr. Showalter reported the work to replace the Zern Tract interceptor started on June 17, 2019.

Mr. Showalter reported the Quigley Bus Lot project is active again. Revised plans were received by Bursich letter dated June 13, 2019 and are being reviewed. SDE prepared a Written Certification form for the updated Planning Module mailer. Mr. Showalter requested approval and a signature on the certification form. A resolution is required.

Mr. Showalter reported the sludge hauling and disposal bids will be reviewed at the July 22, 2019 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves sending a Will Serve letter to Washington Township for one to seven properties around 21 Lane Road in Bechtelsville.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes proceeding with eliminating the unused lateral at West Motor Freight on Farmington Avenue.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes proceeding with the dig up repair on Mill Street to repair two leaking laterals.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves signing the certification form SDE prepared for the Quigley Bus Lot project.

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Donovan, 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 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister