

**A REGULAR MEETING  
BERKS-MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
JULY 26, 2021**

A Regular Meeting was held at the Administration Building on July 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM EDT with the following members present:

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

Also present:

J. Karver	L. Christy
K. Showalter	C. Leister
G. Moser	

Upon a motion by Mr. Biehl, seconded by Ms. Carpenter and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 28, 2021.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**PLANT REPORT:**

Mr. Christy presented the Plant Report. He reported on several maintenance items. WesTech completed their work on the digester cover membrane and the digester was brought back online July 23, 2021.

Mr. Moser reported an offer is being made on July 27, 2021 for the open Plant Operator position.

**OFFICE REPORT:**

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report. The status of the severely delinquent accounts were reviewed.

Solicitor Karver reported that he and Mr. Moser spoke with Mr. Kenneth Picardi of Yergey, Daylor, Allebach, Scheffey, Picardi regarding handling Writ of Scire Facias and BMMA initiated Sheriff Sales. This law firm is located in Pottstown and has municipal law experience. Several of the attorneys currently serve as solicitors for local municipalities and authorities and Mr. Picardi is interested in serving in that capacity for BMMA. In addition to handling Writ of Scire Facias and BMMA initiated Sheriff Sales, Solicitor Karver is recommending considering Mr. Picardi and his law firm take over his BMMA solicitor responsibilities when he retires in the future. Mr. Picardi will submit a legal services proposal for handling Writ of Scire Facias and BMMA initiated Sheriff Sales. Further discussion will be held at a future meeting.

**AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser reviewed a list of possible capital projects that could be developed and completed to be shovel ready if State or Federal funds become available. The list included various clay pipe areas that could be considered for replacement. After reviewing the list and discussion with the Board, Mr. Moser recommended the Gravity Basin Section 2 MH 49 to MH 31 should be the priority. SDE prepared a preliminary cost estimate to replace this section of pipe. A resolution is required. In addition, SDE will prepare a preliminary cost estimate for the next meeting for Gravity Basin Section 9 MH 20 to MH 15 on Township Line Rd.

Mr. Moser reported a meeting was held on July 20, 2021 with the Earl Township Supervisors, their engineer, Mr. Showalter, Mr. Moser and Mr. Christy to discuss the needs Earl Township has for their 537 plan. They would need approximately 205 EDU's which would require an expansion at the Morysville WWTP. Studies of the collection system and Morysville plant need to be completed to determine how to handle the additional capacity including potential future developments in Colebrookdale Township. SDE prepared a cost and time estimate to complete both studies based on current workload commitments and staffing and reviewed it at the Board meeting. The Board authorized Mr. Moser to send a letter to Earl Township with the cost estimate and time frame for completion of both studies.

Mr. Moser provided an update to the annual usage review for commercial properties since the last meeting. Account Z199 – Adam's Royal Car Wash, 50 Bartman Ave., needs 4 EDU's. Per the Board's direction from the June meeting, Solicitor Karver sent a letter to Mr. Heimer's attorney. A response and additional correspondence have been received. To date, a to scale drawing has not been provided.

Mr. Moser reported the semi-annual Morysville Correction Action Plan update report was submitted to DEP.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

SECRETARY:

Mr. Corson reviewed the list of correspondence.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Karver had no report.

TREASURER:

No report.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Showalter presented the Engineers report.

Mr. Showalter reported Escrow Release Request #1 for \$63,641.03 for Zern Tract Phase 2 was received and reviewed by SDE and he is recommending release of the funds. A resolution is required.

Mr. Showalter reported the final invoice was received for the digester sludge hauling/disposal and tank cleaning. SDE prepared Change Order #1 for \$15,268.80 for additional costs from the original proposal due to 1) additional equipment and labor needed for cleaning, 2) solids surcharge for disposal and 3) actual volume removed and disposed was higher than the original estimated volume. Resolutions are required to approve the change order and final invoice.

Mr. Showalter reported a pre-construction meeting was held with Derstine on July 22, 2021 for the Pump Station #2 Grinder project.

Mr. Showalter provided an update on the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Grant project. The DEP General Permit was received. The E&S plan was revised and resubmitted to the Montgomery County Conservation District for review/approval.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the Gravity Basin Section 2 MH 49 to MH 31 project to be developed and completed to be shovel ready if State or Federal funds become available.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves Escrow Release Request #1 for \$63,641.03 for Zern Tract Phase 2.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves Change Order #1 for \$15,268.80 for digester sludge hauling/disposal and tank cleaning for the Digester Cover Replacement project.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the final invoice of \$41,493.80 for digester sludge hauling/disposal and tank cleaning for the Digester Cover Replacement project.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes the payment of \$105,610.54 for the bills as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM to executive session to review a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister