

**A REGULAR MEETING
BERKS-MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
AUGUST 24, 2020**

A Regular Meeting was held via a Zoom video conference on August 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM EDT. Notice that the meeting was to be held electronically was advertised in The Mercury on August 15, 2020. The following members were present:

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

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Corson, seconded by Ms. Carpenter and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 27, 2020 with a revision as noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

PLANT REPORT:

Mr. Moser presented the Plant Report in Mr. Christy's absence.

OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report.

AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser recommended continuing the sludge hauling and disposal contract for a second year with Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons in accordance with the original bid price for the second year of \$76.75 per cubic yard. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reported the first installment payment was received from Georgeadis||Setley (bond counsel) to reimburse BMMA for the 2014 Bond error.

Mr. Moser reported the clay lateral located at 310 Bow Lane needs to be replaced with a new PVC lateral due to a heavy root issue.

Mr. Moser reported Judy Unger submitted her notice to retire. Judy has over 15 years of service with BMMA and Mr. Moser is recommending that Judy receive a resolution recognizing her years of service and a luncheon. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser reported BMMA is receiving \$170,021 for the PA Small Water and Sewer Project grant submitted last year. He is recommending SDE develop the bid specification and advertising bid request. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser requested Mr. Karver provide an update on the Stafy 2 connection. Mr. Karver reported Douglass Township authorized an indemnification agreement between BMMA, Douglass Township and Mikelen in exchange for allowing the sewer connection. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser presented the proposed 2021 operating budget. 2020 budget projections show we will be under budget. The final 2021 operating budget will be submitted for approval at the September 28 meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

SECRETARY:

Mr. Donovan reviewed the list of correspondence.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Karver had no report.

TREASURER:

No report.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Showalter presented the Engineers report.

Mr. Showalter is recommending Board of Standards approval of the plan for 303 and 335 Gilbertsville Road. Following discussion by the Board, the decision was made to delay approval until the plans are approved by the Douglass Township Planning Commission.

Mr. Unger reported the shop drawings were approved for the digester cover and materials were ordered.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes continuing the sludge hauling and disposal contract with Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons. for a second year at a price of \$76.75 per cubic yard.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves a resolution recognizing Judy Unger's years of service and a luncheon in honor of her retirement.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board accepts the PA Small Water and Sewer Project grant for \$170,021 and authorizes SDE to develop bid specifications and advertise the bid request.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves signing the indemnification agreement for Stafy 2 between BMMA, Douglass Township and Mikelen.

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

1 Nay (Donovan)

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the payment of \$87,533.27 for the bills as presented.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 PM to executive session to review personnel matters. No actions were taken during the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister