

**A REGULAR MEETING
BERKS-MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

A Regular Meeting was held at the Administration Building on September 23, 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	L. Christy
K. Showalter	C. Leister
G. Moser	

Upon a motion by Mr. Toepel, seconded by Mr. Corson and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held August 26, 2019 with a revision as noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roger Lehmann from All County & Associates presented a plan to connect 21 Lane Road in Bechtelsville, Washington Township, to BMMA's sewer system. The property will be served by a 1 ½" force main. It will be a private line with the possibility of adding other connections in the future. It was suggested that a Sewer Service Agreement be created between the property owner, Washington Township, Borough of Bechtelsville and BMMA. A resolution is required.

PLANT REPORT:

Mr. Christy presented the Plant Report. He reported on several maintenance items.

Mr. Christy reported the WET test was completed September 13 and we should have results by September 27.

OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report. Both accounts for Mr. Bruce Leister are current.

AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser presented the 2020 operating budget for approval. The operating budget is \$2,935,397.56. There were changes made to the budget wages as reviewed and discussed at the August meeting. All other budget items remain as presented in August and reviewed in detail at that time. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reviewed a draft of the sewer rental rate increase notice. The proposed rate increase of \$20 per EDU per year (\$500 to \$520) would be effective January 1, 2020. Final approval of the rate increase will be discussed at the October 28, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Moser reported two bond underwriters indicated there could be a savings of \$250,000 with refinancing early next year if the market interest rates continue to stay at current levels.

Mr. Moser reported Evoqua provided a cost of \$250,000 to replace the Dystor gas collection cover. Cleaning cost requirements for the digester are undetermined at this time but are expected to be as much as \$50,000. Mr. Moser requested authorization from the Board to have SDE develop plans and documents for bidding this project. Mr. Corson suggested that since repairs are necessary, another option would be to

look at replacing the current process with an aerobic digester. SDE will review the feasibility of making this type of change and report at the October 28, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Moser reviewed his response to a letter received from the Borough of Bechtelsville regarding the proposed subdivision plan for Mr. Timothy Barrett on S. Main St. in Bechtelsville.

Mr. Moser reported the lateral and building sewer lines have been completed at 644 Highland Ave. Boyertown.

Mr. Moser provided an update on the plans to address infiltration in the Morysville collection system:

Completed televising on September 18, no significant leaks were visible but several sags at joints were identified.

Mr. Rehab completed 6 days of pressure testing and grouting.

Slip lining of the leak on Farmington Avenue was only partially successful.

Two laterals on Mill St. were replaced in early September. One lateral on S. Funk Rd. still needs to be repaired, possibly in October.

Mr. Moser reported four laterals have been completed for the 2019 Sewer Repair Project. Completion of the project is planned for September 27.

Mr. Moser reported the bridge on Schlegel Road has been removed.

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 provided an update on the Zern Project:

Installation of gates at fenced areas to allow access through the easement needs to be completed.

Mr. Showalter presented DEP Post Construction Certification Form for approval. A resolution is required.

SDE prepared a Certificate of Flow letter for the new 12 inch PVC interceptor.

Mr. Showalter reviewed two plans SDE received for the Boyertown Area School District, New Maintenance Building construction and the Athletic Fields project.

Mr. Showalter reported Wexcon is working on repairs for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Repair project and hope to be done by end of the week. Paving will begin on Spruce St. shortly.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the Solicitor to create a Sewer Service Agreement for 21 Lane Road in Washington Township.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the 2020 operating budget of \$2,935,397.56 as presented and attached to these minutes.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the DEP Post Construction Certification Form for the Zern Project.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the payment of the bills as listed in these minutes.

The meeting was recessed at 8:14 PM to executive session to review personnel matters.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:29 PM.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the salary increase recommendations for 2019 – 2020 effective October 5, 2019 at a cost increase of 3.80%.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister