

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

A Regular Meeting was held at the Administration Building on March 25, 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:

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Toepel and unanimously adopted, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 25, 2019.

Alum Bid Opening:

Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC	\$448.00/Dry Ton
George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc.	No Bid
Holland Company Inc.	\$486.00/Dry Ton
Kemira Water Solutions, Inc.	No Bid
USALCO	\$367.98/Dry Ton

A resolution awarding USALCO the bid to supply alum during 2019-2020 for the low bid of \$367.98 per dry ton delivered is required.

The Board recognized Stanley E. Richard for 30 years of service by presenting him with a resolution and \$500 wage bonus.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Wayne Rosen from Danny Jake Corp. was present at the meeting to discuss his proposal to pay for EDU's for Zern Tract. Mr. Doll stated an executive session was held prior to the meeting to review Mr. Rosen's payment proposal and that payment for EDU's is required prior to starting each phase. Mr. Rosen proposed going back to Douglass Township with new plans to increase the number of phases from 3. Assuming the township approves the plans with additional phases, the Solicitor will create a Sewer Service Agreement for Phase 1 and payment for the number of EDU's in Phase 1 would be required at that time. A resolution to approve additional phases for Zern Tract is required.

Plans were presented for Board of Standards approval for Zern Tract subject to approval of the new phasing plan by Douglass Township Board of Supervisors. A resolution is required.

**PLANT REPORT:**

Mr. Christy presented the Plant Report.

Mr. Christy reported the WET test was completed as scheduled. Results should be available by March 27, 2019.

**OFFICE REPORT:**

Ms. Leister presented the Office Report.

AUTHORITY MANAGER REPORT:

Mr. Moser presented the Authority Manager Report.

Mr. Moser reported in 1973 Willard and Thelma Eshbach purchased three tapping fees from the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Bechtelsville for the property they owned on S. Main Street in Bechtelsville. When the sewer system was installed, three laterals were constructed for this property. Since then, two of the connections were made to homes; the third was available for the vacant lot. The question has been raised by the Eshbach's grandson, Mr. Kyle Gery, whether the remaining connection will be honored by BMMA. Mr. Doll reviewed the information and in his opinion the tapping fee was paid and therefore BMMA would be obligated to allow a connection for the third property. A letter to BMMA from the executor of the Eshbach estate requesting that one EDU be transferred to the current property owner, Timothy Barrett, is required. Mr. Gery was present at the meeting and will relay this information to the executor of the estate.

In order to reduce our annual debt service cost by \$60,000 per year for the 2014 Bonds, Mr. Moser is recommending that BMMA commit \$1,520,000 of reserve funds and call the highest rate bonds (December 1, 2030 through December 1, 2033) effective June 1. This will require notice to the Bond Trustee in mid-April. A resolution is required.

Mr. Moser provided an update on responses received to the annual usage review for commercial properties since the last meeting.

Account Z281 – WAWA, 1111 Grosser Rd. needs 2 EDU's – awaiting payment

Account Z283 – Kencrest Services, 397 Estate Rd. needs 1 EDU – awaiting payment

Mr. Moser reported the sewer lines for The Preserve at Montgomery (formerly Douglass Estates) were televised. SDE reviewed and sent a letter with defects that need to be improved.

Mr. Moser was advised the paving for the Boyertown Area Senior High School project was completed by the State and BMMA will not be required to reimburse the school district.

Mr. Moser provided an update on I & I activities. During a recent rain event, major leaks were identified on Oak Street. Letters were mailed to 5 homeowners requesting repairs be made to the building sewers.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES:

SECRETARY:

Mr. Toepel reviewed the list of correspondence.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Doll had no report.

TREASURER:

No report.

ENGINEER:

Mr. Showalter presented the Engineers report.

Mr. Showalter reported the developer completed and submitted final television inspection reports for the sanitary sewer collection lines for The Preserve at Montgomery. SDE reviewed the reports by letter dated March 13, 2019. Follow up corrective action is needed prior to takeover of the lines.

Mr. Showalter reported design and bid documents are in progress for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Lateral Replacement Project. Bids are anticipated to be received in May 2019 with work to be done during the summer. Mr. Showalter requested authorization to proceed with requesting bids. A resolution is required.

RESOLUTIONS & DISCUSSIONS:

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

RESOLVED: That the Board accepts the bid to supply alum during 2019-2020 for the low bid of \$367.98 per dry ton to USALCO.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves additional phases for Zern Tract.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes Board of Standards approval for Zern Tract subject to approval of the new phasing plan by Douglass Township Board of Supervisors.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board approves calling the highest rate bonds (December 1, 2030 through December 1, 2033) to reduce our annual debt service cost by \$60,000 per year for the 2014 Bonds.

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

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes SDE to request bids for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Repair and Lateral Replacement 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 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine L. Leister